

## LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 17 MARCH

Jesus said, “ Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.” Matt. 16:24-25

Sunday 17 March Lent 5	Pray that our worship may be pleasing to God and refresh us for the week ahead.
Mon 18 March	Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub and all the volunteers who work for them, that they may know the Lord's blessing and strength.
Tues 19 March	Pray for the Lent lunch today and the Lent Course that it may be an opportunity for Church members to grow in love and understanding of one another.
Wed 20 March	Pray for the Lord's protection over the schools that the young people and teachers may be kept in good health and make good progress in their studies.
Thurs 21 March	Pray for the people of our area, that as Easter approaches, their thoughts may turn to the meaning and purpose of the death and resurrection of Jesus for themselves.
Fri 22 March	Pray for opportunities to talk about your faith in conversation with others. Pray that the Church may truly be the salt and light in our area.
Sat 23 March	Pray for the Lord's blessing on the Coffee Morning and Community Lunch in the Church Hall today. May they be times of good friendship and fellowship.

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.