



Knaphill Methodist Church

# "Let us pray"

A Prayer Diary for March 2022

## *Spring Cleaning!*

*"Who may stand in His holy place?"*

*"Only those with clean hands  
and pure hearts"*

Psalm 24:3b NIV  
Psalm 24:4a YB

The word LENT comes from the old Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning SPRINGTIME. Now-a-days, we often associate Spring with ... Spring Cleaning. So this month's prayers are deeply personal: you are invited to SPIRITUALLY SPRING CLEAN your hearts, and lives, in preparation for EASTER.

Day/Date	Theme/Event	Pray for ...	✓	Notes/Thought/Action
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Our need for Spring Cleaning	<i>"Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin"?"</i> <small>Proverbs 20:9 NIV</small> Reflect on this verse: ask God to show you, gently & honestly, the areas of your life that need His cleansing touch; & for help to receive this revelation.		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	Ash Wednesday: your humanity	<i>"All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return."</i> <small>Ecclesiastes 3:20 NIV</small> • ... a greater understanding of your whole being: body, soul, mind and spirit. As a Christian, what does 'death' mean to/for you now?		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Our need to repent	<i>"Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."</i> <small>Job 42:6 NIV</small> To repent means to turn from: ask God to make you humble and 'movable' – to be open to turning.		
4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	World Day of Prayer: HOPE	<i>"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."</i> <small>Jeremiah 29:11 NIV</small> • ... services worldwide – for the weather, the venues & those gathering; the good use of the offerings given. Give thanks for the women from England, Wales & Northern Ireland who wrote the service material that is being used today. Meditate on the text: put yourself into God's hands.		
5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Circuit Mission Supper	<i>"Prepare my supper..." You ... should say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty."</i> <small>Luke 17:8b-10 part NIV</small> • ... this event: for Rev. Conrad Hicks speaking & 'God's word to land'; for those preparing, serving & eating; for the wise use of any funds raised. • What do you consider 'your duty'? Is it done?		
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Lent 1 Temptations 1	<i>"After the devil had tempted Jesus in every way, he left Him to wait until a better time."</i> <small>Luke 4:13 YB</small> Think: when is it 'a better time' for the devil to tempt you? Become more aware & on your guard then.		
7 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Temptations 2	<i>"We are tempted by our own desires that drag us off and trap us."</i> <small>James 1:14 CEV</small> Be honest: what are your desires that tempt you? List them; put them in your Bible to remind yourself what to recognise as your weak points. Ask God into them.		
8 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Watch out!	<i>"Even if you think you can stand up to temptation, be careful not to fall."</i> <small>1 Corinthians 10: 12 CEV</small>		

		<p>Temptation itself is not a sin: yielding to it is. Ask the Spirit to come and strengthen you in your vulnerable moments. Make this your 1<sup>st</sup> response.</p>		
9 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Pray! Pray!" Pray!	<p><i>"Get up and PRAY so that you will not fall into temptation."</i> Luke 22:46c NIV</p> <p>Regularly &amp; actively pray against being tempted: imagine doing so is building God's shield around you.</p>		
10 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	'Help is on its way ...'	<p><i>"Because He himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted."</i> Hebrews 2:18 NIV</p> <p>Jesus faced His temptations - &amp; promises to stand with us when we face ours. Call out in His name ...</p>		
11 <sup>th</sup> Friday	The Power of The Word	<p><i>"When you are tempted, (God) will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it."</i> 1 Corinthians 10:13d NIV</p> <p>Follow Jesus' example: find &amp; KNOW some key scriptures pertinent to your needs that will help you to refute 'the evil one' &amp; his lies. Pray to stand firm.</p>		
12 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Clothes4 U @ KMC	<p><i>"... the church can help those (widows) who are really in need."</i> 1 Timothy 5:16c NIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ... those who need this service: for courage to come forward; for welcome &amp; support; for finding what they need; for a sense of God's presence here.</li> </ul>		
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	Holy Communion	<p><i>""This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.""</i> Matthew 26:28 NIV</p> <p>Reflect on what this really means for you today.</p>		
14 <sup>th</sup> Monday	(Lent 2) 'Unwilling-ness'	<p><i>"How many times have I pictured myself cuddling your kids ... But no! You wriggle away; you fight my every attempt to get close."</i> Luke 13: 34(part) the liberator Rob Lacey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ... a genuine &amp; passionate desire at KMC for individuals &amp; the church to want to get closer to God.</li> </ul>		
15 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	On your knees ...	<p><i>"I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"</i> Psalm 32:5b</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ... your heart to be open to God's scrutiny &amp; a willingness to notice that which He points out to you.</li> </ul>		
16 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	'Through ignorance ...'	<p><i>"Forgive my hidden faults."</i> Psalm 19:12b NIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ... forgiveness for the sins that you are unaware of, but have still committed against God.</li> </ul>		
17 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	'Through weakness ...'	<p><i>"Do not be overcome by evil ..."</i> Romans 12:21a NIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ... forgiveness for the sins that you know you have committed; for strength to not repeat them.</li> </ul>		
18 <sup>th</sup> Friday	'Through deliberate fault ...'	<p><i>"Keep your servant also from wilful sins;"</i> Psalm 19:13a NIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ... forgiveness for the sins you have committed knowing that they were acts of open rebellion.</li> </ul>		
19 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Forgiving others	<p><i>"When you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him ..."</i> Mark 11:25a-ci NIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ... God to show you whom YOU need to forgive</li> <li>• ... 'that person': for healing &amp; greater unity.</li> </ul>		

20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Lent 3 Repent, or Perish	"If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down." Luke 13:9 NIV What 'fruit' are you <u>really</u> producing? What 'fruit' is KMC <u>actually</u> producing? (check Galatians 5:22-25) • ... growth in personal & corporate 'fruitfulness'.		
21 <sup>st</sup> Monday	Internal search	"Test me, O Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; Psalm 26:2 NIV • ... God to reveal to you your true character & motives, & to show you what needs changing now.		
22 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	A hyssop mop?	"Cleanse me with hyssop, & I shall be clean" Psalm 51:7a NIV The hairy leaves of this sacred plant hold liquids well so it was used for sprinkling in purification rituals. Read & meditate on God's 'rescues' for His people from Exodus 12:21-23 & Hebrews 9:13-14 19-28		
23 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	Snow – white?	"Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Psalm 51:7b NIV Pray & THINK ON these words: ♪ 'What can wash us pure as snow? Welcomed as the friends of God? Nothing but your blood, King Jesus.' L5,6&8 R Source 2186		
24 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	God's brush strokes	♪ "You sweep the sinner's past" L4V3 Highlands by Hillsong • ... God to 'sweep away' any of your past that keeps you 'in condemnation', that He might make you a 'new creation'. Give thanks for standing in His grace		
25 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Wholly holy	"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51:10 NIV Pray this for yourself: ♪ 'Purify my heart, cleanse me from within & make me holy. Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.' V2 StF 508		
26 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	KMC Coffee morning	"Offer hospitality to one another..." 1 Peter 4:9a NIV • ... those who serve, & who are served: for the Good News to be freely offered in words & deeds.		
27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Lent 4 Mother- ing Sunday	Reflect on, & apply to yourself, these words from today's service @ KMC: "How precious, O God, is your constant love! We find protection under the shadow of your wings." Psalm 36:7 GNB		
28 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Your faith	"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves." 2 Corinthians 13:5a&b NIV What does your faith mean to you? Write it down.		
29 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Our minister	Make each part of this verse your prayer for Dave: "Keep your eye on what you're doing; accept the hard times along with the good; keep the Message alive; do a thorough job as God's servant." 2 Timothy 4:5 TM		
30 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Circuit partners: Walton	"let us learn together what is good." Job 34:4b NIV • ... more young people's involvement in worship & church life; strength & wisdom for Leadership teams. Give thanks for diverse & shared fellowships.		
31 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	... & finally ...	... that 1 person who God has especially placed on your heart to come to faith in Jesus Christ.		

