

Kirby Muxloe

Free Church

Prayer Diary

January 2018



Blessings for 2018

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven. “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Mark 1 v. 10 & 11

Monday 1st At the start of the new year, please pray that God will have mercy on our troubled world, where people suffer from wars, hunger and injustice. Pray especially for Christians living under the threat of persecution. Pray that the New Year will bring hope and joy to those suffering in the world.

Tuesday 2nd Please pray for the charities the church supported over the Christmas period. Ask God to bless the work of Practical Action and the children's charity Spurgeons. Thank God that these charities are able to help people in great need.

Wednesday 3rd Thank God for the service Richard Jurenko has given the church as caretaker in recent years. Ask God to bless Richard and Gillian as they settle into their new house and enjoy more time with their grandchildren. Pray for Natasha Knight, our new caretaker.

Thursday 4th Some 750,000 children and young people in Bolivia are forced to work; 70% of whom are girls. Ask God to protect all children living in dangerous slums or working in difficult situations in Latin America. Pray that Christian organisations can intervene to rescue these girls from vulnerable labour and sexual exploitation.

Friday 5th Thank God for all those who contribute to the music ministry; over 20 people attended a recent meeting regarding music at church. Please pray for the continued growth and development of this part of our worship.

Saturday 6th Please pray that God will guide our church and give us a clear vision for 2018. Pray that many will attend the prayer meeting this morning and all will know God's presence.

Sunday 7th Pray that during 2018 we will grow closer to him and know his joy. Ask God to bless us as we commit ourselves to His service during the Covenant service this morning. Pray for Conrad and all involved in our services today.

Monday 8th Please give thanks to God for the government of Hungary, which has offered refuge in their country for persecuted Christians. Pray that other European countries will follow its example and offer student scholarships to those fleeing war-torn countries.

Tuesday 9th Ask God to bless the efforts of Christian Aid as they provide urgent support to vulnerable, displaced people as villages in Myanmar have been destroyed. Pray that the refugees will have shelter, food, water and sanitation.

Wednesday 10th Please pray for a happy and healthy 2018 for all the residents of Carey Gardens and ask God to bless this afternoon's service, led by Brian Brookes. Pray for the deacons as they meet this evening. Ask God to bless all their discussions.

Thursday 11th Pray for the residents of our local care homes. Pray that each one will be drawn into fellowship with Jesus and know His love and mercy.

Ask God to bless the service at Woodheyes Care Home today. Ask God to bless this evening's Friends and Neighbours meeting as Conrad speaks about his background, faith, family and vocation.

Friday 12th Thank God for the opportunities for children to sing and discover a love for music. Please pray for the Kirby Muxloe Primary school children attending the Young Voices concert this evening that they will be inspired and discover a passion for music.

Saturday 13th Take time today, to listen to God's voice and to ask Him where He is leading you in 2018. Ask how you can demonstrate God's love to others in a practical way in the coming year.

Sunday 14th Thank God for all His blessings to us as we worship this morning. Please pray for Bob Kyte as he leads our service this morning. Pray also for the service of worship at the Kathleen Rutland Home in the evening.

Monday 15th As the new school term has begun, please pray for the Association of Christian Teachers providing professional and spiritual support where needed. Ask God to inspire all those working in schools and the governors/board members.

Tuesday 16th An aid convoy in Nigeria's strife torn north-east region was recently ambushed and four people were killed. Please pray for the people of North East Nigeria where an estimated 7 million people need aid. Pray for parents struggling to find food – seeing their children go hungry. Thank God for aid agencies working in Nigeria, that they will have the resources they need.

Wednesday 17th 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.

Thursday 18th Remember the Mission Prayer Group as it meets today. Please give thanks for the many BMS supported projects, including a hospital in Chad, a children's sanctuary in Thailand, and school teachers in Nepal.

Friday 19th Please pray for the medical profession as the General Medical Council says the supply of medics has failed to keep up with demand. Please pray for doctors in training not being over stretched and for more doctors to be trained so the high demand will be met.

Saturday 20th Pray for the week of Christian unity. Pray that God will bless the work of Churches Together and encourage them to speak the word of God courageously on issues that divide the country. Pray also for wisdom for our church leaders at a time of challenge to Christian values.

Sunday 21st Pray that we will be renewed by our worship and God's word to us this morning. Pray that during the next week, wherever we go, we will radiate God's love and take His life to all we meet. Ask God to bless this morning's united service led by Reality and the evening Churches Together service at St Andrews LFE.

Monday 22nd Please pray for stability in South Africa after the election of Cyril Ramaphosa as the ANC leader. Pray for an end to corruption and for job security for the people of South Africa.

Tuesday 23rd Pray for Conrad as he attends the East Midlands Baptist Association Media Communications Day taking place in West Bridgford, Nottingham today. Thank God for the opportunities given to us to learn how to take advantage of technology to communicate well.

Wednesday 24th Thank God for the dedication of paramedics and staff working in intensive care units in hospitals, caring for patients with severe life threatening injuries and illnesses. Ask God to strengthen them in stressful times.

Thursday 25th Pray that after awareness of the pollution of the seas being heightened by the television programme "Blue Planet", more will be done to reduce the acidification of the oceans caused by marine pollution, especially plastics, and by over fishing.

Friday 26th Please pray for all those you know who are unwell. Ask God to bring them peace and comfort.

Saturday 27th Please ask God to bring His peace to countries such as South Sudan and Papua New Guinea, where tribal conflict has devastating effects on the local people.

Sunday 28th Pray for Conrad as he leads our morning service. As we worship this morning may our hearts be open to receive His Spirit and our minds be attentive to His Word. Ask God to be with us and to guide our discussions in the Church Meeting starting at 12:00. Ask God to bless our Inspire service this evening, with its more lively worship style.

Monday 29th Pray for friends and family that may be finishing school this year, leaving university or looking to move to a new career. Ask that God will give them clear guidance on their next steps.

Tuesday 30th Please pray that hearts will be ignited for the mission of MAF so that they will have enough staff to continue the work of the Lord across the world.

Wednesday 31st Please pray for those who have lost their homes due to the devastating fires in California. 12,000 people were evacuated in Santa Barbara County; 270,000 acres have been burnt by the Thomas Fire. Please pray for the safety of the fire fighters and the recovery of the countryside.