

PRAYER CARD FOR MARCH/APRIL 2024

*Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.*

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Our Father in heaven, thank you for your great love to us, your children. Thank you that with you beside us we are not consumed or overtaken by events. Help us to cling to you in times of desperation; help us even to thank and praise you that you are strengthening our faith and reliance on you. Thank you for your faithfulness to each one of us. Thank you that we can always trust you. We praise your wonderful name.

A prayer for the needs of the World

Dear Lord the World seems in such a mess: the war in Ukraine, fighting in the Middle East, the slaughter of Christians in the Sahel region of Africa, the violence against ethnic tribes in Myanmar; the hunger and disease wrought by natural disasters and climate change. We find it hard to find your love in the midst of all this. We beseech you to guide and direct the peacemakers and restrain the hand of the wicked. Uphold those who mourn the loss of loved ones, provide for the hungry and sick, and enable the many agencies who seek to bring relief to the many desperate situations.

Therefore, you kings, be wise;

be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear

and celebrate his rule with trembling.

Kiss his son, or he will be angry

and your way will lead to your destruction,

for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him. Psalm 2:10-12

A prayer for our Discipleship Network

Lord Jesus, we bring before you all the elements of the Discipleship Network in the Parish. We pray for the home groups: that individuals will be diligent in attending and reading and studying your word and applying it to their lives. We pray for Lectio Divina, the Music Group meetings, God's Girls mornings, men's curry evenings and men's Bible studies, the Parish Prayer Meeting. Lord, as we seek to follow and hear from you, we pray for the leading and guidance of your Holy Spirit in all that we do. Help each one of us to be faithful witnesses to you, drawing people into the church and into faith.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Words for reflection as we look forward to Easter

My song is love unknown—

my Savior's love to me;

love to the loveless shown,

that they might lovely be.

Oh, who am I, that for my sake

my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Here might I stay and sing—

no story so divine!

Never was love, dear King,

never was grief like Thine.

This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise

I all my days could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman