



# Prayers & Thanksgiving for March & April

# We give thanks to the living God with thankful hearts:

As winter loosens its grip on the world and we start to sense the warmth of the sun's rays beginning to return, we give thanks that we can trust you in the areas of our lives where things are unfinished. We thank God for the gift of his peace in the waiting as we take one breath/day at a time. We thank God for patience when progress feels slow. **Jesus, thank you that you breathe a fresh, into our lives, at this moment and in this season, and inspire us. Amen.**



Through the sacred season of Lent, we pause with grateful hearts for the gift of these days - a gentle, holy invitation to prepare our hearts and lives for the joy and promise of Easter. In this reflective journey, may we draw closer to the living God; as we walk this path of prayer, fasting, and quiet reflection, teach us to recognise his presence in all that is around us. **During these days, Lord, meet each of us personally and tenderly. Guide us to find You in whatever way is right for us - in Scripture and silence, in acts of kindness, in saying sorry, in hope that flickers even in the shadows. Amen.**



During a time when events in the world may feel uncertain and precarious, we remind ourselves that God is always present and always at work, even when we cannot clearly see his purposes unfolding. We thank God that His kingdom is steadfast and eternal - never threatened by the powers of this world and never shaken by passing circumstances. As we learn to place our trust in Him, may we become people of hope, bearing witness to His light in dark places and living as signs of His kingdom here and now. **Jesus, thank you that we can trust you with all the 'challenges' of life; thank you that you walk with us even in the darkest times and places. Amen.**



This Mothering Sunday, we give thanks for mother figures and role models everywhere. We remember the influence they have on our lives and the examples they have given us. We think of those who have been like mothers to us through their dedication and care. We also give thanks for our Churches on this special Sunday, when we remember the Church as our mother, where we are able to glimpse something of the greatness of God's truth. **Jesus, thank you for mother figures and role models who inspire, guide and support us. Amen.**



Amidst the chocolate eggs, Easter rabbits and fun, we give thanks for the real Easter message of resurrection and new life through Christ Jesus. We give thanks that we are able to welcome friends and visitors into our churches over Easter to share the Christian message of hope and to build and strengthen bonds within our Christian family. **Jesus, reveal yourself to us all this Easter in deeper ways. Amen.**



We give thanks that our churches are part of Hereford Diocese, which this year celebrates its 1350th anniversary. We remember the 400+ churches - their history and roots; the faithful people who have been part of them; our Bishop and his team. And we look forward, with confidence, for what God will continue to do in our communities. **Jesus, thank you that you are the hope for our churches across all the years. Amen.**

