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### 23 March

In this season of Lent, as we walk in the way of the cross with Christ, may we hear his call to repentance and be willing to examine our own lives and turn away from sin.

### Sunday 24 March

Each year we are asked to consider prayerfully our personal stewardship of the gifts God has given us and this year it is focussed on our financial giving. Today is a special Gift Day for the refurbishment of the West Doors, the main entrance to our beautiful Church.

### 25 March

We remember with love all who are sick, housebound or grieving just now.

### 26 March

Please pray for the District Elders' Teams in which the District Elders provide each other with mutual support in the complex responsibilities they have in visiting our people.

### 27 March

We pray for girls and young women in countries whose future is blighted because of poverty or lack of basic needs, even shoes.

### 28 March

The threatened loss of our planet's insect life is a sobering thought in its effect on the eco systems on which our own lives rely. We pray for wisdom in redressing this very real concern.

### 29 March

This is the day on which we are supposed to leave the EU. We pray for our future.

### 30 March

We pray for CrossReach's Threshold Glasgow project providing support at home and day opportunities for adults with learning disabilities, and also for the possibility of our Mission and Outreach Team's starting a Prospects Worship Group here for people with learning disabilities.

### Sunday 31 March

On Mothering Sunday we remember with love our mothers who have cherished and taught us throughout our lives, and pray for those who have not experienced such care or have suffered abuse instead of love.



**It would be good if as many as possible could pray together at either 10:00 or 22:00 wherever you are.**

Two members of the Sunday Prayer Team are also available for 15 minutes in the Kirk after the Sunday services to pray in confidence with anyone who has a personal need for prayer.

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## St Michael's Parish Church, Linlithgow

### Prayers For March 2019

#### 1 March

On this World Day of Prayer we are all invited to join the celebration of worship and prayer prepared by Slovenian women and which will be shared by Christians all around the world.

#### 2 March

On the first Saturday of each month a group meets for breakfast and prays for the work of our Church. Please join them if you can or join them in quiet prayer if you cannot.

#### Sunday 3 March

Our Church is blessed in having people with many gifts and skills. We pray for our Session Clerk, Alan Miller, who is preaching today.

#### 4 March

We pray for the Knitting Group which meets today, giving thanks for the pleasure they have in each other's company and for the work they do.

### **5 March**

As we look ahead to the future of our Church, we pray that we may be prepared to leave behind past projects that are no longer relevant and be open to innovation and new ideas.

### **6 March**

Ash Wednesday reminds us that Easter is coming and that as we prepared for the joy of Christmas, we also need to prepare for the reminder of Christ's sacrifice and death for us before the joy again of the resurrection. May we use this time of Lent well.

### **7 March**

Two of our fellowship groups meet today, Thursday for Coffee and Chapters Book Club. We give thanks for these opportunities for people from within and outside the Church to meet and discuss their faith and have fellowship together.

### **8 March**

This weekend "Exiles" explores the story of how Jesus' family's exile chimes with the constant tragic reports of refugees today who are forced to flee their homes, work and homelands because of war, famine and other dangers. We give thanks for those whose inspiration this is.

### **9 March**

We pray for refugees everywhere, in shame as we so often fail to remember their suffering in our own comfort, and for openness to consider what contribution we might make to help.

### **Sunday 10 March**

Today, the First in Lent we also have a special congregational meeting to elect the Nominating Committee who will have the

responsibility of leading us to find a new Minister. We pray for wisdom in deciding who to nominate.

### **11 March**

We pray for all elected to the Nominating Committee yesterday as they start their task of finding a new Minister.

### **12 March**

During this time of vacancy, we pray for those with extra responsibilities – the Ministers, Thom and Colin, our Youth and Family Worker, Trish, and Session Clerk, Alan, and his Team. We pray for their support and for sufficient energy.

### **13 March**

The Special Commission on governance set up by the General Assembly to ensure that the Church's national structure is "fit for purpose to lead reform" now wants to hear from the Church's wider membership. We pray for a creative and realistic response.

### **14 March**

For our personal prayer during this time of much change in Church and country.

### **15 March**

This week Eurodiaconia, of which CrossReach is a member, holds its AGM in Edinburgh with the theme "Telling Truths – Changing Lives". Please pray for this event attended by colleagues from across Europe.

### **16 March**

We hear that in Aleppo there is only one Doctor for every 72,000 people. When we complain about the NHS, let us remember this and pray for the suffering people of Syria.

### **Sunday 17 March**

Jesus said "Come with me, by yourselves, to some lonely place where you can rest quietly and give yourselves wholly to prayer." As we move through Lent towards the Cross let us do so.

### **18 March**

In a world which sometimes seems to be falling apart, we pray for courage to talk to people around us about the healing love of Christ and the hope it brings.

### **19 March**

The Kirk Session faces many challenges in ensuring that all our Church's activities and organisations have enough people to sustain them. One issue is the "missing generations" creating concern about future leadership, linked with a reluctance of those who have served for many years being willing to move on. We pray for wisdom, and for new offers to serve where there is need.

### **20 March**

We pray for Christians who need to live their faith in secret because of family antagonism or external threats. We give thanks for their courage and pray that they may know that God loves and cares for them.

### **21 March**

This week, Earth Day will be noted in many countries raising awareness of threats to our planet's health. May we value and protect the complex ecosystem which creates the ideal conditions for life.

### **22 March**

Today is World Water Day reminding us of the many who do not have clean, running water on tap, suffer many diseases as a result. We pray for organisations such as