

ReSource Prayer Diary

Churches Alive in the Spirit
and Active in Mission

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<p>Wednesday 1st Please pray for all those suffering the effects of coronavirus Covid-19, and for those who are caring for them at home and in hospital.</p>	<p>Thursday 2nd Pray for the leaders of churches in the UK and across the world as they seek to serve their people and communities in the changed circumstances brought about by Covid-19</p>	<p>Friday 3rd Please pray for the Director as he works with staff and other colleagues to discern ReSource's ministry during these months when events are postponed</p>	<p>Saturday 4th Please pray for doctors, nurses and all those in the NHS who are caring for coronavirus sufferers, in difficult conditions, with a threat to their own health. Thank God for them.</p>	<p>Sunday 5th Pray on this Palm Sunday that this will be for each of us a deep and meaningful journey through Holy Week as we recall all that Jesus did for us and our salvation</p>
<p>Monday 6th Pray that God will give us the opportunity this Holy Week to watch with Jesus on his final journey to the cross, and to listen deeply to what the Spirit of the risen Jesus is saying to us</p>	<p>Tuesday 7th Pray for our Prime Minister and government in the heavy responsibility they have for leading the nation through troubled times. For God's wisdom and compassion</p>	<p>"I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust'"</p>	<p>Wednesday 8th For God to supply all our needs in Christ Jesus, and especially for all our financial needs to be met as we build for the future, while also having a reduced income during the current health crisis</p>	<p>Thursday 9th Pray that we will be filled with the same Holy Spirit who filled the Servant King, and be willing to stoop, as He stooped, and serve others with His generous love, when so many suffer around us</p>
<p>Friday 10th "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed"</p>	<p>Saturday 11th Pray that in the work of ReSource, and in all our lives, we will wait patiently on the Lord's timing, even when the future is uncertain. That we will wait with hope in our hearts</p>	<p>Sunday 12th Alleluia! Christ is risen! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!</p>	<p>Monday 13th Please pray for churches across our country, with doors locked for fear of the virus. Pray that the risen Jesus will step in to dispel fear and breathe hope</p>	<p>Tuesday 14th Pray for church leaders in these days after Easter, as they seek to serve their people in changed circumstances, and be bringers of a gospel of life and hope</p>
<p>Wednesday 15th Pray for Carolyn Dykes, with thanks, as she assists James Lazarus in various aspects of our development work, with thanks for her wisdom, skills and experience</p>	<p>Thursday 16th Please pray for ReSource Trustee and <i>ReSource Minister</i> Felicity Lawson, in her busy retirement ministry with us and at Scargill House, and re-publishing <i>Saints Alive!</i></p>	<p>Friday 17th Please pray for those who are isolated or self-isolating and who are especially lonely in the absence of family, friends, church family and regular activities</p>		<p>Saturday 18th Please pray for John Fell who has recently been appointed as a ReSource Trustee; with thanks for the wisdom, experience and financial acumen that he brings to us</p>
<p>Sunday 19th Please pray for companies working hard to provide the NHS with the equipment and materials needed to fight the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Monday 20th Pray for the elderly and chronically ill, who are most at risk of contracting coronavirus. Pray for those who care for the elderly.</p>	<p>Tuesday 21st Please hold the members of the Intercessors' Network in your prayers, and Esther McCafferty as she leads it, along with the Coordinators, Mike, Ann, Mandy and Judy</p>	<p>Wednesday 22nd Please pray for all Christians as we witness to Christ in word and deed in a time of national crisis and fragility. May people hear the song we sing.</p>	<p>Thursday 23rd Pray for children unable to return to school this term and for families spending long hours together. Pray for those teaching the children of key workers</p>
<p>"the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans"</p>	<p>Friday 24th Please pray today for our Patron, the Archbishop of York, and for the <i>ReSource Ministers</i> who he would have commissioned today at Bishophorpe</p>	<p>Saturday 25th Please pray for ReSource staff and consultants as they continue to do routine work to administer the charity, and also in projects that will serve the long term good of the ministry</p>	<p>Sunday 26th Please pray for church leaders who pray and yearn for deeper spiritual and missional life in the power of the Spirit, in difficult contexts where their ministry isn't welcomed</p>	<p>Monday 27th Please pray for all those who administer and lead funeral services and who care for the bereaved, that they will have the health, sensitivity and stamina to serve people well in difficult times</p>
<p>Tuesday 28th Pray today for the ReSource Trustees as they meet by conference call, and for +John Holbrook the chair. That God will guide them into His vision and will for RS</p>	<p>Wednesday 29th Please pray today for the ReSource Team as they have their weekly skype meeting; for good, supportive and caring relationships, & effective teamwork</p>	<p>Thursday 30th Please pray for a deep renewing work of God the Holy Spirit in little, local and ordinary churches in the UK throughout 2020</p>	<p>Christ Jesus who died, more than that, who was raised to life, is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us</p>	