

MU Prayer Diary March 2026

1st March St David's Day We thank you for St David's example of living in a simple way, spending time in prayer. Amid all the distractions of modern life, help us to make space each day to pray and listen to our Father God.

2nd – 4th March Give wisdom, strength and protection to Bishop Sophie as she leads the diocese, and to the clergy and all who have roles of leadership in the diocese. May they be blessed with times of refreshment and a close walk with you.

5th – 7th March We pray for those who have leadership roles in the Mothers Union nationally, and especially our leaders locally - Karen Morris, the trustees, branch leaders and those who help in other ways. May they find blessing and satisfaction in the work they do.

8th March We give thanks to God for those we know through Mother's Union. May we encourage one another in our faith, and may we be a support to one another through the difficult times of life.

9th March Commonwealth Day We ask your blessing on the nations of the Commonwealth and pray that they may work together to address issues of conflict, food security and the environment, to bring peace and stability to their peoples.

10th - 12th March Let us pray for our families, and families known to us among our neighbours and at church. We pray for grace and wisdom for parents as they navigate the challenges of parenthood. We lift to you Coffee Tots and other family events which Mother's Union supports, may these be times of wholesome conversations and joy. We ask that those who do not yet know Jesus as saviour may draw closer to him.

13th – 14th March We pray for family members who have become angry with one another and estranged, or who have addictions that make it difficult to sustain relationships. Almighty God, we ask that there may be healing in these relationships and that family life can be restored.

15th March Mothering Sunday Loving God, Thank you for mothers and children and for all the joys and sorrows of family life. May you bless those who rejoice today, and comfort those who are feeling sadness because of loss, or because they are apart from those they love.

16th March We give thanks for the Mother's Union over the last 150 years and pray for those who are organising services and events to joyfully celebrate this in the diocese. For the future, may you continue to guide and bless our demonstration of faith through action.

17th March St Patrick's Day A prayer for the faithful (attributed to St Patrick) May the Strength of God guide us. May the Power of God preserve us. May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us. May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us. May the Angels of God guard us against the snares of the evil one. May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! May Christ be in us. Christ be over all! May Thy Grace, Lord, always be ours, this day, and forevermore. Amen.

March 18th Virtual Trustee Meeting We thank you for our trustees and pray for your guidance and wisdom for them as they make decisions at this meeting. May you inspire them with ideas and encouraging conversations, help them to find a way through any difficulties as they seek to listen to you and do your will.

19th – 21st March Father God, we pray for those who are homeless in the diocese, whether living on the streets in hostels or hotels, that you will bring healing and calmness into their lives so that they can start to access sources of help in dealing with the complicated issues that they face. We pray that we may be sensitive to the needs of homeless people in our area. We pray for all who offer support, especially social workers, and those who run hostels, may these organisations work well together.

22nd March As we see the spring flowers and blossoms around us may we pause to worship you as creator God.

23rd – 24th March The Installation Service of the Archbishop Designate Sarah Mullaly will take place on the 25th March. By tradition, Archbishop Sarah will begin her public ministry and preach her first sermon as Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray that all the preparations for the service will be in place and that it will be a joyful occasion. As she takes up the full responsibility of her role, may you fill her with wisdom and compassion in her ministry across the world-wide Anglican community.

March 25th Lady Day (Feast of the Annunciation) Gabriel visits Mary. 'The angel went to her and said 'Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' Luke Ch. 1 v 28. Lord, forgive us when we go our own way and do not listen to you. May we, like Mary, have an attitude of obedience to your will in our daily lives.

26 – 28th March We pray for children and families over the Easter holidays, for good relationships and loving times together, remembering especially families who are facing difficult circumstances at present.

29th- 31st March Start of Holy Week Palm Sunday. Clocks go forward - British Summer Time begins. We remember with gratitude and humility our Saviour's journey to the cross, entering Jerusalem not as a conqueror, but gentle, riding on a donkey, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah.

Luke Ch 19 v.38 Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!