

LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 20 MARCH

'Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, I will now arise,' says the Lord. 'I will protect them from those who malign them.' And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times. Psalm 12:5-6

Sun 20 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	Pray for the retired clergy that they may have health, strength and inspiration for the greater responsibilities which they bear at this time.
Mon 21 March	Pray for those families in food poverty in Wem, that their needs may be met by the Food Bank and Food Hub. May Wemians give generously.
Tues 22 March	Pray for the Lent group meeting this afternoon that the participants may grow together in the love and knowledge of God and one another.
Wed 23 March	Pray for God's care and protection over the schools of Wem, that Covid infection rates may decrease.
Thurs 24 March	Pray for the members of Wem Town Council that they may have wisdom and direction in all the projects and decisions which they undertake.
Fri 25 March	Pray for the leaders of the Youth Club, Scouts and Guides that they may provide a safe environment for social interaction and activities for young people.
Sat 26 March	Pray for Churches in Wem that they may work together in growing unity to proclaim the Gospel to the people of Wem and make new disciples.

Almighty God hear the prayers of your people for those with whom we share our lives and on whose work we depend. Be with those who mourn, the lonely, anxious, or distressed and grant your grace and strength to all whose work is essential or places them at risk. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask and our ignorance in asking; have compassion on our weakness and give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for all those affected by the coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.