

**Kirby Muxloe**

**Free Church**

**Prayer Diary**

**March 2018**



**Jesus said “The reason my father loves me is that I lay down my life-only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.”**

**John 10 v. 17**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Give thanks, on St. David's Day, for St. David's passion for the gospels which helped to spread Christianity. Pray that we will be able to follow his example of gentleness and simplicity of life. Ask God to bless the Friends and Neighbours' meeting this evening, as Carole Marsden from the Bradgate Park Trust speaks about "A Home Fit For A Queen."

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Please ask God to bless the Women's World Day of Prayer. Pray that the service at St. Bartholomew's will be well supported and people will be blessed by this service thanking God for His exquisite gift of Creation and urging us to care for God's world.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Seek God's blessing on our church life at the prayer meeting this morning, held in the Small Hall at 9:30am. Thank God for this opportunity we have to meet for prayer each month.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Praise God with a joyful heart as we partake of Communion this morning. Pray that our faith will grow stronger as we worship so that we may follow in Jesus' path and trust in His power. Pray for Conrad as he leads both our morning and evening services.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Please pray for those bereaved in the plane crash in Iran, when 66 were feared dead, and those bereaved by the Florida school gun shooting. Pray that God will give them comfort and they will have peace.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> The 2010 earthquake in Haiti claimed the lives of 220,000 people. Since then a further 9,000 have lost their lives following a cholera outbreak. Pray for the ongoing work of Christian charities in helping to rebuild homes, farms, and business in that country, and improving water quality and sanitation to counter disease.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Please pray for, and attend if possible, the Christian Aid meeting at St. Bartholomew's Church this afternoon. Pray that there will be another successful envelope collection in the village this year. Thank God for the organisers of our community Christian Aid events.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> We remember today, on International Women's Day, that God created men and women as equals and Jesus encouraged and affirmed women throughout His ministry, when the culture of the time gave women little value. Pray for justice for all those who experience sexual violence, trafficking and discrimination.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Please pray for all those you know who are undergoing hospital treatment or awaiting test results. Pray that we will be able to show God's love by supporting our church family during difficult, and/or worrying, times.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Thank God for all those who work to see young lives changed by Jesus. Pray for Youth for Christ as they work in schools, prisons, churches and local communities.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Praise our heavenly Father whose compassionate care we see reflected in the love of mothers as they care for their children. Ask God to encourage all mothers, especially those who are struggling. Pray for Conrad as he leads the service this morning and for the service at the Kathleen Rutland Home this evening.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Please pray for Gao Zhisheng, a Christian human rights lawyer in China, who disappeared last year. It is feared that he is detained in a secret location. Pray that Gao would be released soon and for strength and courage for his family as they seek news of him.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Over the past 12 months many countries in South America and other parts of the world have suffered from volatile weather patterns linked to climate change. Ask God to help us respond to the needs of those affected by climate change and protect them from extreme weather.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Thank God for all that the deacons do for the church and pray for them as they meet this evening. Ask God to guide them and give them wisdom and encouragement in all the decisions and work they do.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Ask God to bless the work of Daniel and Regiane Clark in Peru. Please pray for Regiane as she works with the Social Action Department to establish a roofing project for people affected by the floods last year. Ask God to bless the Missionary Group prayer as they meet this evening.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> As Lubbethorpe is growing quickly please pray for Sue Steer the Pioneer Community Worker for the development. Ask God to bless her and her Support Network as they develop relationships with the sales teams, builders, churches and the local community.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Please pray for the work of the Joint Public Issues Team, which encourages us to think about what it means to be a Christian in our changing world. Pray for the conference, "Brave New World?" they hold today, in Manchester.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Pray that our hearts will be open to receive the Holy Spirit and our minds attentive to God's word, that the Lord may strengthen our hands in His work. Thank God for all who contribute to our services today and on other weeks.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Please pray for the young people who are preparing for exams this summer. Ask God to give them confidence in all they do and reassurance when they are finding their studies difficult.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Please pray for the governors, the teachers and the children at Kirby Muxloe Primary School. Thank God for the safe and happy environment that they have created. Pray that the Year 3 children will enjoy performing in their production today. Thank God for all the opportunities our children have to learn different skills.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> There are currently more than 3.4 million displaced people in Iraq. Ask God to bring an end to the conflict in Iraq. Pray for those in positions of power and authority, that they will have wisdom to bring about the necessary changes for the well-being of the people in that country.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Ask God to bless all those who volunteer to serve in their communities. Pray that our parish councillors and school governors will be guided by God's grace and wisdom.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> In the Democratic Republic of Congo 13.1 million people will be in need of humanitarian assistance throughout the country this year. Please pray for all the churches and agencies helping the people in need and for an end to the violence.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> As we approach the end of Lent ask God to help us be still and know that He is God. Pray that He will help us to come to our quiet times with an expectancy for a strengthening of our faith and passion.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> As we remember how Christ the King entered Jerusalem to the sound of joyful shouts, ask God to increase our faith and guide our prayers. Please pray for Conrad as he leads our services today.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Pray for Christians in North Korea who practise their faith in secret under the threat of imprisonment, torture and death. Thank God for their incredible courage and ask that they would know God's presence with them.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Ask God to end the war in Syria. Last month 127 civilians were killed in one day. Pray that leaders can find a way to bring peace to this country and that Turkey will not enter into war with Syria.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Today is the Carey Garden's service; pray that all who attend will know the Lord's blessing and enjoy fellowship. Please pray for Brian Brookes as he leads the service and for David Sharpe as he provides the music.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> There are still hundreds of Rohingya refugees reaching Bangladesh each week. Please pray that the camps will be able to provide the shelter, sanitation and clean water needed for all the refugees.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Take time to remember the incredible price Jesus paid for us. The Son of God cruelly crucified at the hands of sinful men, to bring us freedom and to restore our relationship with God. May we use that freedom, and the knowledge of our Saviour's love for us, to spur us on in the pursuit of living our lives as God wants us to do.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Pray that at this Easter time we will let our light shine as we witness our Christian faith to others.