

# Prayer Focus

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## Monday 5th

Look back over the past 4 weeks. Thank God for the opportunities you have had to worship.

## Tuesday 6th

Thank God for someone who cares for you. Pray for someone you know who needs more care.

## Wednesday 7th

Who do you know who attends another church nearby? Could you get to know them better and understand more about their faith? Thank God for them and ask God to bless your relationship with them.

## Thursday 8th

Think back - when were you really grateful for an invitation received? Who could you help or support by inviting them to share something with you?

## Friday 9th

Pray for people who live nearby. Ask God to bless them. How can you be more friendly towards them? Why not invite them to join you for worship or at a social occasion at the church?

## Saturday 10th

Pray for the blessing of God's Spirit as you go about your daily tasks. What change to your pattern of life might enable God to have a more prominent part in who you are and what you do?

## **Sunday 11th**

Read Psalm 16 and reflect prayerfully on these words:

*'You show me the path of life.*

*In your presence there is fullness of joy;*

*in your right hand are pleasures for evermore'.*

## **Monday 12th**

Pray for the people of Lebanon (4 million) as they continue to host more than one million refugees from Syria.

## **Tuesday 13th**

Pray for our Toddler Groups which meet at Woodlands Timperley each week. Pray for those who lead and facilitate the groups, and for the parents, carers and children, that their time together may be enjoyable and enriching.

## **Wednesday 14th**

Pray for a relationship known to you in which there is friction and misunderstanding

## **Thursday 15th**

Pray for people you know who have recently been bereaved.

## **Friday 16th**

Pray for those who have been called to lead the church, as minister and elders. How can you support them more - by your prayers, your friendship and your actions?

## **Saturday 17th**

As we journey through Lent, approaching Holy Week, ask God to bless you through your daily devotions.

## **Sunday 18th**

Read Psalm 130 and reflect prayerfully on these words:

*'I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope'.*

## Monday 19th

For what or whom are you especially thankful today? Share your thanks with God and with others.

## Tuesday 20th

When have you failed recently - let down yourself or someone else? Pray about this situation, and accept God's forgiveness and the opportunity for a new beginning.

## Wednesday 21st

Our midweek communion service will be held at our Trinity Hale building tomorrow morning at 10am, with coffee from 9.30am. Pray that this may be an enriching time of worship and friendship for all who attend, and think of someone you could invite to share in this.

## Thursday 22nd

Northern College, in Rusholme, is one of the Resource Centres for Learning of the United Reformed Church. The college prepares candidates for ordained ministry and church related community work, and offers opportunities for learning to lay people. Pray for staff and students.

## Friday 23rd

Take a special interest in news reports about the people of Syria. Pray for them.

## Saturday 24th

Pray for all who will lead worship tomorrow. Pray, too, for those who will share in worship. May we all be open to the leading of the Spirit of God, as Jesus was led when he entered Jerusalem on a donkey.

## Sunday 25th      Palm Sunday

Read Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 and reflect prayerfully on these words:

*'O give thanks to The Lord, for he is good'.*

## Monday 26th

Read Psalm 36: 5-11 and reflect prayerfully on these words:

*'How precious is your steadfast love, O God,'*

## Tuesday 27th

Read Psalm 71: 1-14 and reflect prayerfully on these words:

*'My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.  
Do not cast me off in the time of old age;  
do not forsake me when my strength is spent.'*

## Wednesday 28th

Read Psalm 70 and reflect prayerfully on these words:

*'Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.'*

## Thursday 29th

Read Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19 and reflect prayerfully on these words:

*'What shall I return to The Lord for all his bounty to me?'*

## Friday 30th      Good Friday

Read Psalm 22 and reflect prayerfully on these words:

*'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? ...  
But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!'*

## Saturday 31st

Read Psalm 31: 1-4, 15-16 and reflect prayerfully on these words:

*'In you, O Lord, I seek refuge. ...  
Let your face shine upon your servant.'*

## Sunday 1st April      Easter Day

Read Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 and reflect prayerfully on these words:

*'O give thanks to The Lord, for he is good. ...  
I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord!'*

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