



**PERTH
NORTH CHURCH**

PRAYER DIARY

1 February – 31 March 2024

- Feb** Give thanks to God that he hears our prayers and that He is a God who wants us to pray and communicate with Him.
- Thu 1
- Fri 2 Ask God to bring an end to the tragic bloodshed, destruction and enmity in so many parts of the world.
- Sat 3 Pray for the people of Bertha Park, give thanks for the work that is being done in that community by Anne Stott and her helpers.
- Sun 4 **In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
John 1:4-5 NIV
- Mon 5 In these darker days of winter, may the light of Jesus shine brightly in every area of our lives and across our nation. We pray that more people would put their hope and trust in Him, the redeemer of all creation.
- Tue 6 Give thanks for the opportunities that are provided by Girl Guiding. Pray for the groups which meet in our halls every week.
- Wed 7 Pray for those who are suffering from cancer, those who are caring for them and for the researchers who are finding new methods of treatment.
- Thu 8 Give thanks for the friendship and worship opportunity offered by the Thursday lunch-time service. Pray for all who attend, and for those who are missing at this time of year because of illness.
- Fri 9 Pray for everyone who will be involved in preaching or leading the worship at Sunday's services.

- Sat 10 Tomorrow is Church Poverty Sunday: Lord Jesus, still there are poor and vulnerable people struggling to exist. As we face a future in which virus, climate and politics threaten deeper gashes in the web of community, we pray that you will guide us to create a more just society.
- Sun 11 **In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.** *Acts 2:1*
- Mon 12 Pray that we would always respect the wisdom of older people and the vision of the young.
- Tue 13 As we celebrate Shrove Tuesday, or pancake day, may we be thankful for the food we have and mindful of those who are hungry. Give us courage to stick to our promises, and strength to develop new habits as we come closer to You during this period of Lent in preparation for Easter
- Wed 14 At the Guild meeting on this Ash Wednesday, the subject will be "Hear Our Voice" - providing theological training for women in Brazil who have been excluded from training through low-income and gender issues. Pray for this project.
- Thu 15 God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Fri 16 Pray for those struggling with their mental health and who are feeling lost or in despair. May they know how loved and cherished they are. Help us to provide support and a listening ear.
- Sat 17 God of freedom, justice and peace, we pray for those who are denied peace: for those who live in fear of violence at home from people who are supposed to care; for children who play in streets where soldiers patrol in armoured tanks; for people denied freedom of movement by peace walls and check points; for families and communities torn apart by war and constant disappearances.

- Sun 18 **But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, "Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein."**
Matt 19:14
- Mon 19 Pray for young people. Bring peace to their restlessness, meaning in their darkness and hope for their future.
- Tue 20 God of freedom, justice and peace, we pray for all those who are denied justice: for women denied equal pay and struggling to raise a family; for people working in dangerous conditions and denied the right to protest; for people who are differently-abled but are disabled by our prejudices; for teenagers in our criminal justice system whose real need is for a stable home.
- Wed 21 Give thanks for those in our community who carry out tasks we prefer not to undertake; refuse collection, street sweeping, sewerage maintenance.
- Thu 22 We pray with and for our sisters and brothers in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Strengthen their resolve in the face of seemingly endless violence. Guide the leaders to know God's will.
- Fri 23 Give thanks for the work being done by 'In Together'. Pray for the families who are involved and give thanks for the volunteers who make it possible. Pray for funding appeals to succeed.
- Sat 24 Lord, we pray that those who are secure learn to share; those who are wealthy offer welcome. May your people who live in plenty become your hands and feet to the poor.
- Sun 25 **But let justice roll on like a river, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**
Amos 5:24
- Mon 26 O God, we remember the millions of people across the world who live in poverty and long for 'justice to roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.' Please inspire us to reach out with generous deeds of mercy and love.

- Tue 27 Pray that we would love and cherish each other and demonstrate grace in proclaiming the good news to those living in darkness. May we be ambassadors of God's great love.
- Wed 28 CATH is the local churches' response to homelessness in our midst. Pray for their work and that those they help will be able to see a more positive future.
- Thu 29 Ask God to strengthen and encourage all who work as chaplains in hospitals, with the armed forces, police, and many other places.
- Mar**
Fri 1 Pray for the women of Palestine who have created today's World Day of Prayer resources – Walk in Unity - I beg you, bear with one another in love.
- Sat 2 Give thanks for those who attend this morning's Prayer Breakfast. Pray tonight for the Street Pastors who are in the streets of Perth and other towns as they listen, care and help those they meet.
- Sun 3 **Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.** *Proverbs 31:8-9*
- Mon 4 Give thanks for everyone who speaks up for people who are voiceless and vulnerable for many reasons. May they receive encouragement to persevere as they encounter stories of sadness, injustice and desperation.
- Tue 5 Give thanks that God is using radio and TV broadcasts around the world to encourage isolated believers and to reach unsaved souls with the Gospel. Pray for those involved in this ministry.
- Wed 6 Pray for Gavin and the team at TullochNet. Give thanks for the Christian presence which they are providing within the parish community.
- Thu 7 God, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call to be light and salt in the world; to share the good news of salvation and to bring healing, peace and provision to those around us. May we increasingly reach out to those in greatest need.

- Fri 8 On International Women's Day we pray for a gender equal world where difference is not discriminated against but is valued and celebrated. A world free of prejudice and discrimination and violence against women. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Sat 9 Pray for those who have chosen not to have children. May we recognise the dignity of this choice and not seek to ask questions on this sensitive subject. Pray too for those who are not able to have children.
- Sun 10 **The children around your table as fresh and promising as young olive shoots stand in awe of God's Yes. Oh, how he blesses the one who fears God!** *Psalms 128:4 (The Message)*
- Mon 11 Give thanks for mothers, those nurturing their own children, and those who have taken on the responsibility to mother children who are not receiving the care that they need.
- Tue 12 Pray for the gift of hope to grow amongst us, that we might change the world together.
- Wed 13 Father of justice and mercy, we ask that those serving in our courts and tribunals, judges, magistrates, barristers and other legal professionals and staff and jury members will do so with integrity and wisdom so that everyone has a fair hearing. May the innocent be protected and defendants who are guilty justly punished.
- Thu 14 Merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in our hearts.
- Fri 15 Pray for greater Christian engagement in local and national politics and that churches will effectively support and encourage those who feel called to serve God in politics.

- Sat 16 Liberator God, guide us along a righteous path. Lift the burden from our shoulders, clear our minds and fill our hearts with love. May we walk with the vulnerable and sow seeds of goodness wherever we go. Let us pursue justice, peace and harmony.
- Sun 17 **Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.** *Psalm 82; 3,4*
- Mon 18 Pray for vulnerable people targeted by traffickers. Pray for families, who, in good faith, have made the decision to send family members away for a supposedly better life.
- Tue 19 Loving God, mostly I don't understand Your ways, but I am convinced that no matter what I face this new day, Your Spirit faces it with me, in me and for me ... thank You.
- Wed 20 Father we pray for people in need who 'fall through the cracks' and don't receive the financial, social, health and legal support to which they are entitled because they are unable to engage with the authorities about their situation. Please send help to them.
- Thu 21 Whatever way you choose to pray, remember that God loves you and wants to have a personal relationship with you. He hears your prayers and answers them according to His will and timing. He will never leave you nor forsake you. He will strengthen your faith as you trust in Him and follow His ways. May God bless you and keep you always.
- Fri 22 We pray for those who know the harshness of natural disaster; where lives are lost in unpredictable catastrophe. Where floods ruin crops, where there will be no bountiful harvest; we pray for generosity and provision for all your people.
- Sat 23 Give thanks for the faith to believe that which we have not seen, and for God's mercy upon us as we clumsily grasp the significance of His love.

- Sun 24 **And Jesus found a young ass, and sat upon it, as it is written: Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy king cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. These things his disciples did not know at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things to him.** *John 12, 14-16*
- Mon 25 **Mark 14: 32** Jesus in Gethsemane, cup of suffering. Jesus was alone as the disciples slept. Pray for those who are abandoned by those who profess to love them. Pray for those who are lonely and isolated.
- Tue 26 **Mark 14: 43** Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested. Pray for those betrayed by those they thought they could trust - family breakdown false accusation, slander, libel, privacy invaded.
- Wed 27 **Mark 14:55** Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin. Jesus endured false accusations for our sake. Pray for People at the mercy of those in power and hostile authority.
- Thu 28 **Mark 14:72** Peter denies Jesus. It is fear that prompts Peter's denial. Jesus was friendless and alone. Remember those who are friendless and alone, nowhere to turn in their hour of need. Those who have been cast off by society.
- Fri 29 **Mark 15:17** Jesus is scourged. Jesus endured taunting and torture. Remember those who are treated as of no worth today - tortured, endure injustice, physically or mentally abused.
- Sat 30 **Luke 23:29** Jesus promises the Kingdom to a penitent thief. Pray for those who are haunted by their fears and need to hear words of forgiveness and acceptance. May we too take our deepest needs to Jesus and be able to give words of reassurance to others.
- Sun 31 **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.** *John 3:16-17*

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