



Growing churches at the heart of each community

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SUN 1



World Interfaith Harmony Week, 1-7 February. Andrew Smith, Director of Interfaith Relations for the Bishop of Birmingham, invites us to pray,

Holy Spirit, as Lent and Ramadan coincide this year may we be people faithful to our walk with you, and open to understand and befriend those of different faiths. Help us to live at peace with our Muslim neighbours and to demonstrate your love for them by our words and deeds. Amen

MON 2

Our prayer today is inspired by Isaiah 54:10, "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Loving and powerful God, thank You for the promise of Your peace and compassion. Amen

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TUE 3

Lord, we lift up Gas Street South. Thank you for their creativity and dedication in sharing your mission without a church building. We pray they continue to flourish and that their youth ministry keeps growing. Amen

WED 4

Redeemer God, provide wisdom and guidance to the victims of floods, fires, and other environmental disasters, as they navigate through these challenging times. Bring comfort to those who are grieving the loss of loved ones and homes. Wrap them in Your loving arms and give them the strength to endure their sorrow. Amen

THU 5

Lord, we lift up our CofE Birmingham children, youth and families church services. Let them be a place where faith grows, where families are strengthened, and where Your peace reigns. Bless each family with patience, understanding, and a deeper knowledge of Your love, so that together, we may know You better and serve You more fully. Amen

FRI 6

Almighty Father, we lift up those who are worried about the cost of living. Please keep them warm, provide food on their tables and guide as we seek to love our neighbours. We trust in Your continued provision for our needs, and we ask that You help our hearts remain thankful for all the blessings You give us. Amen

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SAT 7

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for our CofE Birmingham church leaders. Bless them and give them strength to care for the people in our parishes. Protect their loved ones and keep their hearts close to You. Amen

SUN 8

The people of St Matthew with St Chad, Smethwick, invite us to pray,

Lord, we thank you for showing us the sign that you are present and at work amongst us. Bless our parishes and all its people. Amen

MON 9

Creator God, thank You for each time we gather as a church community, and for the opportunity to empower Your people to join Your mission, right where You've placed them. In workshops, coffee shops, sitting rooms, boardrooms, hospitals, streets and schools. Guide us to reflect Your love and to live out Your purpose wherever we are. Amen

TUE 10

Heavenly Father, bless those You are calling to join us in CofE Birmingham, especially in our vacant parishes. We pray daily for Your wisdom, discernment and blessing as we seek Your divine plan. Amen

WED 11

The Environmental team invites us to pray, God, we thank you for 35 students from City University who are today due to visit churches and other faith buildings to learn how they can support communities as environmental conditions change. Amen

THU 12

Holy God, we pray you would give us great love for our city and region, and we seek Your divine protection over our neighbourhoods. Surround our homes with Your angels, grant peace in our hearts, and foster unity among our neighbours. Amen

FRI 13

Heavenly Father, many lands are torn apart by violence, unrest and fear. We seek Your peace to fill those places where disorder seems to dominate. Send Your Spirit into troubled regions, soothing anxious minds and quieting hostile actions. Shield the innocent, bring comfort to those who mourn, and guide every dispute toward Your divine resolution. May the nations be illuminated by Your light and be inspired by Your truth. Amen

SAT 14

Lord God, thank You for our church leaders, readers, church wardens, cleaners, volunteers, and everyone who serves our churches. Please give them strength, wisdom, and servant hearts to guide us and share Your Word. Help us grow closer to You and serve our community with love, compassion, and unity. Amen

SUN 15

Loving God, we thank you Lord for your miracles of healing, and we pray for all who care for the sick. We bring before you, in a moment of quietness, those we know or love, who are ill or in special need at this time. Amen





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MON 16

The Bishops' Prayer Network begins its seven-day call to prayer, as we lead up to Lent.

Lord, we give thanks for all our members, may this network cover CofE Birmingham in prayer and be a catalyst for stirring up a greater culture of prayer among us. Amen

TUE 17

Shrove Tuesday,

God of abundance and new beginnings, as we prepare for the discipline and reflection of the next forty days, guide us to use this time wisely. Help us to turn our hearts to You, to be more attentive to the needs of the poor, and to serve others with deeper love and freedom. Amen



WED 18

Ash Wednesday (first day of Lent),

Heavenly Father, as Lent begins, we ask for Your grace to help us reflect deeply, pray sincerely, and honestly examine ourselves. Guide us to turn away from distractions and toward You, to see our shortcomings with mercy, and to grow in love and discipline through fasting and giving. May we return to Your presence with a renewed heart, drawing closer to the person You created us to be. Through Jesus Christ, Amen

THU 19

John Nightingale invites us to pray,

Yesterday was the start of both Lent and Ramadan, when Christians and Muslims are called to study, pray, fast and give to charity.

Lord, this year, may we respect the natural world you have made, our common home, and live more simply that others may simply live. Amen

FRI 20

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our CofE Birmingham schools, our teachers, pupils and their families. As they gather together for morning assembly, may Your Holy Spirit inspire, guide and teach them in everything they do. Thank you that you promise to be with us all, always. Amen

SAT 21

We pray with the cohort from across Church of England Birmingham gathering today to complete the main Growing Gifts programme, and look forward to new steps in ministry.

We thank you Lord for our CofE Birmingham Growing Gifts programmes and resources; Stepping Stones, Young Worship Leaders and Preachers and Growing as a Team, which support the church to respond to God's call to share in God's mission through recognising and celebrating the rich and varied gifting from God within the Church. Amen

SUN 22

Lord God, we thank you for our neighbours, our friends and for the people around us with whom we work and share our daily lives. We thank you, for all the joys and blessings of family life. Help us reach out to those who are lonely and isolated, show us all what we can do to help, and teach us to be good neighbours and true friends. Amen

MON 23

The people of St Matthew with St Chad, Smethwick, invite us to pray,

Dear Lord, we pray that we will fulfil the Your will in every place you send us. Help us to serve and love everyone we meet. Amen

TUE 24

Creative God, may our praise never cease in this Lent season. May our worship be unending. May our love for you find new depths. May this season bring new hope and new healing. May we journey toward the cross prayerfully and purposefully. Amen

WED 25

Heavenly Father,
We thank You for Flourish Birmingham, a pilot scheme to nurture new worshipping communities in Bentley Heath. Bless each session, that it may be well attended and bring benefit to the community. Guide all involved to find more ways to reach out and extend Your love into every corner of our neighbourhood, and inspire children to spread Your Word. Amen

THU 26

Lord, we ask for Your blessing upon everyone attending the CofE Birmingham Open Day at John Cadbury House today. May those from outside our region feel welcomed and inspired as they explore what it means to work in CofE Birmingham. Let this day be a reflection of Your love, unity, and purpose, encouraging all to see the beauty of serving You through our CofE Birmingham community. Amen

FRI 27

Heavenly Father, you are the source of all goodness, generosity and love. We thank you for opening the hearts of many to those who are fleeing for their lives. Help us now to open our arms in welcome, and reach out our hands in support. That the desperate may find new hope, and lives torn apart be restored. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, Amen

SAT 28

Loving God, we lift up the leaders of all nations to You today, asking for Your divine wisdom to guide their decisions. Grant them clarity, understanding, and integrity as they face complex challenges. Fill their hearts with compassion and a desire for justice, so their choices reflect Your will and bring positive change. Surround them with Your peace and strength. Amen

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