

St Catherine's Church,
Littleton



Mission Prayer Diary
March - April 2025

Welcome

We hope that this prayer diary may help you in focussing your prayers in support of the mission interests of St Catherine's Church family.

Lent is the period in which many Christians remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus Christ, preparing for Easter by fasting, giving up luxuries and prayer.

A special prayer for Lent:

*Creator God and Saviour,
who chose us in love to make this world,
inviting us to share in its care, renewal
and nurture, forgive us for the many
wrong choices we have made.
This Lent we choose again to join with you
in the reconciling and healing of all
things, as by your Spirit you both renew
the face of the earth and also restore us in
your image, through the death and
resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

(BRF)

Please join with us and share in bringing the concerns of our world before God, whose love and compassion know no limits.

2-8 March

Focus on: **MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship), with Ben and Esther, Barny, Reuben and Jesse Brown, in Arnhem Land, Northern Australia**

- Pray for Ben, Esther and the family now back in Arnhem Land, a little earlier than planned following the road traffic accident in which a close friend and colleague (Chris Coffee) died. Uphold Chris' wife Ali and their three young children James, Zoe and Izzy.
- Pray for the wider MAF team as they grieve and come to terms with the recent tragic accident, and for wisdom for Ben as he leads the team and restores flight operations back to normal.
- Pray that many lives in Arnhem Land will be transformed by the love of Christ.

9-15 March

Focus on: **Open Doors**

- **Somalia** –Pray for wisdom for Somali secret believers who are parents as they teach their children about Jesus. Pray that their children will grow up strong in the Lord.
- **North Korea** – Open Doors has trained many North Korean Christians who have returned to their homeland to disciple the underground church. Ask God to protect these courageous believers.
- **Yemen** – All ministry inside Yemen is done in secret. Pray for boldness and wisdom for those who serve. Ask God to lead them to those who are open to the gospel, and pray for hearts and minds to be renewed.

16-22 March

Focus on: **Chris and Kesia Pain (OMF Japan), Caleb, Jonjun, Carys and Megumi**

- Pray for God to lead conversations and the decisions that are made at the Field Leadership Team meetings, as well as for all the preparations.
- Please pray for Chris and Kesia's neighbours, for times to meet with them and for God to open their hearts to Him.
- Pray for wisdom in trying to keep on top of their workloads, give sufficient time to family, and for health (especially Kesia).

23-29 March

Focus on: **Tearfund**

- Tearfund is supporting communities through the local church in Bangladesh. Pray for the incredible income-generating activities making a big difference to vulnerable communities there.
- Pray for protection over vulnerable families in Syria, and for wisdom and resilience for our team and partners as they provide vital support
- Burundi's people are paying a devastating price for years of ethnic-based conflict. Pray for churches to bring hope and healing to once-divided communities through Tearfund's Transforming Communities programmes.

30 March – 5 April

Focus on: **The work of CMS in Northern Argentina, Bishop Crisanto Rojas, CMS partner**

- Pray for indigenous Bishop Crisanto Rojas, He has been struggling with some health issues recently.
- Pray for Bishop Crisanto to know God's wisdom and for him in his leadership role. He continues to cover a really wide area of the Chaco, supporting Pastors across the area as well as being a significant voice in diocesan decisions.
- Give thanks for the nine students who graduated recently from CeFA (Centro do Formacion Anglicano), trained for ministry and mission in their communities.

6-12 April

Focus on: **Winchester City Centre Chaplaincy**

- Pray for Alison Dolphin, the Lead Chaplain, as she trains new volunteer chaplains and helps them to settle into their new roles in the City Chaplaincy team.
- Pray for all who come into contact with the chaplains, in their workplaces or as service users in the courts, shops and businesses in Winchester, that they will feel the presence of Christ and be moved to seek Him.
- Pray for new opportunities and new openings within the city's retail outlets, offices and other workplaces. Pray that the chaplains will be given the words to speak, lead by the Holy Spirit in all their contacts.

13-19 April

Focus on: **Karis Kids (Kampala)**

- Pray for the children at school, that their hard work yields positive results. Pray they will not be distracted from studying but show good attendance. Pray that school fees will be met in full.
- Pray for wisdom for the Ugandan Karis team in advising and supporting the students, as they make decisions about further study and their futures.
- Pray for the Karis team, both here in UK and in Kampala, that they are kept safe and in good health. There have been reported cases of Ebola in Kampala.

20-26 April

Focus on: **The Brickworks (supporting projects in South Sudan)**

- Give thanks for the new ambulance purchased for the Martha Clinic and pray for the clinic's ongoing work, especially in the organisation of a further Cataract Camp this spring.
- Pray for the early plans for another visit to Yei in the autumn. Ask God to call those who He wishes to take part and enable their expenses to be met.
- Continue to pray for peace in South Sudan, and for all refugees returning to their homes from the camps in Uganda, often to destroyed homes and communities.

27 April – 3 May

Focus on: **Winchester Organisations**

- **The Beacon** (formerly Winchester Nightshelter)– pray for the management team, headed up by CEO, Mark Wakeling, as they seek to expand service provision and focus on interventions to prevent homelessness.
- **Trinity Winchester** – pray for the success of this year's Big Sleep Out on Friday 12th May, a major fund-raising event for Trinity Winchester, and a way of highlighting the issue of homelessness in our city.
- **Winchester Street and School Pastors** – Uphold the faithful pastors who go out onto the streets of Winchester on Friday and Saturday nights to offer a listening ear and provide a peaceful presence amidst the city's nightlife.

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“Lord, help us to do whatever
You ask of us.”