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**St James Prayer Diary**

**Easter to May 2021**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by **prayer** and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” [Philippians 4:6](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians%204%3A6&version=NIV)

**Prayer:** At St James we believe that prayer is vital in everything that we do, so we have put together a prayer diary for you to use each day alongside your normal prayers which gives you a suggested topic to include.

**Daily Bible Reading:** We grow deeper I our faith when we read our bibles regularly as well as praying so we have included one of the lectionary readings for each day in this booklet. However, if you prefer you could buy some daily reading notes or use an app such as Lectio 365 on your phone or read the Scripture Union Word Live on your computer.

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**Mon 5th April Matthew 28:8-15**

*Pray For*: The One Can Trust supporting families with food parcels

**Tues 6th April John 20:11-18**

*Pray For*: Myanmar (Burma), following the coup in February, that democracy and justice for all might be established in that country

**Weds 7th April Luke 24:13-35**

*Pray For*: Wycombe Homeless Connection as they seek to support people in difficult circumstances

**Thurs 8th April Luke 24: 35-48**

*Pray For*: Those who usually come along to our Thursday pop in, many of whom are vulnerable to illness.

**Fri 9th April John 21: 1-14**

*Pray For*: Azalea High Wycombe working with women who have been trafficked or find themselves trapped in commercial sexual exploitation.

**Sat 10th April Mark 16:9-15**

*Pray For*: Refugees across the world fleeing from war and persecution

**Sunday 11th April Living God’s Love in Our Community**

**Monday 12th April Psalm 2: 1-9**

*Pray For*: Marriages of those in our church and community, that you would bless those relationships and help any who are going through difficult times at present.

**Tuesday 13th April Psalm 93**

*Pray For*: Wisdom, integrity, energy and strength for our MP Steve Baker as he seeks to serve our town and wider area.

**Weds 14th April Psalm 34:1-8**

*Pray For*: Phil Graham and others who help with the technical support for our services. Pray for wisdom and resources as we explore new ways of communicating with our community and beyond.

**Thursday 15th April Psalm 34:1, 15-end**

*Pray For*: Our government seeking to make good decisions at this time as they seek to follow this road map out of covid restrictions.

**Fri 16th April Pslm 27:1-5, 16-17**

*Pray For*: Continued unity between churches in Downley and across Wycombe, giving thanks for our collaboration over Easter, and praying that we would work together to spread the gospel in word and in deed across Downley*.*

**Saturday 17th April Psalm 33:1-5, 18-19**

*Pray For*: People who are suffering injustice, or in crisis due to illness, famine or natural disaster and for all the agencies who are working with them, especially for funding at this difficult economic time.

**Sunday 18th April Nehemiah – Daring Greatly**

**Monday 19th April Psalm 119:17-24**

*Pray For*: Our Church buildings, giving thanks for the vision and work of Mike Jacobs, and praying for physical and financial resources to continue to improve and maintain our buildings.

**Tuesday 20th April Psalm 31:1-5,16**

*Pray For*: The Buckinghamshire Council making decisions about our local services and especially for wisdom for Paul Turner as he represents Downley ward

**Wednesday 21st April Psalm 66:1-6**

*Pray For*: Housing associations working in this area and all those in need of housing.

**Thursday 22nd April Psalm 66:7-8,14-end**

*Pray For*: All those who struggle with mental health problems in our church and community

**Friday 23rd April Psalm 126**

*Pray For*: All those working in prisons, remembering particularly Charlotte Nohavicka

**Saturday 24th April Psalm 116:10-15**

*Pray For*: All those who have been bereaved in the last year.

**Sunday 25th April Nehemiah Getting Going & Keeping Going**

**Monday 26th April Psalm 119:9-16**

*Pray For:* A country in our World that really needs prayer

**Tuesday 27th April Psalm 87**

*Pray For*: Those who are struggling financially due to coronavirus and for the recovery of our economy

**Weds 28th April Psalm 67**

*Pray For*: All those in our church and community who are single or on their own, that you would give them good friendships and a good support network and help us to be mindful of their needs.

**Thursday 29th April Psalm 89:1-2,20-26**

*Pray For*: relations between China and countries in the west, especially the UK and the USA.

**Friday 30th April Psalm 2**

*Pray For*: Our Police force remembering especially Emma Lipinski

**Saturday 1st May Psalm 119:1-8**

*Pray For*: Bruce and Helen Bradley as they look after our church grounds and cut the grass.

**Sunday 2nd May Esther**

**Monday 3rd May Psalm 118:1-3,14-15**

*Pray For*: South Bucks Hospice and all those involved in giving palliative care.

**Tuesday 4th May Psalm 145:10-end**

*Pray For*: Children who are part of our church family, that they would feel welcomed and we would be able to help them to grow in faith

**Weds 5th May Psalm 122:1-5**

*Pray For*: Secondary Schools in Wycombe and teachers, especially for wisdom and fairness in awarding GCSE’s and A Levels this year.

**Thursday 6th May Psalm 57:8-end**

*Pray For*: Local Council elections taking place today, that God would put in place those who can work together for the benefit of our town and community.

**Friday 7th May Psalm 100**

*Pray For*: Those across the world who are suffering from famine, drought and natural disasters

**Saturday 8th May Psalm 100**

*Pray For*: reduction in the deforestation of rain forests across the world, with economic support and education being given to those living there so they can survive and prosper whilst keeping the forests intact.

**Sunday 9th May Nehemiah, Tested**

**Monday 10th May Psalm 149:1-5**

*Pray For*: Our Home groups meeting weekly to nurture and support each other and to study the bible together and for wisdom and energy for our Home Group leaders.

**Tuesday 11th May Psalm 138**

*Pray For*: The One Can Trust supporting families with food parcels

**Weds 12th May Psalm 148:1-2, 11-end**

*Pray For*: The Heights Nursing Home, residents and staff.

**Thurs 13th May Psalm 47**

*Pray For*: Our church wardens, Paul and Collis and their families

**Friday 14th May Psalm 15**

*Pray For*: Those who usually go to the Coffee Stop on a Monday in the church hall, for Janet Durkin and the team who run this and keep in touch with members

**Saturday 15th May Psalm 47:1-2,7-end**

*Pray For*: all members of St James’ church that we would continue to be united in our fellowship, and our vision and to grow in our faith.

**Sunday 16th May Nehemiah Times of refreshing,**

**Monday 17th May Psalm 68:1-6**

*Pray For*: Those who have lost their jobs in the last year, that new opportunities to re train and new jobs might become available as restrictions lift.

**Tuesday 18th May Psalm 68:9-10, 18-19**

*Pray For*: Janet Durkin and others who do our lovely flower arrangements.

**Weds 19th May Psalm 68: 27-28, 32-end**

*Pray For*: Wycombe Homeless Connection as they seek to support people in difficult circumstances

**Thursday 20th May Psalm 16:1, 5-end**

*Pray For*: All those awaiting operations which have been put on hold in the last year, that these would start to happen more quickly and the waiting lists would go down.

**Friday 21st May Psalm 103**

*Pray For*: Our PCC members for wisdom in all decision making

**Saturday 22nd May Psalm 11**

*Pray For:* Downley School, for all the staff and pupils.

**Sunday 23rd May Pentecost**

**Monday 24th May Psalm 32:1-8**

*Pray For*: Charities across the country struggling with less funds

**Tuesday 25th May Psalm: 50:1-6**

*Pray For:* Adoption and fostering agencies seeking to provide children with long term loving and stable homes.

**Weds 26th May Psalm 79:8-9, 12, 14**

*Pray For*: the people of Syria who have now had 10 years of civil war.

**Thurs 27th May Psalm 33:1-9**

*Pray For*: Refugees coming into our country, that we would know how best to support them and help them to integrate into our society and culture.

**Friday 28th May Psalm 149:1-5**

*Pray For*: Hilary Perowne as she manages our Church Hall, and for all those who hire it regularly and occasionally.

**Saturday 29th May Psalm 19: 7-end**

*Pray For*: All those working for the NHS who are so tired after the last year, that they might be able to have some holiday and rest times to renew and restore them.

**Sunday 30th May Nehemiah, Back to square one**

**Monday 31st May Psalm 113**

*Pray For*: Our Sides teams as they welcome people into the church on Sunday

**Home Groups:** These are great places to read and discuss bible passages together, as well as to chat and support each other in prayer. If you have not yet been along to a home group, but would like to join you would be most welcome. They are on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening. Please contact Heather for more details.

**Thursday morning prayers 9-9.30:**We meet each week to pray, you are very welcome to join us. This is currently on Zoom but will revert to the chapel in due course.

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