

Kirby Muxloe

Free Church

Prayer Diary

March 2017



“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

Colossians 3 v 12

Wednesday 1st As we enter into the period of Lent pray that we will draw near to God so that we are more able to look with compassion at the needs of the world. Please pray that the Lenten house groups, studying “Build on the Rock,” will be well supported.

Thursday 2nd Ask God to bless the Friends and Neighbours’ charity evening as Wendy Coley speaks about how highly trained “Medical Detection Dogs” can aid the diagnosis of serious illness. Pray that many will attend to support this worthwhile cause.

Friday 3rd Surround the Women’s World Day of Prayer, “Am I Being Unfair to You?” with your prayers. Pray that everyone will know “that it is NEVER too late to accept Him as our Lord and Saviour.”

Saturday 4th Jesus prayed and fasted for 40 days. As Jesus’ disciples pray that we too will seek a close relationship with God. Pray that many will take this opportunity to gather together for the monthly prayer and coffee time as part of our Lenten devotion.

Sunday 5th Pray that during Lent we will be clothed “with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Ask God to bless Conrad as he leads us in our services today.

Monday 6th Last month UN sponsored peace talks were held in Geneva between the Syrian government and the opposition. Thank God that the talks were held and pray for more peace negotiations to be held soon.

Tuesday 7th Thank God that the CAP courses have been able to help people in our community. Ask God to bless the course taking place this evening. Pray that those taking part will be released from financial worries.

Wednesday 8th Please pray for all the young families in our church. Pray that they will have love and support from their friendships in the church. Ask God to bless the Mums’ group this morning. Please pray for Conrad and the deacons as they meet this evening. Ask God to bless us with the skills we need to serve our community.

Thursday 9th Thank God for the safe arrival of Phoebe to Zara and Josh McKenzie and Aliona to Gary and Laura Wydell. Praise God for the gift of life in each of the children He has entrusted to our care.

Friday 10th Pray for all who attend the youth weekend at Harby Faith Mission Centre this weekend. Pray that God will meet with them and transform lives for His glory. Thank God also for the opportunity to learn more about the Mission Aviation Fellowship at the Newbold Verdon Baptist church this evening at 7:00pm and pray for the important work they do.

Saturday 11th As Article 50 is triggered this month pray that God will guide politicians and others of influence as decisions are made regarding Brexit. Pray that He will grant them wisdom in their discussions that they may reach a fair, workable agreement that benefits all the countries involved.

Sunday 12th Pray that we will experience God's goodness and love for us as the Holy Spirit surrounds us. Ask God to show us how we can share His love with others. Ask God to bless the service at the Kathleen Rutland Home this afternoon.

Monday 13th Lift up in prayer those Christians whose lives have been torn apart by violence in the Middle East and parts of Africa. Ask God to bring peace to the hearts of those who have endured or witnessed violent attacks and have been forced from their homes. Pray that Christian organisations can reach them and provide food and shelter for them.

Tuesday 14th Ask God to have mercy on North Korea. Pray for strength, endurance and protection for the North Korean church. Tens of thousands of Christians are imprisoned in labour camps and prisons because of their faith.

Wednesday 15th At the beginning of a busy political year in Europe, with elections in France, Germany and Italy, please pray for today's General Election in Holland. Ask God to guide all those who vote today and pray that His love and wisdom will be at the centre of European politics.

Thursday 16th Ask God to give us the human and material resources to serve our community. Pray that the Youth Group, Holiday Club, Holiday at Home and the Social Care Fair will have the leaders and helpers that are required.

Friday 17th Please pray for all those you know who are unwell and for those who care for them. Pray that God will put His loving arms around them and give them comfort and strength when times are hard.

Saturday 18th Please pray for the EMBA Women's Conference – Life.Soul.All at West Bridgford Baptist Church. Please pray that it will be a time of renewing and inspiration. Pray for Pam Bryan and Dimitrina Oprenova as they lead the Conference.

Sunday 19th Pray that we will know God's blessing as we seek to grow closer to Him during Lent so that we will offer worship to Him every moment of our lives. Pray for the Vision team as they lead the children in their activities. As we celebrate the communion service this evening we acknowledge our dependence on Jesus for our salvation. Pray for Conrad as he leads our services.

Monday 20th Please give thanks to God for the continued growth of the church in China. Official figures estimate there are around 22 million Christians in the country - unofficially the number is nearer 100 million. Pray that the government will allow Christians freedom to practice their faith without fear of persecution or discrimination.

Tuesday 21st Please pray for schools, hospitals and the prison service as they struggle to maintain the standard of service expected of them while undergoing financial cuts. Thank God for the high standard of education provided by our local primary schools.

Wednesday 22nd Ask God to fill the hearts of the politicians with His love as we pray for the migrants seeking refuge from violence and hunger. Pray that safe passage will be provided for unaccompanied children already in Europe into loving caring homes.

Thursday 23rd Pray for Christians in the Holy Land; ask God to give them boldness as they face opposition for their faith, especially Messianic believers. Pray for Palestinian Christians in the West Bank facing discrimination and pressure in their daily lives. Pray that God will act to end violence and bring peace to this region experiencing increased conflict.

Friday 24th Pray that many people will receive the help, and/or support they need from the fun and activity of Red Nose Day. Ask God to bless all the work done through Red Nose Day funding in the UK and Africa.

Saturday 25th Please pray for wide scale transformation in our prisons and for churches to play a part in helping those leaving prison to change their lives. Thank God that Christian organisations are allowed into prisons.

Sunday 26th Thank God for this opportunity to worship and praise Him. Pray for the BMS missionaries visiting this morning. Ask God to bless all who care for children on this Mothering Sunday and pray that they will grow and flourish in God's love.

Monday 27th Pray for protection for Christian women, especially widows of martyrs in Syria. Pray for those women who have to go out to work in dangerous situations, as in Pakistan, where women working in homes of families from the majority community are at risk of physical and sexual abuse. Pray that God will bless them and protect them from harm.

Tuesday 28th Please pray for Sue Steer as she works to build relationships with the emerging working community in Lubbesthorpe. Pray that there will be openness on everyone's part to help create a vibrant community in partnership with one another.

Wednesday 29th Praise God for the chaplaincy team at the University Hospitals of Leicester. Please pray that God will strengthen and guide them in difficult times as they provide a "listening ear" and religious support in an emergency.

Thursday 30th Lift up thousands of vulnerable orphans who are currently homeless in Central Asia. Pray that these precious children will be protected from all harm.

Friday 31st In the past year, many Christians have been forced to flee from their homes and country because of persecution or war but the elderly, who are too frail for a life as a refugee, often have to stay behind. Pray for those who suffer poverty and are denied access to medical aid because of their vulnerability. Pray also for the provision of care homes for these people in safe areas.