

March 2025

SJB PRAYER DIARY



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St John's Prayer Diary

Prayer is fundamental to our faith and to the life of St John's. It has to be an essential part of our relationship with Jesus. In 2025, as we focus on going deeper with God, let's commit to praying regularly for our church, our community, and our world.

Each week, there will be a focus for each of these things, and we look forward with hope to seeing God answer our prayers.

To help guide us in our prayers for our world, every week countries will be featured in which Christians are the most persecuted or facing the most difficulty.

Please do join us to pray together at our monthly meetings: sjbchurch.co.uk/prayer

If you feel God say anything, or you have any good news stories to share, please get in touch: hello@sjbchurch.co.uk



week beginning 3 March

Our Church

On Saturday, those who have been attending Alpha have their 'Holy Spirit Away Day', a chance to encounter God after spending the previous weeks learning and discussing faith. Please pray that people meet with the Holy Spirit.

Our Community

Please pray for St John's Primary School as they have their Ash Wednesday services in church this week. They will be learning about repentance and coming back to God - pray that as they give their mistakes and guilt to God that they will feel His love and peace.

Our World

This week we pray for Ukraine, invaded by Russia in February 2022. 20% of the country is occupied by Russia, many areas under constant threat of bomb and drone attack.

- President Zolenski, and advisers.
- Those bereaved and families split
- Christian believers to be strengthened and vibrant in faith.
- A just outcome
- Those who have come to the UK



week beginning 10 March

Our Church

This week, we pray for the worship team as they lead sung worship in the life of the church. Please pray for them as they worship together and write songs together, that they will know and hear God more and more clearly. Please also pray for protection over them and their families.

Our Community

Please pray for parents and carers who bring their children to SatDads, MOLO, and Tiny Treasures. Pray that these sessions will be a blessing to them, and for opportunities for the teams to share the love of God with them.

Our World

Let's pray this week for the Holy Land; Israel, Gaza and the West Bank. Every person in this area is precious to God. 47,000 killed since Hamas attacks, many women and children, Gaza laid waste, millions displaced.

- The release of the hostages
- A fair and just outcome for the Palestinian people...a miracle but God works miracles!
- Those bringing aid and medical care.
- Peace in the region



week beginning 17 March

Our Church

Pray for us as a church to fall deeper in love with God, to know Him more clearly and follow Him more nearly, to allow Him to change our lives so that we can go out and love others, to call others into this beautiful relationship.

Our Community

This week we pray for those in our community who are searching for faith or 'something more.' Pray that God will open the eyes of their hearts, and for Him to lead us to those people, or bring them through our doors. Pray for more opportunity to share the Gospel.

Our World

We remember this week areas torn apart by civil war, often made worse by famine, and corruption. Eg, Yemen, Myanmar, Somalia, Nigeria

- The poorest, always the worst affected
- those displaced
- peacekeeping forces
- negotiators for peace



week beginning 24 March

Our Church

Praise God for the answers to prayer BeLoved has seen and the families they have connected with already through the parent groups. Please pray for God's way to be clear as they seek the next steps across all the activities we have been involved in, particularly as they head towards Easter.

Our Community

We praise God for the wonderful relationship we have with Little John's Preschool, which uses the Parish Centre during the week. Pray God's blessing upon the staff, and the families and children there. Pray for provision for any families who need it.

Our World

This week we praise God for areas where the church is growing: Latin America, parts of Africa, South East Asia..... More Lord, and may it be here too!

- Continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- Effective discipleship for new pastors and converts
- Protection from Enemy attacks



week beginning 31 March

Our Church

This week we pray for our Compassion ministry, who do so much to serve families in need. Pray God's blessing upon the team, and that they will have enough resources in volunteers and time. Pray also for the families they are serving, that they will see clearly the love of God.

Our Community

This week, we pray "Thy kingdom come!"

Pray this phrase everyday as an opening to your prayers for our community, and see what else the Spirit leads you to pray.

Our World

This week we focus on areas of famine in the world, through failed harvests due to deforestation, climate change, war. Main areas Somalia, Yemen, South Sudan, Ethiopia.

- Community projects to empower farmers to farm differently
- Feeding programmes for those starving, especially children
- Tear Fund's work with the above, especially with local churches