

Our Deanery Prayer:

Living God,  
who breathed into your disciples  
the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and so equipped them for the work of  
mission  
through love and service;  
Renew in our churches a vision of your  
kingdom  
where all things are made new,  
and justice and peace will reign;  
and grant us grace and strength to proclaim this  
good news,  
won for us through the love of our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

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Ross and Archenfield Deanery

Praying Together

Prayer Diary for 9th January 2022 to  
6th February 2022



*Revd Mark writes:*

Hello and thank you for using this daily resource to support your prayer life and the prayer life of the Deanery as you never pray alone.

The season of Epiphany can feel a bit of a let down! It is full of the post-Christmas slump, the weather is often not all that nice and, although we know the days are getting longer, the evening still fall early and the nights last a long time.

But Epiphany also hints at the future that is to come, the light of God shining in our world. For the light that came to dwell with us at Christmas is not gone away—though the focus may change, we are still bearers of the light of Christ, holders of the Grace of God in our lives and in the lives we touch.

So we continue, faithful in prayer and witness through the dark days of January as we look to the Presentation of Christ in the Temple and a recognition by Simeon and Anna of who Jesus is. This Jesus is our Jesus too.

With every blessing,

Mark

Revd Mark Johnson

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## Sunday 6th—Fourth Sunday before Lent

Scripture: Luke 5 verses 5—7

<sup>5</sup>Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

Collect: O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright:

grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: That the blessings of our God will overflow from our lives into the lives of those around us.

Across our Deanery: St. Andrew with St. Mary, How Caple. For those who live in the village and surrounding farms.

## Sunday 9th January Baptism of Christ

Scripture: Luke 3 verses 21-22

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

Collect: Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: All who are preparing for Baptism and for those who have become, or are about to become, God-parents.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Orcop and all who live in the village. For the village hall and the events that take place there.

## Monday 10th

Scripture: Psalm 31 14—16

<sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, O Lord;  
I say, ‘You are my God.’

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

For our Prayers: In our moments of doubt, O God, hold us in your hands that we faithfully proclaim “You are my God” as we face our uncertainties head on.

Across our Deanery: St. Denys, Pencoyd, St. Mary, Tretire and St. Michael and All Angels, Michaelchurch (closed). For all who live and farm in the area.

Tuesday 11th—Mary Slessor, Missionary d. 1915

Scripture: Isaiah 52 verses 7

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’

Collect: Everlasting God, whose servant Mary carried the good news of your Son to the people of Nigeria: grant that we who commemorate her service may know the hope of the gospel in our hearts and manifest its light in all our ways;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: All who work in Nigeria to bring about the development of the country, those who campaign against corruption, the people of Akpap Okoyong where Mary carried out her missionary work.

For our prayers: The people of Nigeria and those who live an upright Christian life in the face of pressures of the terrorist in the North or the corruption in the capital. For all who show Christ’s love in their daily lives.

Collect: O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that we, inspired by the devotion of your servant Gilbert of Sempringham, may serve you with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

For our prayers: All the monks and nuns who have gone before us and lead their lives in prayer and service to communities across the country.

Across our Deanery: St. Dubricius’, Hentland and St. Catharine’s, Hoarwithy. For the two villages and those who live there, for the local pub and shop in Hoarwithy.

Saturday 5th

Scripture: Psalm 33 verses 4—5

<sup>4</sup> For the word of the Lord is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.  
<sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

For our prayers: That we may witness to the goodness of our God this day in all that we do and say.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels’, Hope Mansell. For the people who live and work in the village.

Collect: God of grace and might, who sent your servant Anskar to spread the gospel to the Nordic peoples:  
raise up, we pray, in our generation messengers of your good news and heralds of your kingdom that the world may come to know the immeasurable riches of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: The Lutheran churches in Sweden and Denmark, the Porvoo Agreement and those who work for the mutual recognition of Lutheran and Anglican Orders and churches.

Across our Deanery: St. Giles', Goodrich and St. Margaret's, Welsh Bicknor. For the people of the villages, for Goodrich C of E School and for visitors to Goodrich Castle.

Friday 4th—Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order d. 1189

Scripture: Psalm 1 verses 1—3

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees

planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

Across our Deanery: St. Peter, Peterstow, for those who rely on the local shop and those who live in the village.

Wednesday 12th - Aelred of Hexham (Abbot of Rievaulx d. 1167)

Scripture: Ecclesiasticus 15 verses 4—6

<sup>4</sup>He will lean on Wisdom and not fall,  
and he will rely on her and not be put to shame.

<sup>5</sup>She will exalt him above his neighbours,  
and will open his mouth in the midst of the assembly.

<sup>6</sup>He will find gladness and a crown of rejoicing,  
and will inherit an everlasting name.

Collect: Almighty God, who endowed Aelred the abbot with the gift of Christian friendship and the wisdom to lead others in the way of holiness:

grant to your people that same spirit of mutual affection, so that, in loving one another, we may know the love of Christ and rejoice in the eternal possession of your supreme goodness;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: For our friends, those who listen to us when no one else will spare the time, for those who have and continue to guide us with their wisdom and love.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary, Ross-on-Wye, for all who live in the town and those moving into the new housing.

Thursday 13th Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith d.

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Scripture: 1 John 2 verses 24—25

<sup>24</sup>Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. <sup>25</sup>And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

Collect: Everlasting God, whose servant Hilary steadfastly confessed your Son Jesus Christ to be both human and divine:

grant us his gentle courtesy to bring to all the message of redemption in the incarnate Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: That we may be steadfast in our faith, resisting those who would lead us down an easier path. That we may not deviate to left or right but walk in the way of righteousness.

Across our Deanery: St. Tysilio, Sellack and for all who live in the village and farm the local area.

Friday 14th

Scripture: Psalm 31 verses 17—18

<sup>17</sup>Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD,  
for I call on you;

let the wicked be put to shame;  
let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.

<sup>18</sup>Let the lying lips be stilled  
that speak insolently against the righteous  
with pride and contempt.

For our prayers: The grace and power of our God will be with us this

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh:

grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: As we celebrate the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, may we have the faithfulness and persistence of Simeon and Anna to tell all those we meet about Jesus.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angel's, Garway. For those who worship there, those who live in Garway and those looking to the future of the church building.

Thursday 3rd - Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg and missionary to Denmark and Sweden d. 865

Scripture: Romans 10 verses 14—15

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

For our prayers: That our hearts may be filled with the joy of the Lord and the blessings of his grace this day.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary's, Foy. For the hamlet of Foy and for those who raft and canoe down the Wye past the church.

### Tuesday 1st February

Scripture: Psalm 33 verses 1—3

<sup>1</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

<sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

<sup>3</sup>Sing to him a new song;

play skilfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For our prayers: For the choirs and musicians who help us with our worship through the singing of hymns and psalms and that we may worship with songs and prayers all our days.

Across our Deanery: St. Swithin, Ganarew. For the people of the village and the care home next to the church.

### Wednesday 2nd Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

Scripture: Luke 2 verses 27—32

<sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

and all days, and that we may show God's love in what we do this day.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael, Sollers Hope and for those who live and work in the area.

### Saturday 15th

Scripture: Psalm 31 verses 19—20

<sup>19</sup>O how abundant is your goodness

that you have laid up for those who fear you,  
and accomplished for those who take refuge in you,  
in the sight of everyone!

<sup>20</sup>In the shelter of your presence you hide them

from human plots;  
you hold them safe under your shelter  
from contentious tongues.

For our prayers: Those who need to be sheltered under the wing of the Most High, those feeling vulnerable and fragile in the COVID-19 days.

Across our Deanery: St. Weonards, St. Weonards church and for the local shop, St. Weonards Primary School and the village.

### Sunday 16th Second Sunday of Epiphany

Scripture: John 2 verses 9 –11

<sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, <sup>10</sup>'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee,

and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Collect: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: All who need to receive the good news and the new wine of the Kingdom of God and for the generosity of God that is beyond all our expectations.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, The Lea and all who live and work in the village, The Lea C of E Primary school and all who teach and study there.

#### Monday 17th - Anthony of Egypt, Solitary and Abbot d. 356

Scripture: Philippians 3 7—9a

<sup>7</sup>Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him.

Collect: Most gracious God, who called your servant Antony to sell all that he had and to serve you in the solitude of the desert: by his example may we learn to deny ourselves and to love you before all things; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Sunday 30th Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Scripture: Ezekiel 43 verse 27 & 44 verse 4

The Lord said to Ezekiel: <sup>27</sup>‘When these days are over, then from the eighth day onward the priests shall offer upon the altar your burnt offerings and your offerings of well-being; and I will accept you, says the Lord GOD.’

<sup>4</sup>Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked, and lo! the glory of the Lord filled the temple of the Lord: and I fell upon my face.

Collect: God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness:

we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: That we may walk all our days in the light of the Lord God, and of his Son, Jesus the Christ.

Across our Deanery: St. Peter’s Dixton. For the PCC, those working to restore the church, for the local school and nursery.

#### Monday 31st

Scripture: Psalm 32 verses 10—11

<sup>10</sup> Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

<sup>11</sup> Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

because her radiance never ceases.

Collect: Eternal God, who enriched your Church with the learning and holiness of your servant Thomas Aquinas:

give to all who seek you a humble mind and a pure heart that they may know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth and the life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: That we may have wisdom and discernment as we journey in faith, that we may receive Jesus as the way, the truth and the life.

Across our Deanery: St. Bridget, Bridstow. For the village, Bridstow C of E Primary School and the village.

### Saturday 29th

Scripture: Psalm 32 verses 8—9

<sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.

For our prayers: For a time of quiet and reflection during this day that we may hear the call of God and know which way to go.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angel's, Dewsall and St. Mary Callow (closed). For those in the village of Callow and for those getting married at Dewsall Court and Dewsall Church.

For our prayers: Those who are called to live lives of prayer in solitary conditions and those who support them. All who are confined in prisons or are captives, that they may not lose hope in their darkness.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Upton Bishop, for those who live in the village, for the local pub and the village hall.

### Tuesday 18th

Scripture: Psalm 31 verses 21—22

<sup>21</sup> Blessed be the Lord,  
for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me  
when I was beset as a city under siege.

<sup>22</sup> I had said in my alarm,  
'I am driven far from your sight.'

But you heard my supplications  
when I cried out to you for help.

For our prayers: That our prayers may be answered as we call to our God this day, for those who feel that God is far from them today.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Walford and for all who live in the village, for the local shops and pubs and the local school.

### Wednesday 19th - Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester d. 1095

Scripture: Matthew 24 verses 45—46

<sup>45</sup>'Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? <sup>46</sup>Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives.'

Collect: Lord God, who raised up Wulfstan to be a bishop among your people and a leader of your Church: help us, after his example, to live simply, to work diligently and to make your kingdom known; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: That we may not be distracted by the finery of this world but always set our hearts on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary the Virgin, Welsh Newton and St. John the Baptist, Llanrothal and for all who live and work in the villages.

#### Thursday 20th

Scripture: Psalm 31 verses 23-24

<sup>23</sup> Love the Lord, all you his saints.

The Lord preserves the faithful,  
but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.

<sup>24</sup> Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
all you who wait for the Lord.

For our prayers: That we may have patience to wait up the Lord God, that we may find a time of quiet in this busy day to listen to his voice.

Across our Deanery: St. Lawrence, Weston –under- Penyard and all who live and work in the village.

Across our Deanery: All Saints, Bishopswood in the Wye Reaches Benefice and for its future.

#### Thursday 27th

Scripture: Psalm 32 verses 5—7

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

<sup>6</sup> Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.

<sup>7</sup> You are a hiding-place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

For our prayers: That we may hold back in confessing our sins to the Lord God and, so, receive his blessing this day.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Brampton Abbots.  
For the people in the village of Brampton Abbots and that the church of St, Michael become a vital part of village life

#### Friday 28th - Thomas Aquinas, Teacher of the Faith d. 1274

Scripture: Wisdom of Solomon 7 verses 9 –10

<sup>9</sup>Neither did I liken Wisdom to any priceless gem,  
because all gold is but a little sand in her sight,  
and silver will be accounted as clay before her.

<sup>10</sup>I loved her more than health and beauty,  
and I chose to have her rather than light,

Collect: Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:

grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: Our spiritual journey, with its highs, lows, blind alleys and missed turns! That the scales fall from our eyes that we may see Jesus in all his glory.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist Aston Ingham in the Ariconium Benefice, Church Officers and congregation.

Wednesday 26th Timothy and Titus, Companions of St. Paul

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2 verses 1-3

<sup>1</sup>You, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; <sup>2</sup>and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. <sup>3</sup>Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

Collect: Heavenly Father, who sent your apostle Paul to preach the gospel, and gave him Timothy and Titus to be his companions in faith:

grant that our fellowship in the Holy Spirit may bear witness to the name of Jesus, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: Those who accompany us our journey of faith, our family, friends and congregants, that they may receive the blessings of God this day.

Friday 21st - Agnes, Child Martyr in Rome, d 304

Scripture: Revelation 7 verses 13-14

<sup>13</sup>One of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' <sup>14</sup>I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Collect: Eternal God, shepherd of your sheep, whose child Agnes was strengthened to bear witness in her living and her dying to the true love of her redeemer:

grant us the power to understand, with all your saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love that surpasses knowledge, even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: Remembering those who have been martyred for their faith and that we may have the courage of our convictions as we go about our daily tasks.

Across our Deanery: St. Dubricius, Whitchurch and for those who live and work in the village, for Whitchurch House Care Home and the local school. The group friends of St. Dubricius who have died in recent months, the families, congregation and members of the local community who mourn their losses.

## Saturday 22nd

Scripture: Psalm 32 verses 1—2

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup> Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For our prayers: That we may be forgiven our failings, both the ones we recognise in ourselves and the ones that are hidden from our sight that others see.

Across our Deanery: St. James, Wyesham and for those who live in the village.

## Sunday 23rd Third Sunday of Epiphany

Scripture: Luke 4 verses 17 b—19

<sup>17b</sup> Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>‘to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: That we may be the bringers of good news to those on the edges of our society and communities, recognising that the love of God reaches to all people.

Across our Deanery: John Kyrle High School, Ross on Wye, for the Deputy and Assistant Heads, staff and pupils as they seek a new Head Teacher.

## Monday 24th

Scripture: Psalm 32 verses 3—4

<sup>3</sup> While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

For our prayers: Those in hospital or at home struggling with illness or disability, that they may not feel forgotten or second –class citizens and know that God loves them.

Across our Deanery: Ross Cottage Hospital, the staff and patients, those who visit on behalf of the local churches.

## Tuesday 25th—Conversion of St. Paul

Scripture: Acts 9 verses 17-18

<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized.