Monday 1st

St David's Day

'Be joyful and keep the faith. Do
those little things you have seen and
heard from me'.

The last words of St David to his monks.

Tuesday 2nd

Lord take me where You want me to go; Let me meet who You want me to meet; Tell me what You want me to say; and lead me always in your way.

Wednesday 3rd

Pray for your friends by name, thinking of their special needs. Teach me, Lord what it means to lay down my life for my friends.

Thursday 4th

Encouraging words from a favourite hymn, particularly relevant at this time:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide. Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Friday 5th

(formerly Women's) World Day of Prayer

Pray for all the countries around the world who gather today to use the words prepared by the women of Vanuatu, an island group in the South Pacific. Focus on Matthew 7 – living wisely and building on a firm foundation.

Saturday 6th

"We behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God." 2 Corinthians 1:12 (ESV) God grant me true wisdom to eliminate the non-essential and live in simplicity. Amen

Sunday 7th

We pray for the fellowship of the churches together and ask that we may feel the strength of our common bond in Christ. Thank you for your promise that you will build your Church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it.

Monday 8th

Lord, you have given us these days, these hours, this freedom, this world to be happy in with all its possibilities.

Tuesday 9th

In a church in the south of Ireland all the windows, except one, are stained glass. The one exception is clear glass giving a beautiful view. The inscription reads: 'The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows his handiwork'.

Psalm 19:1

Wednesday 10th

God help me to view my life as a pilgrimage, travelling light and nurturing my soul through life.

Amen.

Thursday 11th

Strengthen my heart for the journey, strong through Thy power may I be, Thou who are perfect in knowledge, grant a rich measure to me; cleanse my eyes that I see, strengthen my heart for the journey, I can do all things through thee.

Friday 12th

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give the living
water, thirsty one, stoop down and
drink, and live!' I came to Jesus, and
I drank of that life-giving stream; my
thirst was quenched, my soul
revived, and now I live in him.

Saturday 13th

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me, Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me. Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.

Sunday 14th

Mothering Sunday

Give thanks for your Mother Church,
for those who have welcomed,
nurtured, and cared for you along
your Christian journey.

Monday 15th

Lord, the help of the helpless,
The hope of those past hope,
The rescuer of the storm tossed, the
harbour of the voyagers, the healer
of the sick:

I ask you to be all these things for all people, for you know the needs of each one.

Tuesday 16th

Lord make me a good friend, ready to help, but not to interfere; loyal, but not uncritical, open rather than exclusive, dependable at all times.

Wednesday 17th

St Patrick's Day

May the Strength of God pilot us.

May the Power of God preserve us.

May the Wisdom of God instruct us.

May the Hand of God protect us.

Thursday 18th

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard each heart and mind, this day and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Philippians 4:7

Friday 19th

Lord Jesus, we pray for those who are lonely, people who are unable to get out, those entirely reliant on others. May they know the certainly of your love and security of your presence.

Saturday 20th

Lord, I have a mobile phone And I re-charge it every day. Remind me to reconnect in prayer And plug in to you each day.

Sunday 21st

Breath on me, Breathe of God, fill me with life anew, that as you love, so may I love, and do what you would do.

Monday 22nd

Lord God, we thank you that, through your son Jesus Christ, your light has come into the world, revealing our truth, your love and the gift of eternal life.

Tuesday 23rd

Father, we thank you for family life, for the routines, for laughter and conversation, arguments and agreements; for every glimpse of your love.

Wednesday 24th

Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:21.

Thursday 25th

Count your many blessings: Name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done. (Johnson Oatman)

Friday 26th

Forgive us Lord for wanting everything to be exciting or different; for accepting the routine of others without gratitude, and for sometimes leaving the least interesting roles for others to do.

Saturday 27th

Gracious God, you bless me beyond my imagining, love me beyond my dreaming, forgive me beyond my hoping. To you belong praise and

thanksgiving, honour and adoration, now and always.

Sunday 28th

Palm Sunday

As on the first Palm Sunday may our shout be 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest'.

Monday 29th

I will hold the Christ light for you in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

(from Brother Sister let me serve you)

Tuesday 30th

Trust the past to the mercy of God,
The present to his love,
The future to his providence.

Wednesday 31st

Lord God, we tremble to think that it was one of Jesus' own friends who betrayed him. One who sat by him, who broke bread with him.

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 even when we feel betrayed.

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PRAYER LINK

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When your day are filled with problems
And you don't know what to do
Life turns up surprises
When you least expect it to.

A chance word from a stranger A letter from a friend A glowing sky at sunset God's blessings never end.

Then to your weary heart there comes
A tiny little spark
Of hope, to bring you shining through
And lift you from the dark.

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