

PRAYER DIARY

FOR JANUARY AT ST MARK'S

A close-up photograph of a branch with several leaves and clusters of small, round berries. The leaves and berries are covered in a thick layer of white frost, giving them a soft, textured appearance. The background is blurred, showing more of the same branch and berries, creating a sense of depth.

Please use this prayer diary to join with the St Mark's church family to pray together for our community, our mission partners and the wider world. We focus our prayers each week for different areas of our community life and a different Mission Partner.

Join us via YouTube Mon-Fri at 12 noon for midday prayer

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Sunday 10th – Sat 16th January

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Loving Father, we pray this week for all the children and young people in our community, that each one will come to know how precious they are in your sight, and find their identity in being part of your family. Guide and direct all who work with our children and young people, and help them make disciples who stand firm in Christ.

We pray for Paul and Ruth Turner, our mission partners with Latin Link, hoping to return to Peru in April. We pray for their safe return to Peru, and for your blessing on their marriage and their work. We also pray for peace and stability during Peru's presidential elections in April after a very turbulent time – in November Peru had three presidents in one week! Lord God, bring your peace and hope to Peru, and use Latin Link to strengthen and encourage your people across South America.



Sun 17th – Sat 23rd January

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We lift to God all who are working so hard in our health care services, our NHS, our care homes, often putting their own health at risk to serve and help others. Lord Jesus, our servant King, give strength to all who are weary, and grace to all who are serving the weak and the sick. Lord, give our leaders compassion and wisdom as they plan and make healthcare and funding policies for our nation.

We pray this week for our mission partner In2Out, working with young offenders and supporting them on their release. Lord Jesus, equip your servants as they visit prisoners and walk with them; bring true freedom to the young people they serve, and hope for the future. In these uncertain times, Lord, be the Rock on which they stand and in whom they find refuge.

**Sun 24th –
Sat 30th January**

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

We pray for Wellspring Training and Therapy, offering counselling and support for young people and adults in the Harrogate area. Father, bring freedom to those who are trapped in damaging patterns of thought or behaviour. Provide, we pray, for Wellspring's work, through charitable grants and supporters, so that many more can find release and healing.

Father God we thank you for those who have been involved in leading St Mark's during this long interregnum and during the pandemic. Give grace to each member of our church family, and may we all seek to build one another up. We pray for Mike and Liz, preparing to join us in February, and we ask that you equip them for all you have in store for them at St Mark's.

We pray for the continuing needs of Anne-Marie Atkinson, Michelle Beckett, Stan and Lorraine Bisby, Christina, Merle Clayton, Helen Hardie, Frances and Andy Kershaw, Aidan and the Newton family, Julie, Maureen Preston, Pat, Rosie Rant, Liz and Shirley Ruddle, Amber Seaver, Dave Worthington. We pray also for their families and friends and all those who care for them.

We pray for all in our church family who have been recently bereaved including

We pray for all those who are bereaved, including: Mike Davies, Emma James, and the families of Jan Poxen; Christine Lawton; Betty Collings.

**Sun 31st Jan –
Sat 6th February**

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

On 1st February can you join with others to Pray and Fast for the Climate? Father God, give courage to business leaders and governments this year, to set ambitious climate targets to limit global warming, and strive to build a greener future. May all your children and all your creation be free to sing a new song to the Lord.

We pray for Artizan International, and for Susie Hart as she heads up this work that gives true respect and reverence for each person made in your image. Thank you for the wonderful sales from the Harrogate shop, and for the teams of volunteers and project managers both in the UK and in Latin America. Please provide, Lord, for Artizan's work this year, enabling more lives to be changed through workshops, employment and training.

GIVING TO MISSION

Here at St Mark's we give 10% of our core income to support Christian mission at home and abroad. In addition, a substantial proportion of the Parish Share which we pay to our Diocese goes towards mission outside of our own area. We are proud to be able to support so many gospel based, kingdom initiatives which are bringing light, hope and practical help to people across our town, nation and globe.

There are two easy ways in which you can give to St Mark's Church to help maintain this valuable work:

- Regular giving
- One-off giving

Find out more, download a form or make a one off donation on our website: www.smch.org.uk/give or call the church office on: **01423 544528 and we'll send you the information.**

Every penny donated to us is spent in support of the mission and ministry of the church.



Thank you

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