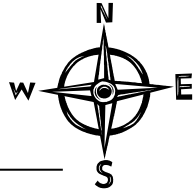


Prayer Points



There are some very significant dates in March!

March 1 - St David's Day - patron saint of Wales. Pray that, like David, we make our relationship with God central to our lives.

March 4 - Shrove Tuesday - Lord help us to prepare ourselves for the season of Lent.

March 5 - Ash Wednesday - Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May the ashes we wear remind us that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life through Christ.

March 7 - World Day of Prayer - pray today that the Lord will reveal to you how you can make a difference in the lives of those around you and the world.

March 8 - International Women's Day - pray today for women throughout the world who are building up their own communities. Give thanks for the Mother's Union which is working against gender-based violence.

March 17 - St Patrick's Day - the patron saint of Ireland. Give thanks that Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland and the shamrock as the symbol of the Holy Trinity.

March 20 - The First Day of Spring - Give thanks for the signs of Spring in our fields and gardens - for the newborn lambs; for the spring flowers and the first signs of green in our trees and hedgerows.

March 30 - Mothering Sunday

We pray for Mother Church throughout the world; that she may nurture and encourage us in the ways of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As a mother hen gathers her chicks to protect them, we give thanks that our Lord protects, supports and feeds us with his unconditional love. Give thanks for our own mothers; for all the love and care they gave us. We give thanks for the example of Mary, the mother of Jesus, who humbly accepted her mission in life.

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