



Prayer Thoughts for February 2021



Monday 1st February: Children`s Mental Health Week

Remember in your prayers Doreen Livesey who celebrates her 90th birthday. Pray for people suffering from mental health issues - may they find the help needed to overcome or cope with them.

Tuesday 2nd February : Pray for the Circuit Ministry Team who meet virtually to seek God`s Will for the churches in the Circuit - may the Holy Spirit guide and inspire their thoughts and their decisions. Pray for God`s continuing guidance for all Circuit Officers, Lay Preachers and Worship Leaders.

Wednesday 3rd February : Remember in your prayers Derek Patchell who celebrates his birthday - may God bless him at this time. Pray for our Church Council which meets virtually to seek God`s Will for Bamber Bridge church - may the Holy Spirit guide their thoughts and decisions.

Thursday 4th February : Today is "**Time to Talk Day**". Pray for the patience we need to get through the current lockdown. Pray for people feeling the affects of isolation. Pray that we all can hear a friendly voice and not just those voices on the television or the radio. It`s good to talk.

Friday 5th February : Pray for God`s blessing for the Virtual visit of Vice President of Conference, Carolyn Lawrence to the District. Pray for all those involved - may they find the time one of inspiration and fellowship. Pray for the people of Bamber Bridge - may they stay safe and keep well.

Saturday 6th February : Remember in your prayers Roy Clapham who celebrates his birthday today - may God bless him and his family at this time. Pray for victims of domestic violence or abuse. Pray for people struggling with addictions of all kinds.

Sunday 7th February : Racial Justice Sunday - Pray for justice for people of all races & creeds. May the Holy Spirit guide the message we receive today by whatever means we can. May the words of God that we receive bring us comfort, strength and inspiration to see us through this pandemic.

Bamber Bridge Methodist Church

Monday 8th February : Pray for the families in our church, the local community and across the World who have lost loved ones. Pray that the love of God will surround them and bring them comfort in times of sadness at the loss of a loved on.

Tuesday 9th February: Remember in your prayers the members of the Circuit Ministry Team as they share fellowship in their online prayer session. Pray for the Homeless and those sleeping rough on the streets - may they find shelter and warmth.

Wednesday 10th February : Pray for Lindsay Waring who celebrates her birthday - may God bless her and her family at this time. Pray for the Housebound - may they find companionship during this difficult time.

Thursday 11th February : On this **World Day of the Sick**, pray for all who are Sick. Pray for all NHS staff, Care Workers. Pray for those involved with the vaccine production and roll out. Pray for God`s blessing for Madge Baron who is 100 years young today and Corvus Illingworth who is 10.

Friday 12th February : Remember in your prayers Eunice Byers who celebrates her 104th birthday - may God continue to bless her and watch over her. Pray for the Staff, Pupils and families of Cuerden School - may God watch over them and all schools and pray they may be able to reopen soon.

Saturday 13th February : Pray for World Leaders as they seek to guide their countries through the trials and tribulations of the pandemic - may the wisdom of the Holy Spirit continue to guide and inspire their thoughts and decisions.

Sunday 14th February : **Sunday Before Lent/Valentine`s Day**
Holy Spirit, guide the message we receive today in whatever form it comes - may we have open hearts and minds to respond to it. May God`s love and blessing be with Terry Livesey who celebrates his birthday.

Monday 15th February : **Random Acts of Kindness Week begins**
Give thanks for the work of all those involved with foodbanks and other groups who are trying to bring comfort to those struggling at this time.

Tuesday 16th February : Shrove Tuesday Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for the Circuit Ministry Team meeting to seek God's Will for the Circuit. Pray for God's blessing for Elizabeth Singleton who is 10 today.



The Season of Lent
a journey to the Cross, the Tomb and Eternal Life

During Lent, think about Christians in various parts of the World and ask God to watch over His Church. The prayer requests expressed are taken from the booklet "Praying for the Persecuted Church" produced by the Barnabus Fund; an organisation that seeks to help persecuted Christians.

A Prayer for Lent :

Lord may Lent be a time of inward searching that makes me more able to look with compassion at the needs of the world. Amen



Wednesday 17th February: Ash Wednesday Pray for God's blessing for Hannabel Carey who is 6 today. Pray for the Persecuted Christians of Afghanistan. Ask God to shield them and give them encouragement from the Bible and internet ministries. Pray that talks will lead to peace in the country and more safety for Christians.

Thursday 18th February : Pray for the Christians of Algeria. Ask God to keep them strong, despite setbacks. Pray that sealed churches will reopen. Ask that the authorities will start the process of granting permits for church buildings, so that they are no longer vulnerable to being forcibly closed.

Friday 19th February : Pray for God's blessing for Margaret Chatburn who celebrates her birthday. Pray for the Christians of Bangladesh. Ask the Lord to protect and provide for them, especially converts, and also Rohingya Christian refugees. Give thanks for those who stand firm in the faith despite persecution, and are even faithful unto death.

Saturday 20th February : World Day of Social Justice Pray for the Christians of Burkina Faso. Pray for the protection of Christians facing jihadi attacks. Ask that the extremists will turn from violence and come to know the Prince of Peace. Pray that Christians' faith will remain steadfast, the needs of the displaced will be met and the bereaved will know God's comfort.

Sunday 21st February : 1st Sunday of Lent : We repent

Church Action on Poverty Sunday May God bless Dennis Wilkinson who celebrates his birthday. May God bless the message of His Word and those who bring it by whatever means possible.

Monday 22nd February : Fairtrade Fortnight begins Pray for the ongoing work of Fairtrade. Pray for God's blessing for Noah Yates who is 2 today.

Pray for the Christians of Cameroon. Ask that displaced families will be safe in the towns they have fled to and the bereaved, especially widows and orphans, will be comforted.

Tuesday 23rd February : May God bless Hazel Sumner who celebrates her birthday. Pray for those taking part in the Circuit Ministry Team prayer session. Pray for Christians in Chad. Ask God to protect Christians and send His Holy Spirit to strengthen them to withstand the many trials and tribulations they are facing.

Wednesday 24th February : Pray for the Christians of China. Pray that the authorities will see Christians as a force for good and harmony in society.

Thursday 25th February: Pray for God's blessing for Nick Johnson who celebrates his birthday. Pray for the Christians of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Pray that Christians will be given grace to forgive their persecutors and church leaders equipped to lead and minister to God's persecuted people.

Friday 26th February : Pray for the Christians in Egypt. Give thanks for President al-Sisi's support of Christians and ask that all Egyptian Muslims will heed his call for tolerance. Pray that the church licensing work will speed up, allowing Christians to worship legally. Ask God to protect Christians from terrorist violence.

Saturday 27th February : Pray for God's blessing for Ava Morgan who is 7 today. Pray for the Christians in Eritrea. Pray that the hearts of the authorities will soften to release more imprisoned Christians and allow believers of all denominations to worship freely.

Sunday 28th February : 2nd Sunday of Lent : We Return

Pray for Luke Williams celebrating his 18th birthday - may God bless him and his family on this milestone in Luke's life. Pray for those bringing God's message today - may we have open hearts and minds to receive it.