

Prayer Diary April 2021

26. Lord you have a vision for us. Open our eyes that we may clearly see both that vision and the way towards it. Lead us by your Spirit to witness to Christ in our Mission Community and to the world. May what we do, build up the fellowship of Christ's church. May how we live, speak to the world. May what we say, testify to our life in Him; so that as we know and love Him more, others may come to know and love Him too. We make our prayer through Him who came to save us and the world; Jesus Christ our Lord Amen. *Collingwood Street*
27. Pray for those living with the effects of long Covid. Please pray for Sola and parts of Norway where the Covid situation is quite critical with strong local and regional restrictions. *Lorne Street*
28. "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10) Spend some time in quiet, asking God to reveal himself afresh to you. *Sheffield Street*

29. Pray that those in leadership will act with wisdom and integrity. Pray for someone you know who is going through a difficult time at the moment. *Randall Street*
30. Living Lord, as we offer to you our common life, refresh our vision that we may know your will and seek to follow in all your ways. May we follow daily as your disciples, care deeply for one another in community, speak boldly your gospel words of love, and tread gently as faithful stewards of your goodness. We ask this in the power of your holy name, as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of our lives, today and for ever. Amen. *Nelson Bridge Court*

1. Jesus at the Last Supper gave his disciples a new commandment to 'love one another' (John 15:12). Pray that we will be faithful in keeping this command. *John's Place*
2. 'For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:21 NLT) Give thanks to Jesus for laying down his life for us on the cross. *Holme Terrace*
3. Today is Holy Saturday, for Mary and the disciples this was a day of great sadness following Jesus' crucifixion. Pray for those who are grieving today. *Bridge Terrace*
4. "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:55-57) Give thanks for Jesus' resurrection from the dead, and pray that others will come to know the living Jesus. *Shaddongate*



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5. Pray for wisdom for Bettaway Community Church in South Africa, as they think about how to safely resume meeting. Pray for them as they revamp and relaunch their Homework Club, with the aim of breaking poverty through education. *Shaddon Mill*
6. Pray that school staff and pupils will enjoy a good Easter break. Pray for the elderly in our congregation and in our local community that are feeling lonely and isolated due to the Covid19. *Junction Street*
7. Pray for Langham Scholars who are struggling with few resources because of less international travel and limited access to libraries. Give thanks for online resources, which are proving vital. *Charlotte Street*
8. Pray for students who are gradually returning to their universities. *North Street*
9. The murder last month of Sarah Everard has highlighted the endemic culture of harassment, abuse and violence against women in the UK. Pray for a society where women are safe, and abuse is not tolerated. *Caldew Street*
10. Pray that God will bring three young people from the slums in Bangkok to apply for the new apprenticeship scheme Urban Neighbours of Hope are starting at the beginning of May. *Colmore Street*
11. Pray for Godly wisdom, as we reflect on the future shape of worship at St James. Last month there was a devastating fire in Cox's Bazar refugee camp in Bangladesh, which is home to many Rohingya refugees. The fire killed at least 15 people, with 400 unaccounted for, and has displaced 45,000 people. Pray for all those affected. *Blunt Street*
12. Pray for Cornerstone and the OpShop which reopen today after the most recent lockdown. Pray for the people of Myanmar as they fight for freedom and democracy following February's military coup. *Freer Street*
13. Pray for Gary Ion, as he works with Restore and CMS, as they look to open 'Men in Sheds', when Covid restrictions allow. *Freer Court*
14. Pray for our church wardens, Julie and Judith. Pray for the 75 young people preparing for confirmation at Sola Church. *Dale Street*
15. Thank God for how he speaks through his Word, and pray that Jonny and Miriam will grow closer to God as they attend the Agapé UK Spring Bible Conference. *West Vale Court*
16. Pray for Sandra Moffat, as she puts her house on the market and prepares to move to the Wirral to be closer to her daughter and family. *East Vale Court*
17. Pray for those living with dementia and Alzheimer's, and those that care for them. *South Vale Court*
18. Pray for the many families struggling with poverty and finding it hard to get enough food for their families, especially in Bettaway Community church. *Dalston Street*
19. Pray for teachers and students at the start of the summer term. Pray for the PCC as they meet tonight. *Hope Street*
20. Pray for the staff team at St. James: Kate, Andy, Toby, Ruth, Katie, Nina and Simon. *Cumberland Street*
21. Pray for Santa, as she considers when to return to the UK. Pray for the work among children and youths in Sola, which has been heavily influenced by Covid restrictions. *Westmorland Street*
22. Pray that the Fletchers and their team will be able to see family this year. *Westmorland Court*
23. Pray against the evil of systemic racism within society. Pray that God will open our own eyes to our own unconscious biases. *Teasdale Place*
24. Thank God for Christian students, pray that they would share Jesus with their friends, and be deeply rooted in Christ. *Halstead Close*
25. Pray for Christian publishers in the Majority World experiencing significant cash flow challenges during the pandemic. *Morley Street*