



**ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
LEICESTER

FORTNIGHT OF PRAYER

Monday 28 April - Sunday 11 May

FORTNIGHT OF PRAYER

During our fortnight of prayer, we will have six opportunities to gather for corporate prayer. Everyone is encouraged to engage with these times as much as they can. This booklet is to guide your daily personal prayer times. We will be using the Lord's Prayer to help shape our prayers.

**MONDAY 28 APRIL
7AM**

30 mins of prayer at SJB

**WEDNESDAY 30
APRIL**

*Day of Fasting, followed by worship
& prayer 7:30pm*

**SUNDAY 4 MAY
AFTER THE 11**

*Bring and Share, coming together at
the halfway point*

**SUNDAY 4 MAY
7PM**

*Global Focus on Zoom:
[sjbchurch.co.uk/prayer](https://www.sjbchurch.co.uk/prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 7 MAY
7:30PM**

Worship and Prayer

**SUNDAY 11 MAY
7:30PM**

Worship and Prayer

Fasting

Fasting is voluntarily giving up something to increase our focus on God. We are encouraging everyone to consider fasting on Wednesday 30 April - we would love you to join us if you feel able.

Here is some really helpful guidance:

https://www.24-7prayer.com/prayer_guide/try-fasting

Hearing from God

We believe that God speaks to His people and we want to hear what God is saying to us. We want to encourage a sense of listening to his voice, not only during the Week of Prayer. Please let us know what He has been saying to you by emailing office@sjbchurch.co.uk. It may seem like something small, it might seem insignificant, but we would love to hear about it.

MONDAY 28 APRIL

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

As we start our prayer fortnight, use today as a moment to focus on what it means to be part of the family of God. To thank our Father for revealing himself to us and for the hope we have in Him.

Worship: Praise God for the power of the Easter story and for all that Jesus accomplished.

Petition: Pray for five. We are encouraging everyone within SJB to be praying regularly for five people they know to come to God as their Father.

TUESDAY 29 APRIL

HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME

During this term we will be thinking about the Otherness of God, a phrase that reminds us that he is all together different to us. Today we are encouraging people to think about how majestic, powerful and Holy God is.

Worship: Use a song or Hymn to focus your attention on Him. Suggestions Holy Forever by Chis Tomlin or Holy, Holy, Holy ! Lord God Almighty

Prayer: Use today as a day to examine ourselves and to acknowledge our sinfulness, repenting and asking for Jesus' forgiveness.

WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL

THY KINGDOM COME

Today and tomorrow we are thinking about Gods Kingdom coming. Today will be focussing locally.

Worship: Focus on Jesus being the King of the Kingdom and all this means. Spend time thanking God for Jesus.

Petition: Pray for our local community that Jesus' Kingdom will come locally. Pray for opportunities to serve and to display His love.

THURDAY 1 MAY

THY KINGDOM COME

Today we continue to think about what it means for Gods Kingdom to come across the world.

Worship: Thank God for the beauty of His creation.

Petition: Pray for persecuted believers and for those who are seeking to share the Gospel among "unreached people" groups.

FRIDAY 2 MAY

THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN

Imagine a world where God's will is done, a place where His peace comes, and justice is seen. As we declare *Thy will be done*, that is what we are praying and hoping for.

Worship: Spend some time singing *Our Father* by Bethel or the hymn *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*.

Petition: Pray for world leaders, for justice, and for peace across the world. Pray for areas ravaged by war, famine, and drought.

SATURDAY 3 MAY

GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD

Jesus reminds His listeners that our heavenly Father even feeds the birds. As we pray today, we will be thinking about what it means for Our Father to supply our needs.

Worship: Thank God for His provision for us as a church and for each of us as individuals.

Petition: Pray for those who have individual needs within our church family.

SUNDAY 4 MAY

**PETITIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSION AND
THANKSGIVING BE MADE FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR KINGS
AND ALL THOSE IN AUTHORITY**

The Bible calls us to pray for those in authority or leadership over us. Today we will be thinking about local leadership. Jeremiah 29 reminds us to pray for the prosperity of our city.

Thanks: Thank God for those who are in leadership locally within the church, the Diocese, School and University leadership, the local MP's and the council.

Prayer: Pray for God to bless each of these people, to give them Godly wisdom, for them to exercise their leadership in a humble way and for God to bless our City.

MONDAY 5 MAY

GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD

We continue to think about how God provides for needs. Today we will be thinking about those who are struggling in our local community, here we are trusting in God's common grace. Common grace refers to God's general kindness and blessings bestowed upon all humankind, regardless of their spiritual state.

Worship: Praise God for his grace towards us and the whole of creation.

Petition: Pray for those who are served by our foodbank, for those trapped in poverty and for asylum seekers.

TUESDAY 6 MAY

FORGIVE US OUR SINS

Our greatest need is to know the forgiveness of God; guilt is a major problem for many in our society and one of the major ways in which Satan seeks to attack us is by reminding us of our sins and seeking to make us feel guilty.

Worship: Spend some time praising God for the power of the Cross and the empty tomb.

Prayer: Spend some time asking for God's forgiveness.

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY

AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US

We live in a fallen world where people cause us pain and at times it can feel hard to forgive people, this can cause relationship breakdown and ongoing hurt for ourselves. Today, we have a opportunity to forgive those who have sinned against us and experience release from the pain that we have experienced.

Worship: Again, spend some time praising God for the power of the Cross and the empty tomb.

Prayer: Think of those who you need to forgive, praying for them and forgiving them.

THURSDAY 8 MAY

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

It is extremely helpful to remember that Jesus is one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin, so we know temptation is not sinful.

Worship: Thank God that we have a Great High Priest who has been tempted in every way and empathises.

Prayer: Pray for God to strengthen us as we face temptation and to not give in to sin. Pray for our young people in particular as they seek to live in today's challenging world.

FRIDAY 9 MAY

BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

This phrase is very much linked to the previous “and lead us not into temptation,” and it is an acknowledgement that there is evil in the world and that we have an enemy called Satan. However, we also remind us ourselves that Jesus has overcome the world and is Lord of all.

Worship: Spend some time thanking Jesus for his victory over sin, death, and the evil one.

Petition: Pray for your five people that they would experience the power of the Gospel to deliver them from darkness to light.

SATURDAY 10 MAY

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY

This phrase is a declaration! We get to remind ourselves and declare to Our Father who He is. Today, spend time reminding yourself of truths about God and what that means for each of us.

Worship: Spend some time singing *Our Father* by Bethel or the hymn *Thine be the Glory*.

Petition: Pray for those who are physically unwell, for those who feel isolated and for those dealing with anxiety.

SUNDAY 11 MAY

PETITIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING BE MADE FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR KINGS AND ALL THOSE IN AUTHORITY

The Bible calls us to pray for those who in authority or leadership over us. Today we will be thinking about national leadership. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Thanks: Thank God for those who are in leadership nationally for bishops and archbishops, for MP's, for the Government, for the Prime Minister, and for the King.

Prayer: Pray for God to bless each of these people, to give them Godly wisdom, for them to exercise their leadership in a humble way, and for God to bless and heal our Nation.