

## LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 1 MAY

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. 1Peter 3:12

Sun 1 May Third Sunday of Easter	Pray for health, strength and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit for the retired clergy as they conduct the services today - also throughout the week.
Mon 2 May	Pray on this Bank Holiday for the people of Wem to engage in positive and safe activities and to be protected from those which are not.
Tues 3 May	Pray for those families struggling with food poverty that they may be well supplied by the Food Bank, Wem Food Hub and other community assistance.
Wed 4 May	Pray for the Churches in Wem, for greater unity and working together.
Thurs 5 May	Pray God will guide the right person to apply for the post of Rector for the Benefice - someone who is close to God and at ease with children.
Fri 6 May	Pray for the Youth Club, Guides and Scouts that they may have positive opportunities for social interaction and fun. Pray for the leaders, that they may have wisdom and insight in caring for young people
Sat 7 May	Pray for a spiritual awakening among the people of Wem, that God's kingdom may come in this town.

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.