



## Mothers' Union Coventry Prayer Diary for April 2026

**Creator God**, we give you thanks and praise for the Spring. As the frost retreats and the days become longer, we feel that stirrings of life beneath the soil. Thank you for the joy of seeing the first bud, the return of the birds and their morning song and the gentle rain that awakens the sleeping world of nature.

**Reflection:** As the Lord renews the face of the earth, so he longs to renew our spirits. Father God, help us to shed the heavy coats of winter – the old habits, the anxieties that over shadow us, and the tiredness of soul. Just as the seeds break through the dark earth to find the light, give us the courage to push through our own challenges towards a new beginning and a brighter future, knowing that all things are possible with you.

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** – As we look towards the new life that Easter brings, we pray for all young people. Inspire them to value their education and empower them with the confidence to pursue their goals and achieve their full potential, just as Christ empowers us with new life.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Lord as we anticipate new beginnings this Easter, we pray for the Mothers' Union Worldwide especially in countries where women are not free. May they know the love, support and empowerment of the Mothers' Union giving them hope for the future.

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Lord Jesus, as we remember the sacrifice and hope given to us through the cross, we pray for single mothers and widows who sacrifice so much as they work to secure a safe stable home for their children.

**4<sup>th</sup>** – Thank you Lord, for your word that give us strength in times of trouble. As we await the dawn of Easter, help us find comfort and hope in the stories of faith in your word and in the lives of others who love you.

**5<sup>th</sup>** – Risen Lord Jesus, as we rejoice and celebrate the victory you won for us on the cross. Fill our hearts with love and deep gratitude, that propels us out of our churches and our comfort zones, to proclaim your love to the world.

**6<sup>th</sup>** – *“For I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink .....whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Mathew 25 v35,40.* It is estimated that around 700 millions people live without access to safe water. This causes diseases and death especially in babies and children. Pray for the protection from the dangers of dirty water, and for clean water to reach every community.

**7<sup>th</sup>** – Reflect on all the ways that you have used water today, such as drinking, cleaning, washing, cooking etc Give thanks that you have access to clean safe water. Pray that more people around the world would have what we take so much for granted.

**8<sup>th</sup>** – Today let us use *John 17 v23* to pray for unity in the church. May we be brought to complete unity with Christ and one another, that the world may know that God sent Jesus into the world to reveal this great love for us.

**9<sup>th</sup>** – We pray for the ongoing crisis in Ukraine, where the violent attacks from Russia has shattered millions of lives, leaving families homeless and traumatised. And we give thanks for the many UK people who have welcomed Ukrainian refugees into their homes and communities.

**10<sup>th</sup>** – Lord God, we lift to all those whose lives have been displaced and traumatised by the conflict in Ukraine. We cry out for peace and reconciliation so that families can be united and live in peace without fear again.

**11<sup>th</sup>** – Today we pray for the “Toilet Twinning Initiative” in countries like Nigeria, which helps families and communities build their own toilets. This keeps them safe from diseases, and protects vulnerable people from dangers of having to use remote areas as toilets. We pray for all those who have lost a loved one, or have been abused because they have not had a safe toilet.

**12<sup>th</sup>** – We pray for families in Nigeria living in small compounds, where 10 families have to share the same toilet, with no proper drainage and suffer greatly because of poor sanitary conditions.

**13<sup>th</sup>** – Let us take time today to Thank God for all the many blessings in our lives that we take so much for granted.

**14<sup>th</sup>** – *“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer”.* Roman 12 v12 Father God, you know that we sometimes find it hard to be joyful, particularly when there is so much pain in the world around us. Help us to hold onto hope when life feels hard, and to remain faithful in our prayers, knowing that you are the one who will never leave or forsake us.

**15<sup>th</sup>** – *“You are my refuge and my shield, I have put my hope in your word.”* Psalm 119 v114. Lord God, thank you for rescuing us from sin and death and bringing us safely into your kingdom. We pray for people in countries facing violent conflict and displacement, give them hope even when all seems hopeless and the joy of knowing that after this life, there is life eternal in your kingdom of peace.

**16<sup>th</sup>** – *“I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and earth.”* Psalm 121 v 1-2. Thank you Lord, that you hear every cry of our heart, and that there is no prayer or petition that is too small or insignificant for you to hear.

**17<sup>th</sup>** – Father God, we pray for all those who feel they have wasted precious time or made mistakes they bitterly regret. Remind them that with you there is always hope for a new beginning. Help them to believe for a better future, and to use the knowledge and experiences they have to help others. Thank you Lord that you use broken people to help broken people.

**18<sup>th</sup>** – Lord Jesus, as we contemplate the healing power of the resurrection, we pray for all who have experienced difficult and traumatic childhoods. Heal their past hurts and comfort them with your peace.

**19<sup>th</sup>** – Merciful God, we pray for family caregivers, especially children and young adults, many of whom suffer isolation from their peers, and a poor education. May they not go unnoticed, grant them all the support they need.

**20<sup>th</sup>** – *“Establish thou the work of our hands.”* Psalm 90 v17. We pray for men who are struggling to find work and a sense of purpose. Open doors for them to find fulfilling jobs so that they can provide for their families.

**21<sup>st</sup>** – Lord we pray for women who are the sole providers for their families, as well as trying to raise their children well. Bless their work and give them all the support and strength they need to continue.

**22<sup>nd</sup>** – *“There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.”* Prov 23 v18. Father God, thank you that your hope, through your son Jesus, is for each one of us. Thank you for being with us always and please restore our hope in areas where we feel hopeless.

**23<sup>rd</sup>** – *“Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice.”* Phil 4 v4. Think of just 3 things that you can rejoice over and thank God for today.

**24<sup>th</sup>** – Take a moment of quiet. Ask God to bring to mind a country where Christians are persecuted for their faith. Ask God to show you how to pray for his people.

**25<sup>th</sup>** – Loving Lord, you say “Draw near to me and I will draw near to you.” We thank you, Lord of Life, that you are in touch with every one of us. We may not see you, but you see us and know us, and the evidence of your loving care is all around us.

**26<sup>th</sup>** – Remember with gratitude all those who have blessed and enriched our lives, let us ask the Lord to help us to do the same for others.

**27<sup>th</sup>** – *“So I say to you, ask and it shall be given, search and you will find, knock and the door will be opened.” Luke 11 v9* Remember and give thanks for all the volunteer support groups who spend time and energy working alongside older people (especially with dementia) to improve their quality of life.

**28<sup>th</sup>** – *“In everything you do, do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” Mat 7 v12.* Pray for all those who are responsible for making important decisions, for politicians at local and national level, that they may act justly and with integrity.

**29<sup>th</sup>** – Lord help me to live this day quietly, to lean upon your strength trustfully. To wait for the unfolding of your will patiently. To meet others peacefully. To face tomorrow confidently. A prayer of St Francis.

**30<sup>th</sup>** – Lord Jesus, you commissioned your church in love to preach the Gospel to everyone. Please help us to be courageous, wise and gracious with the opportunities you give us to share your word and our faith, through personal conversations with all we share our lives with.

