

# **DIOCESE OF FALSE BAY**

## **PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS FOR THE PEOPLE AND PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE**

### **APRIL 2026**

#### **PRAYER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:**

Prepare in faith for the good things that are to come

#### **EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 1 – 4 APRIL**

- 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY/CHRISM MASS @ CATHEDRAL 9.30AM**
- 2 World Autism Awareness Day**
- 3 GOOD FRIDAY**

#### **WEDNESDAY 1 – WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

**PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, ELGIN: together with THE CHAPELRIES OF HOLY FAMILY, APPLETHWAITE; ST ANDREWS, FINE FARM; ST MARY OF BETHANY, GRAYMEAD AND THE OUTSTATIONS OF DE RUST, EIKENHOF and OUDEBRUG.**

Loving and gracious Lord, we give you thanks and praise for your provision, protection, and for keeping us in perfect peace through the season of Lent. Tune our hearts to your mission and passion as we journey through Holy week. Help us to be your hands, ears, and feet in our community. We give you thanks for the recent harvest, which helped our community to satisfy their physical needs. Grant that we may find new ways to nourish their spiritual needs.

We pray for Revd Rachell Hoogbaard and her family, together with Revd Jerry Gelant and his wife Patricia with their family as they are caring for the people in the Parish of Elgin. May they continue to minister with compassion and love. We pray for your blessing Lord on the work of the parish in the wider community. *Pray for The Diocese of Victoria Nyanza – The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **THURSDAY 2 – MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Lord God, whose blessed Son, our Saviour, gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spat upon: give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed. Give us strength, we pray, to walk faithfully with Jesus, even when the road we walk is rocky, even when the message of the cross seems like foolishness and when we feel betrayed. You, Lord, are always faithful, steady and sure. *Pray for The Diocese of Virgin Islands – The Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **FRIDAY 3 – GOOD FRIDAY**

**PARISH OF ST JAMES THE GREAT, WORCESTER WITH CHAPELRIES OF ST ANDREW'S, ST FRANCIS AND ST STEPHEN'S**

Lord we give thanks that you have guided and guarded over us to the beginning of the second quarter of this year. Lord God, we uphold before you our clergy Revd's Clive, Phillip, Hugh, Trevor, Ntombikazi, Esme and their families and we pray for your continued watch over them as they serve and lead us so selflessly. We also pray for our newly elected Church Wardens, Parish Councillors and Chapelry Councillors, bestow upon them your grace, wisdom and strength as they continue to lead us and fulfil the ministry that they have committed themselves to within the life of the Church. Thank you Lord for a good harvest season experienced by the farmers that provided much work for all farmworkers and the unemployed to sustain their families. We pray for peace among our communities where people are dying daily due to rival gangs fighting for territory. Keep safe our young people especially our learners as this violence is affecting their school activities.

Heavenly Father may your Holy Spirit be our guide and guard on this Lenten journey as we press on towards that Glorious Easter Morning. *Pray for The Diocese of Virginia – The Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **SATURDAY 4 – HOLY SATURDAY**

Lord, on this Holy Saturday, we rest in the silence of the tomb, acknowledging the great sacrifice of Good Friday while eagerly awaiting the joy of Easter Sunday. Help us to trust You in the darkness, to find peace in the waiting, and to hope in Your promise of new life. Calm our souls and prepare our hearts for the resurrection. Amen *Pray for The Diocese of Southern Virginia – The Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 5 – 11 APRIL**

- 5 **EASTER**
- 6 **FAMILY DAY**
- 7 World Health Day
- 8 *Schools open*
- 11 **ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AGM** +Stafford
- 11 Bernard Mizeki Cluster Leadership Election 2pm

### **SUNDAY 5 - EASTER**

Lord God, our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the glory of this Easter Day and for the opportunity to join together in worship this morning. We thank you for the hope you have given through Your resurrection. Fill our hearts with Your peace, our minds with Your truth, and our lives with Your love. May our lives declare the truth: He is risen! He is risen indeed!

*“The shroud is laid, the grave is free, a promise made for you and me.*

*With joyful hearts, the hymns we raise, to celebrate His glorious praise.”*

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem - La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **MONDAY 6 – MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

**PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, BREDASDORP incorporating CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BREDASDORP; ST MARY'S, STRUISBAAI; ST SAVIOUR'S, NAPIER; ST ANDREW'S, ARNISTON; ST JOHN'S, KLIPDALE and ST PETER'S, OUPLAAS.**

Loving and merciful God, on this day we remember the faithful witness of Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, who served You with humility and devotion. Inspire us in the Parish of All Saints Anglican Church Bredasdorp and all her Chapelries to follow his example of prayer, service, and faithfulness. We thank You for the gift of our retired priests, Revd. Christopher September, Revd. Yasmille Smythe and Revd. Lesley Joemat, for their continued guidance and loving assistance in our parish life. Bless also our Baptism, Confirmation, and Bible Class facilitators throughout the parish and all our Chapelries, that they may faithfully nurture your people in the knowledge and love of Christ. We give thanks for the stability and fellowship of our Malawian congregation. May they continue to grow in faith, unity, and joy. Lord, we also lift before you all families who have lost loved ones during these first months of 2026. Grant them comfort, hope, and the assurance of Your eternal presence. As we journey through this holy season of Lent, renew our hearts with repentance, humility, and compassion. We pray for all countries torn by war and injustice. Have mercy on those who suffer, protect the innocent, and soften the hearts of leaders who seek power rather than peace. Guide us, O Lord, that we may walk in your light and be instruments of Your peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Southern Virginia – The Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**TUESDAY 7 – TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK also** - Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide & World Health Day, recognised by the UN and WHO. May the resting places of all victims of Genocide be a constant reminder of our human duty - to love our fellow man, who is like us. To comfort and heal all who suffer in the aftermath of genocide so

that nation shall no longer lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn to make war any more. Lord, shelter the souls of the dead victims under your wings and let their resting place be a place of peace and honour. *Pray for The Diocese of West Virginia – The Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **WEDNESDAY 8 – WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

#### **PARISH OF ST ANDREW, HAWSTON**

Standing with our feet in the Lenten Season, we bring to Our Creator God for blessing, our Fishing Community with the fruits of the ocean, in order for church and household to blossom. We give thanks to our Triune God as our Parish Church is blessed with many stewardship projects; Sunday School, a generous donation of gifts from the Parish of Christ the Redeemer, Westridge Mitchell's Plain, Annual Beach Walk (in aid of the Diocesan Lenten Appeal) and Parish Bazaar on Easter Monday.

We bring before God our distinctive organisations, Youth, Marimbas, the Guild of the Sanctuary, Lay Ministers, Senior & Junior Liturgical Dancers, Youth Choir, AWF, CMS and Parish Council, as they contribute to strengthening of the spiritual, moral, social activity and Ubuntu Spirit.

In living out our theme for 2026 "Live Simply, so that others may simply live", we bring before God other ministries in our Parish, The Safe House, The Ability House and Care Centre, as they are taking care to those in need of health care.

We give thanks to God for 156 years of Anglican ministry in Hawston. May God bless our Parish, guard her parishioners and families, guide her leaders and give her peace, as we share in the joy of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our beloved Diocese. Amen *Pray for The Diocese of Wad Medani – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **THURSDAY 9 – THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Iran as also other parts of the world. We pray for an end to violence and warfare, for strength in these difficult times for those who seek comfort, peace, hope, guidance, and the endurance to face overwhelming obstacles, so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin. *Pray for The Diocese of Waiapu – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **FRIDAY 10 – FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

#### **PARISH OF ST PETER THE FISHERMAN, HERMANUS incorporating ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, MT PLEASANT and ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ZWELIHLE**

We give thanks to God for the commitment and dedication of the newly elected Parish Wardens, Garth Gardiner, Samantha Lukas and Fred Daniels, together with the Chapelwardens and Chapel Councillors for their willingness to serve the Church. Together with the team of clergy, Francois Lewis, our Rector, and his wife Eloise, Edwin Arrison and his wife Desiree, Isak Henek and his wife Yvonne, Lyndall Murray and her husband Andrew, and Joan Jones. We welcome Revd Liesl and her husband, Andre, who has joined the Parish as part of her formation as a Transitional Deacon. We give thanks to God for the ministry of Revds Edwin, Isak, Lyndall and Joan during the interregnum.

We give thanks to God for the steady growth in attendance in all chapels, especially during the Season of Lent. We are holding before God various retirement centres where services are being conducted to minister to the Anglicans and other Christians. We continue to hold before God the group of Malawians in our parish. We continue to pray for the various ministries in our chapels, Sunday School, The Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary, Confirmation, Youth, CMS, AWF, Liturgical Dancers, Youth Choir and Lay Ministers. Through their commitment and dedication, the Church will fulfil the mission of Jesus.

With compassionate hearts we remember all those who are sick at home or in hospital, the housebound, the residents of all retirement facilities in our Parish, that they may experience the loving care of carers and family members. We especially hold before God all those who are bereaved and are struggling to deal with the loss of a loved one. Holy Spirit of the Living God fall

afresh on them to comfort and strengthen them during this difficult time. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

## **SATURDAY 11 – SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

Precious Jesus, we place ourselves before you in quiet and peace on this Saturday. As we reflect upon your death and celebrate your resurrection, we thank you for your saving work. As you rested from your work, we pray that you lead us into a time of rest and peace. Help us to still the frenetic busyness of our souls and to be astonished by your saving love. *Pray for Te Pihopatanga o Te Waipounamu – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 12 – 18 APRIL**

- 12 Blue Downs Archdeaconry Clergy/Spouse Fell.
- 14 **DIOCESAN FINANCE BOARD 10AM**
- 16 Mountain Bay Archd. Chapter Ocean View 9am
- 18 **Churchwardens Forum<sup>1</sup> RURAL @ Robertson**
- 18 Anglican Women's Fellowship Branch Meetings
- 18 Bernard Mizeki Cluster Leadership Election 2pm
- 18 SocDev Life Skills Session
- 18 Post Ordination Training
- 18 Mitchell's Plain Archdeacon & Wardens @ S/fontein

## **SUNDAY 12 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Lord God, heavenly King, we praise you and thank you for the victory of your love over sin and death. As we continue to walk in the light of the resurrection, grant us the courage to live out the message of Easter each day. Deepen our faith in your Son Jesus Christ, especially during dark moments, and help us to be instruments of your peace in the world. May your Spirit renew us, filling our lives with the joy of your presence and strengthening us to love one another as you have loved us. We ask this through the Risen Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. *Pray for Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

## **MONDAY 13**

### **THE PARISH OF ST MATTHEW BELLA VISTA AND ST MARK HAMLET WITH ST LUKE PAARDEKLOOF**

Heavenly Father, as we submit these prayers, we ask You to give us a heart for prayer, that we might become a praying people. We ask you dear God to be at work in answering our prayers. Father God thank you for our church and all her people. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our church may be inspired by your desire to gather all your flock and to leave no one behind. Give us a Shepherd's heart in reaching out to the despairing and the desperate. We pray for all children and young people in our Parish and for all who work with them. Bless all our planned activities to enrich their lives, fill their hearts dear God with the assurance that they are wonderfully loved by you. We pray for those fulfilling important roles in the church especially for the newly elected Wardens and Councillors. Strengthen each one of them in their pursuit of being labourers in your vineyard.

Almighty God we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of the church and Parish in the management of work, prayer and sacrament; in teaching, learning together and pastoral care. We pray for all dedicated missionaries to spread your message of salvation; accepting Jesus as the Divine Shepherd who came to earth, revealed your heart and who was willing to offering up His life for us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Wandi – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

## **TUESDAY 14**

We pray for all who have been or will be baptised this Eastertide. Heavenly Father we ask your blessing on those who in baptism have received the seal of the new covenant and been made heirs of your heavenly kingdom, that through the prayers, teaching and example of those who love and care for them, they may grow up in the faith of Christ and the fellowship of his Church. *Pray for The Diocese of Wangaratta – The Anglican Church of Australia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

## **WEDNESDAY 15**

God, our Creator of heaven and earth, how blessed we are to be surrounded by the beauty of your creation. We lift our prayer of gratitude as we see the stars of heaven, and the beauty of the sunset. We are amazed by the seas and waterways and all that are in them. We are enchanted by the flowers and trees which are clothed by you. We are awed by all the animals you created. For the beauty of the earth, the mountains and valleys, the sun and the moon – we give you praise. *Pray for The Diocese of Wanglei – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

## **THURSDAY 16**

Dear Lord, thank you for allowing us to awake to yet another beautiful day. May this Thursday be filled with Your presence, Your victory, and Your peace. We declare that today we will walk in strength, stand in faith, rebuild what was broken, and overcome every challenge through Christ who strengthens us. *Pray for The Diocese of Wanyjok – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

## **FRIDAY 17**

### **PARISH OF ST ANDREW, CERES incorporating the CHAPELRIES OF ST PETER, ST JOHN, ST LAWRENCE, ACHTERTUIN AND OU STASIE.**

Gracious and loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We lift before You the Parish of St Andrew, with the Chapelries of St Peter, St John, St Lawrence, Achtertuin and Ou Stasie. We thank You for calling this community to be Your Body in this place, a people gathered by grace, sustained by Word and Sacrament, and sent into the world in love.

Lord Jesus Christ, as You called Andrew to follow You, so renew in us a deep and joyful discipleship. Strengthen the faithful of St Andrew's in their worship, deepen their fellowship, and make them courageous witnesses of Your Gospel in their towns and communities.

Bless St Peter with steadfast faith, St John with a spirit of love and truth, and St Lawrence with servant-hearted generosity. May the communities of Achtertuin and Ou Stasie know Your nearness in their daily lives, finding hope in times of struggle and thanksgiving in times of joy.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon the clergy and lay leaders. Grant wisdom to those who serve, faithfulness to those who teach, compassion to those who care for the vulnerable, and unity among all who labour in Your vineyard. Where there is weariness, bring renewal; where there is division, bring reconciliation; where there is uncertainty, bring holy vision.

May this parish, within our beautiful Diocese, be a light set upon a hill — proclaiming Christ crucified and risen, welcoming the stranger, nurturing the young, honouring the elderly, and serving the poor with humility and joy.

Keep us faithful in prayer, steadfast in hope, and abundant in love, until that day when all Your people are gathered into Your eternal kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Warri – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

## **SATURDAY 18**

Lord God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is far from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over victims and refugees from war, those who are separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost or run away from home. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be and help us to always show love and kindness to strangers and those in need. *Pray for The Diocese of Washington – The Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 19 – 25 APRIL**

- 19 **Confirmation:** St Michael & All Angels, Elgin
- 19 Anglican Women's Fellowship Corporate Service
- 19 St Mary Magdalene Guild Executive
- 19 Guild: Servants Sanct. Chapter/Medalling<sup>Portland</sup>
- 21 DIOCESAN TRUSTS BOARD 10AM**
- 23 Mountain Bay Archd. Council Muizenberg 7pm
- 23 SocDev GBV Session 1 – Mitchell's Plain
- 24 Helderberg Archdeaconry Clergy Fellowship
- 25 St Mary Magdalene Guild Council Zwelethemba
- 25 Bernard Mizeki Cluster Leadership Election 2pm
- 25 Diocesan Tutorial Day 9am
- 25 Churchwardens Forum<sup>2</sup> URBAN @ Blackheath**

**SUNDAY 19 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

We give thanks for the wonder of the world in which we live, for the earth and all that springs from it and for the mystery of life and growth. We pray that our gratitude may be shown by our care to conserve the powers of the soil, by our readiness to learn from scientific research, and by our concern for a fair distribution of the earth's resources. Pray for all to be confirmed today at St Michael & All Angels. *Pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**MONDAY 20**

Lord you teach us to love one another as you love us. Give grace to us, our families and friends, neighbours and our communities. We pray that in this coming week we may be able to make a difference, to offer a word of understanding or sympathy, a smile or a greeting to plant the love of Christ into a needful heart. Lord watch over our children, grandchildren and all sick children who are too little to understand what is happening to them. We ask for your blessing on all parents, teachers and carers, may they be blessed with patience and understanding. *Pray for The Diocese of Wau – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**TUESDAY 21 – Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury and Teacher of the Faith, 1109**

"O my God, You have bestowed on me all the good things I possess, Still I do not know You. I have not yet done that for which I was made. Teach me to seek You. Let me seek You in my desire. Let me desire You in my seeking. Let me find You by loving You. For I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but I believe in order to understand." *Saint Anselm of Canterbury*  
*Pray for The Diocese of Wellington – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 22**

Heavenly Father we thank you for our homes and families and the blessings of your Son who shared the life of an earthly home. Help us as families to love and serve you as we care for another's needs and enable us to make our homes worthy of your presence. We pray for those we know amongst our own families who have no Christian faith, Lord speak to their hearts that they may feel the need to know you in their lives. *Pray for The Diocese of Wernyol – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**THURSDAY 23 – George, Martyr, 4<sup>th</sup> century**

Lord, hear the prayers of those who praise your mighty power. As Saint George was ready to follow Christ in suffering and death, so may he be ready to help us in our weaknesses. Though we may feel weary and worn out, we know You are our strength. Renew our spirits and help us stand firm in faith, even when we feel weak. *Pray for The Diocese of Wiawso – The Church of the Province of West Africa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

## FRIDAY 24

### **PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, CALEDON, incorporating ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS MYDDLETON, ST THOMAS STANFORD, ST MARK'S GANSBAAI, ST ANDREW'S GREYTON, ST PAUL'S PAPIESVLEI, ST BARNABAS TESSELAARSDAL AND HOLY CROSS RIVIERSONDEREND**

We give thanks to God for his blessings and grace in the parish of Holy Trinity Caledon. We pray for each of the 8 congregations, Chapel Wardens and Parish Wardens. We pray for all Lay Ministers and server's guild members. We pray that more people will avail themselves for these ministries.

We pray for the Sunday School, youth groups and Confirmation groups. May our young people always be willing to serve and set the example for other young people. We hold all parishioners from Holy Trinity Caledon, St Andrew Greyton, St Barnabas Tesselaarsdal, Holy Cross Riviersonderend, St Mark Gansbaai, St Thomas Stanford, St Paul Papiesvlei, St Michael And All Angels Myddleton before you in prayer.

Almighty God strengthen the Mothers Union groups in Myddleton and Gansbaai and we pray that in other chapels we will also start Mothers Union groups.

We pray for the clergy in the parish, the Rector Revd. Patty Edwards and her family. We pray blessings on Revd Edward and Elizabeth Delpont and Revd Liesl and Andre Mouton and their families.

Lord, as we strive to portray your light to others may they experience hope and trust in you. Help us to always acknowledge that all people are worthy and loved by you. Lord. Give us the living water.

Amen. *Pray for The The Diocese of Willochra – The Anglican Church of Australia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

## **SATURDAY 25 – ST MARK, THE EVANGELIST also World Malaria Day, recognised by the UN and WHO**

O Glorious St. Mark, through the grace of God our Father, you became a great Evangelist, preaching the Good News of Christ. May you help us to know Him well, so that we may faithfully live our lives as followers of Christ.

Lord God, our most merciful Father, we humbly ask You to show mercy on all those who are suffering from malaria today. Restore the afflicted to full health, especially the children who are weak and afraid, and comfort those who have lost loved ones to this disease. *Pray for The Diocese of Winchester – The Church of England (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 26 – 30 APRIL**

- 26 CLGB Brigade Anniversary Service Belhar
- 26 Mitchell's Plain Clergy Family Fellowship Lentegeur
- 27 **FREEDOM DAY**
- 30 **DIOCESAN CHAPTER**
- 30 Mountain Bay Clergy Fellowship Simons Town

## **SUNDAY 26 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Gracious God, we gather in the warmth of your presence, trusting that you are our Good Shepherd, leading us beside still waters and restoring our souls. You know us by name, and you guide us through the darkest valleys. Open our hearts to hear your voice, that we might follow you in all things. On this Good Shepherd Sunday we remember the priests of the Diocese who have gone to their eternal rest. We pray for them and all our deceased relatives and friends.

*Pray for Easter The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

## **MONDAY 27**

### **PARISH OF ST PETER, BOTRIVER incorporating the Chapelries of ST MARY HOUWHOEK, ST AUGUSTINE VILLIERSDORP, and ST NICHOLAS KLEINMOND**

Father, we pray over every believer in our church and beyond. Let our church be a house of healing, full of grace and spiritual growth. Let our gatherings be filled with joy, authenticity, and powerful

worship. May we be known as a body of believers who love deeply, forgive quickly, and serve faithfully. Thank you Lord for our new Chapel Wardens and Councillors. We give thanks for Our Parish Wardens – Darren Booyesen, Franquin Malgas and Ilana Swart. Thank you for the leadership they've shown this past year. We pray for our incumbent – Fr. Patrick Domburg, Johanna and his children – Patrick, Pasquel and Chantal. Lord, we give thanks for our church organisations and volunteers, for by their work Your name is exalted. We give thanks for their dedication, for by offering their talents and gifts to serve, they tell of Your wonderful deeds. We thank them for welcoming at the doors, setting up, reading the Bible, leading in prayer, caring for children, and serving behind the scenes.

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen *Pray for The Diocese of Windward Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

## **TUESDAY 28**

We pray for all families. Each one is made up differently and faces the same challenges of family life in different ways. We pray especially for families known to us who are coping with poverty, racial hatred, illness, or tragedy. Show us where we can lend a sympathetic ear, speak a word of comfort or offer practical help and so show your love in action. *Pray for The Diocese of Wondurba – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

## **WEDNESDAY 29 – Catherine of Siena, 1380**

“Holy Spirit, come into my heart, by your power I journey to You, God, and grant me charity with fear. Protect me, o Christ, from every evil thought, warm me with Your sweet love, so that each burden seems light to me.” *Prayer of St Catherine of Siena*

“Be who God wants you to be and you will set the world on fire”.

*Pray for The Diocese of Worcester – The Church of England (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

## **THURSDAY 30**

Merciful God, look with compassion on the whole human family, remove the divisions and hatreds which separate us; reunite us in bonds of love, so that, in Your good time, all nations and races may serve you in justice, peace and harmony. *Pray for The Diocese of Wulu – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**The Archdeaconry of Mountain Bay to submit their prayers  
by 6 April 2026**

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