

**Kirby Muxloe**

**Free Church**

**Prayer Diary**

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# Blessings for 2017

**As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15 vs 9-11**



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Ask God to bless this New Year as we resolve to *“remain in his love”* and *“obey his commands.”* Pray that during 2017 we will grow closer to him and know his joy. Pray for Conrad as he leads our all-age service this morning. Please pray for all those bereaved or injured in the terrorist attack on the German Christmas market in Berlin.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> As we start a new year, pray for peace in the world. Today pray for Syria and all the suffering families in that country. Pray that fighting will end in Aleppo and rebuilding of the city and people’s lives can start.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Ask for God’s mercy for all those living in the conditions of war and starvation in Yemen. Pray for an end to the civil war, ask God to give his wisdom to leaders in that country.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Please pray for stability and strong government in Libya where IS and many different armed groups vie for power. Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire and lead the country to peace. Ask God to bless the Churches Together meeting today.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> There is still violence in Sudan. Pray for the efforts of the UN peacekeeping mission. Please pray for children orphaned by the war and people without food and shelter.

Ask God to bless this evening’s Friends and Neighbours. Pray for David Goldsmith as he comes to speak about and show his working windmill models.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Ask God to bring peace and security to the people of Nigeria. Pray that the recently passed Nigerian Peace Corps Bill will succeed in empowering and providing gainful employment for the young people of Nigeria.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Pray that many will attend the prayer and coffee time this morning and dedicate this New Year to God. Pray that we will seek God’s guidance in all aspects of church life.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> *“O Lord, to be turned from you is to fall, to be turned to you is to rise, and to stand in you is to abide forever. Grant us in all our duties your help, in all our perplexities your guidance, in all our dangers your protection, and in all our sorrows your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”* St Thomas Aquinas. Please pray for Conrad as he leads us in our All-Age Covenant service this morning. Pray also for the service of worship at the Kathleen Rutland Home in the evening.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Please pray for the East Midlands Baptist Association training courses *“Equip EMBA”*; *“Equipped in Pastoral Care”* starts today at Lincoln Baptist Church. Ask God to equip us all to serve him and thank God for the courses being run by the EMBA this year.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Please pray for all those you know who have been recently bereaved. Pray especially for the family of Karen Thomas. Ask God to give them comfort and peace.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Pray for the newly formed mum's group which meets in the Living Room during school term time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Thank God for this new initiative. Thank God for the new deacons on our diaconate and pray that God will be with the deacons as they meet this evening. Ask God to guide them in all their discussions.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Pray for Hinckley Baptist Church. They are without a minister following the decision of Anthony Thacker to move to the Congregational Church at Burbage. Please pray that they will not be in a period of interregnum for too long and God will guide them in their search for a new minister.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Please pray for all the places in the world that are being severely affected by climate change, places where crops have failed and abundant harvests are but memories. Ask God to help us to learn how to live sustainably for the benefit of all mankind, and to show us how to meet the needs of our broken world in 2017.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Many countries in Africa face huge challenges dealing with Boko Haram and other militant groups, who have attacked villages, leaving thousands of families displaced. Pray that God will comfort those who have been affected by these attacks, and for God's protection and security for the future.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> As we worship today may we know the joy of being close to God and radiate His love to others this week. Please pray for Conrad as he leads our services.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Thank God for the homeless shelter opened in Leicester with multifaith support. Seven faiths or denominations are involved in providing overnight bed, board and support for 11 weeks over the winter. Praise God for the help being given to the homeless and the friendships being made between the faiths.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Pray for the NHS as it struggles to meet targets, and the pressures of winter illnesses add to the tensions. Ask God to be with hospital managers and politicians as they look for ways improve effectiveness.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Today is the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for 2017 is Crossing Barriers. Please pray that Churches will dismantle the walls between people of different religions, cultures, and backgrounds.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Pray that many will take the opportunity to learn some first aid tips from the Red Cross who will be at the Coffee Drop In this morning. Please pray for the Mission Prayer group as they meet this evening.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Thank God for all those who maintain and look after our church premises. Pray especially for Richard and Gillian Jurenko and David McPhail; ask God to keep them safe as they work.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Please pray for young children who self-harm. The number of children who self-harm has risen. Pray for the provision for helping children with mental health issues.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> As we gather together to worship, remember that the Lord is with us. Pray that everyone will know God's joy. Conrad leads our services today; pray for him and his family.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Please pray for the work of the Evangelical Baptist Seminary in Lima, Peru, and for our link missionaries, Daniel and Regiane Clark. Pray that God will bless their work and develop the ministry of the national convention in that country.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Ask God to guide Desford Free Church as they seek a part-time minister. Pray that the right candidate will soon become available.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Please pray that God will be with us as we make decisions at the members meeting this evening. Thank God for Conrad and the deacons who have planned and prepared for the meeting. Ask God to enthuse and inspire us to serve and witness to the community around us.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Thank God for the Christian service being done to help refugees. Praise God for the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre providing peace and sanctuary as well as helping migrants and refugees to find housing, employment and education.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Pray for families, especially any known to you, who are going through difficult times because of health, financial, or relationship problems. Ask God to grant them courage, healing and hope as they face the future.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Please pray for the politicians as they make difficult decisions regarding Brexit. Ask God to give wisdom in any discussions.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Ask God to guide and enthuse the Vision team as they share their faith with the children and young people of the church. Pray that God will bless Conrad as he leads the services today.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Praise God that church bells have been ringing and crosses re-erected in towns across Iraq's Nineveh Plain, which have been liberated from occupation from IS. Please pray that the risk of terrorist attacks will become less during 2017 and more people will know the joy of returning to their homeland and living in peace.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Pray for the churches in the Hinckley cluster group who will be losing their minister during the coming year due to retirement. Ask God to be close to them and lead them in their interregnum.