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THU 1

everyday  
faith

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

FRI 2

Today the CofE celebrates Candlemas and  
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple,  
Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented  
in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

Thoughts

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World Interfaith  
Harmony Week  
UN Official Observation – 1<sup>st</sup> Week of February

SAT 3

World Interfaith Harmony Week,  
Creative God, we thank you for the  
amazing diversity of your creation.  
So much life, expressed in different forms, living  
in a huge variety of ways.  
We thank you that this diversity is expressed in  
human life, people all made in your image, yet  
living, believing and hoping in different ways.  
In the richness of your creative diversity, we  
give thanks for faith communities who gather  
together to express shared beliefs that may be  
both similar and different to our own. Amen

### Sunday 4 February

Olwyn Powell invites us to pray,  
Lord, we continue to remember before  
you all those who are in the public eye, for  
good or ill. We pray that all may be treated  
equally and that those under public pressure  
may recognise their need and come to you in  
prayer. Amen

MON 5

Amanda Featherstone, St Mary, Wythall,  
invites us to pray,  
Father, we pray for the new Sunday monthly  
gathering 'Family @ 4'. For all the families who  
attend to meet with Jesus and grow in faith, we  
ask that they deeply experience your love and  
give thanks for their fellowship.

TUE 6

The PMO team invites us to pray,  
Loving Lord, we pray for Children and  
Family Missioner Enablers (CFME's) projects  
currently across our five Deaneries and that  
they will recruit and develop volunteers for the  
exciting work that they are doing. We pray for  
your calling on people to step forward to help  
with these projects. Amen

WED 7

Almighty God, we pray for the  
recruitment of the Area Dean  
for Yardley & Solihull, to continue to support  
the development and growth of this Deanery.  
Embue this process with your wisdom and the  
inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Amen

THU 8

Lord, you are ever watchful  
and bless us with your gifts;  
as you provide for all our needs,  
so help us to build only what pleases you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

FRI 9

The CofEB Racial Justice Board invites us to pray,  
Father, as the West Midlands dioceses come  
together for a new partnership and collaboration on  
racial justice, we pray for the first stages happening  
early 2024, as we recruit the regional team. Amen

SAT 10

The start of the school half terms  
- A prayer for children  
Loving God,  
your Son told his disciples  
to become like little children.  
Lead us to work for the welfare  
and protection of all young people.  
May we respect their dignity  
that they may flourish in life,  
following the example of the same  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### Sunday 11 February

Amanda Featherstone, St Mary, Wythall,  
invites us to pray,  
Father, we give thanks that many  
families are coming along to our services  
each week. We lift up to you 'Family @ 4' at  
St Mary, Wythall, and seek your blessing on  
all such gatherings. Amen

MON 12

Prayer today is inspired by Philippians 2:3,  
"Do nothing from selfish ambition or  
conceit, but in humility regard others as better  
than yourselves."

TUE 13

Today is Shrove Tuesday,  
Blessed are you, Lord God of all  
creation, for it is from your goodness  
that we have this day to celebrate on  
the threshold of the Season of Lent.  
Tomorrow we will fast. Tonight we feast.  
We thank you for the abundance of gifts  
you shower upon us.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

WED 14

John Nightingale invites us to pray  
this Ash Wednesday, which falls on  
Valentine's Day.  
Lord Jesus, we thank you for your love  
for us, even unto death. We pray that in  
the turbulence of global heating we may  
show our love for you by helping and  
empowering those who are victims of the  
climate catastrophe. Amen

THU 15

Today is International Childhood  
Cancer day, the CofE invites us to pray,  
Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ,  
understood people's fear and pain  
before they spoke of them,  
we pray for those in hospital;  
surround the frightened with your tenderness;  
give strength to those in pain;  
hold the weak in your arms of love,  
and give hope and patience  
to those who are recovering;  
we ask this through the same Jesus Christ,  
our Lord. Amen



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FRI 16

Prayer today, we join the CofE Lent campaign #Watchandpray, inspired by Matthew 26:36-46,



“Stay here with me... Watch and pray”

This Lent we are encouraged to wait expectantly for God to meet us and sustain us through the storms and trials we all face.

SAT 17

God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen

Thoughts

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5TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Sunday 18 February

The Collect of the day,  
 Almighty God,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
 and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
 give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
 and, as you know our weakness,  
 so may we know your power to save;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.  
 Amen

MON 19

Today's prayer is inspired by Genesis 1:16-18,  
 “God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.”

TUE 20

Today is World Day of Social Justice,  
 Jesus, you invite us all into the fullness of life. May we support one another to flourish in body, mind and spirit. May we be one as members of Your Body. You invite us to share in your ministry of love and true compassion. May we be empowered by your Spirit to reach out to all people in need. May we build communities of welcome and inclusion. Amen



WED 21

Verve poetry festival: A poetry and spoken word festival based in the heart of Birmingham,  
 Today's prayer is inspired by the priest and poet George Herbert who wrote;  
 “A man that looks on glass,  
 on it may stay his eye;  
 or if he pleaseth, through it pass,  
 and then the heaven espy.”



THU 22

Today is Girl Guides, 'Thinking Day.' This year "World Thinking Day will embrace the theme of Our World, Our Thriving Future".



Lord, on Girl Guide Thinking Day we praise you for the beauty of creation, its richness and variety. Yet, through greed and ignorance, we scar your world with plastic waste and throw so much away.  
 May we tread gently on our common home, that we may care more deeply for your Earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FRI 23

Loving and compassionate God,  
 Help us to see hope in the most desperate situations. Help us to uphold the value of others in our words and actions. Help us to see the potential you see in each of your children. Help us to know and to respond to your guiding hand in our lives. Amen

SAT 24

Lord God, thank you for sending your son Jesus Christ - to be our saviour so that we can be closer to you. Amen

4TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Sunday 25 February

The Collect of the day,  
 O God,  
 you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright:  
 grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen

MON 26

Almighty God, we pray for the Installation service for the 10th Bishop of Birmingham. Inspire and guide all those who are working to create and offer this act of worship. Bless the singers, the liturgists, the ministers, the participants and congregation, with a sense of your living presence. May your Holy Spirit dwell amongst us, as with as with sure knowledge of your joy, grace and love, we welcome Bishop Michael and the beginning of his new ministry. Amen



TUE 27

Transforming Church prayer  
 Sovereign God,  
 in Christ you make all things new. Clothe us with power from on high, that with generous lives and hearts on fire we might work with you to grow your church and transform your world. To you be glory through Jesus our Lord. Amen

WED 28

Almighty God,  
 transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
 and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.  
 Amen

THU 29

Almighty and ever living God,  
 you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.  
 May this time be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore. Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.  
 Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give.  
 Amen

