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uniting to change society



Lent Prayer

Alltogether we are
the Evangelical Alliance





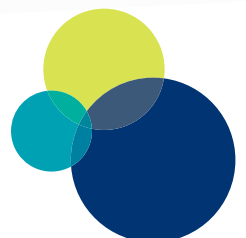
From the earliest days of the Christian faith, Lent has been a time for reflection and taking stock. I would like to encourage you to use Lent Prayer to help you spend more time with God. Our theme is Alltogether, praying for unity among Christians, and evangelicals in particular, to unite so that together we can change society.

I am delighted that the Alliance's partner organisations, the European Evangelical Alliance (EEA), the African and Caribbean Evangelical Alliance (ACEA) and Global Connections have contributed with us to put this guide together. With other contributions from the Alliance around the nations the result is a patchwork quilt of daily Bible readings, short reflections and prayer points for you to use!

Lent Prayer is also available in A4 format on our website, www.eauk.org Please feel free to download copies for your friends and church to use.

With every blessing,

*Rev Joel Edwards
General Director*



Weds 1 March <i>Deepening discipleship</i>	Thurs 2 March <i>Deepening discipleship</i>
<p>Evangelical Alliance Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus countered the devil's temptations with God's Word. Whatever confronts us as we work together in evangelism and social action, the Bible stands as our guide and defence.</p> <p>Give thanks: for Christians who act biblically in public despite the sacrifice and self-denial this may involve.</p> <p>Pray: that the Alliance and its partners demonstrate an integrated approach to mission, meeting people's spiritual and physical needs.</p>	<p>Evangelical Alliance Scotland 1 Peter 1:1-2 They often say evangelicals don't have a doctrine of the Church. Peter does: we're chosen, brought together; sent out, scattered – by God. We move in both every day.</p> <p>Pray: that Scottish churches will have a deepening dependence on all that Christ did for us on the cross.</p>
Fri 3 March <i>Working Alltogether</i>	Sat 4 March <i>Effective for Christ</i>
<p>Evangelical Alliance John 17:20-26 Jesus issues a call for unity between Christians. This was no Hollywood hype, but an evangelistic imperative, "To let the world know that you sent me" (v23).</p> <p>Give thanks: For those Christians impacting communities through working with others.</p> <p>Pray: That God will protect and develop their unity and the effectiveness of their ministries.</p>	<p>Evangelical Alliance Wales Heb 5:9 "...Once made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him..." Jesus fulfilled perfectly the purpose of his incarnation whilst still a young man, through His unswerving obedience to the Father. Please pray: for Evangelical Alliance Wales' New Generation Leaders Alltogether initiative with Ignite, Crusaders Cymru and Connect, that young people in Wales will be mentored into effective Christian living and leadership.</p>
Mon 6 March <i>Religious liberty</i>	Tues 7 March <i>Mission Agencies Partnership</i>
<p>Evangelical Alliance Micah 4:4 The Alliance is working hard on religious liberty issues, especially the Racial and Religious Hatred Bill and the Equality Bill. Many controversial aspects of the Equality Bill have been deferred to the Discrimination Law Review, potentially paving the way for legislation that will define the relationship between religion and state and religion and society.</p> <p>Please pray: that the Government will find a robust way of protecting reasonable public expression of religious belief.</p>	<p>Evangelical Alliance Northern Ireland Psalms 86:9 "All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord;..." Give thanks: for the mission agencies who work together through the Mission Agencies Partnership to promote opportunities to become involved in the mission mandate of the church. Pray: for MAP as it partners with Christian churches throughout Ireland, highlighting the challenge of world mission and informing of current projects and opportunities for involvement.</p>
Weds 8 March <i>Standing in the gap</i>	Thurs 9 March <i>Remembering Christians</i>
<p>Micah Challenge Isaiah 58:6-12 Micah Challenge is a worldwide campaign to deepen evangelical Christians' understanding and commitment to the poor and hold national governments to account for their promises to halve global poverty by 2015.</p> <p>Pray for: the UK campaign as it seeks to encourage the Church in the UK to help those who are marginalised and in need.</p>	<p>Global Connections Philippians 1:3 "I thank my God every time I remember you".</p> <p>Give thanks: for fellow Christians known to you worldwide as they seek to live out their faith where God has placed them.</p> <p>Pray: for any specific needs that you know they have and that God might continue to remind you to pray for them.</p>
Fri 10 March <i>Be bold</i>	Sat 11 March <i>More workers needed</i>
<p>Global Connections Philippians 1:5 "Because of your partnership in the Gospel".</p> <p>Give thanks: that the Church is growing around the world.</p> <p>Pray: for the worldwide Church and for ourselves, that we may have the courage to share our faith boldly in words and deeds.</p>	<p>Global Connections Philippians 1:6 "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion".</p> <p>Give thanks: that God will finish what he has started.</p> <p>Pray: that there will be more people willing both to go and share what they have discovered at home and abroad with those who still have not heard the Good News.</p>

<p>Mon 13 March <i>Comfort</i></p> <p>African & Caribbean Evangelical Alliance Isaiah 40:1 "Comfort, comfort my people,' says your God." Give thanks: that we can be comforted in difficult times and find strength in Him. Pray that: Christians around the world would engage in their communities and in wider society in ways that bring healing and wholeness.</p>	<p>Tues 14 March <i>Our unique God</i></p> <p>African & Caribbean Evangelical Alliance Isaiah 40:18 "To whom, then, can we compare God? What image might we find to resemble him?" Give thanks: that God is unique and that there is no other God like Him. Pray that: Christians everywhere would be confident in the uniqueness of God, and be unashamed to express that publicly.</p>
<p>Weds 15 March <i>Look up</i></p> <p>African & Caribbean Evangelical Alliance Isaiah 40:26 "Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out one after another, calling each by its name..." Thank God: that He is the creator and that He is interested in the detail of your life. Pray that: we would look up to God often to remember just how interested He is in us!</p>	<p>Thurs 16 March <i>Pray for all believers</i></p> <p>European Evangelical Alliance John 17:20 "I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message". Thank God: that there are millions of us around the world who believe in Jesus through the Apostles' message. Please pray: for another national Evangelical Alliance somewhere in Europe, today (see www.europeanea.org/members).</p>
<p>Fri 17 March <i>United witness</i></p> <p>European Evangelical Alliance John 17:21 "May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me". Give thanks: for believers in countries with very few churches of evangelical conviction. Pray: for effective united witness to Christ in countries as diverse as Greece, Italy, and Turkey.</p>	<p>Sat 18 March <i>Emerging leaders</i></p> <p>European Evangelical Alliance John 17:22 "I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one". Thank God: for the new European Evangelical Alliance Foundations Youth Course. Please pray: that it would contribute to effective and united testimony in an emerging generation of youth leaders across Europe.</p>
<p>Mon 20 March <i>Pray for Joel</i></p> <p>Evangelical Alliance Malachi 3:16 "Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard". Give thanks for the many transformational models, initiatives and churches working across the UK. Pray for the leaders of our denominations and Christian organisations; for their peace, protection and strength as they lead us, and increasing opportunity to work together across the streams.</p>	<p>Tues 21 March <i>Evangelism</i></p> <p>Evangelical Alliance Wales Matt 9:36 "When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were so harassed and helpless..." Jesus proclaimed salvation from sins and met felt human need. Surely we must also proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel? Pray for: the work of Gweini – Evangelical Alliance Wales working with CARE, Tearfund, Prospects, Cornerstone and St Michael's Churches to serve local churches with a vision to engage in social action.</p>
<p>Weds 22 March <i>Alltogether for a purpose</i></p> <p>Evangelical Alliance Acts 2:42-47 The early Church understood the importance of unity – devoted to the Lord, one another and the world around them. And the result? "The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved". Give thanks: for increasing unity amongst Christians and churches across the UK. Pray: that more will be saved as together we spread the Good News of the Gospel.</p>	<p>Thurs 23 March <i>Kingdom Come... more than words</i></p> <p>Evangelical Alliance Northern Ireland James 1:22 "Do not merely listen to the word... Do what it says" Give thanks: that many attended Kingdom Come – an assembly for Christian leaders across Ireland. Pray: that they will be inspired by what they have heard and will work to make what they have learnt a practical reality in their churches and local communities.</p>

<p>Fri 24 March <i>Practical support</i></p> <p>Micah Challenge Proverbs 14:31 God's family includes the poor and those in need. If we stand alongside and support our brothers and sisters we are honouring God. Ask God: to show you an opportunity today to show practical support to someone in need.</p>	<p>Sat 25 March <i>Embracing the call</i></p> <p>Evangelical Alliance Scotland 1 Peter 2:9-12 Our calling is clear, as Peter builds on Psalm 96:3: we're to declare the praises of God by life and word. Pray: that Scottish Christians will understand this daily calling at work, so our neighbours and colleagues are in no doubt about the character of the God who calls and cares for people.</p>
<p>Mon 27 March <i>Abortion & euthanasia</i></p> <p>Evangelical Alliance Psalm 139:13 The Alliance is a major supporter of Alive and Kicking, a campaign defending the unborn child. Lord Joffe's Assisted Dying Bill has entered Parliament. The Alliance is a member of Care Not Killing, bringing together a broad range of faith and secular organisations opposing the Bill. Give thanks: that abortion is on the political agenda. Pray: that the issues of abortion and euthanasia will be debated fairly and the Christians viewpoint will be heard.</p>	<p>Tues 28 March <i>Alliance Members</i></p> <p>Evangelical Alliance 1 Cor 12:12-31 We are all part of Christ's body and He has a unique role for each of us. Give thanks: for Alliance members playing their part in Christ's body around the UK. Pray: that the body will develop and grow in number as Christians and churches work together.</p>
<p>Weds 29 March <i>Success</i></p> <p>African & Caribbean Evangelical Alliance Nehemiah 2:20 "The God of Heaven will help us succeed". Thank God: that real success comes from knowing Him and His will. Pray for: the success of the diverse businesses and organisations run by Christians that they would make a positive impact for Christ in the marketplace.</p>	<p>Thurs 30 March <i>Responsibility</i></p> <p>African & Caribbean Evangelical Alliance Nehemiah 7:2 "I gave responsibility of governing Jerusalem to my brother...he was a faithful man who feared God more than most". Thank God: for all those who have been appointed to public appointments. Pray: that the Church would develop and support more Christians to take up significant roles in public life.</p>
<p>Fri 31 March <i>Succession</i></p> <p>African & Caribbean Evangelical Alliance Nehemiah 13:14 "Do not forget all that I have faithfully done". Thank God: for the heritage of good leaders and legacy of Christianity that we have. Pray that: we would be faithful stewards of our time, resources and opportunities, and leave a legacy for future generations to value.</p>	<p>Sat 1 April <i>Let the world know</i></p> <p>European Evangelical Alliance John 17:23 "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me". As part of the missions commitment of the 35 national Alliances in the European Evangelical Alliance, the EEA is seeking to help emerging churches in Central Asia to work together. Please pray: for the EA in Kazakhstan, the first Alliance in Central Asia.</p>
<p>Mon 3 April <i>Complete unity</i></p> <p>European Evangelical Alliance John 17:23 "May they be brought to complete unity". Give thanks: for the reconciliation potential of the fourth Hope for the Balkans Conference (22-25 June in Greece). Please pray: for funding, visas, and for major spiritual breakthroughs.</p>	<p>Tues 4 April <i>Impact in Europe</i></p> <p>European Evangelical Alliance John 17:25 "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you". Thank God: for the privilege that the EEA has of seeking to represent all of Europe's evangelicals in the Institutions of the European Union. Please pray: for the EEA Brussels Representative, working with others for transformational impact.</p>

<p>Weds 5 April <i>Love in Action</i></p> <p>Global Connections Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, thirsty and you gave me a drink, ...naked and you clothed me". Give thanks: that God is just and fair and is concerned about our well-being. Pray: for those who work to bring food, clothing and shelter to so many suffering the effects of natural disasters round the world, demonstrating the love and hope Christ brings.</p>	<p>Thurs 6 April <i>Praying for prisoners</i></p> <p>Global Connections Matthew 25: 36 "I was in prison and you visited me". Give thanks: For courses such as Alpha and Kairos which enable many to find salvation while in prison. Pray: For agencies and churches working amongst prisoners, in this country and elsewhere. Pray also for those under oppressive regimes who are in prison unjustly, or because of their faith.</p>
<p>Fri 7 April <i>Love your neighbour</i></p> <p>Global Connections Matthew 25:40 "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me". Give thanks: that salvation in Christ is for all – whether a Dalit in India, the child orphaned because of HIV/Aids, or the rich and powerful. Pray: that we will serve others in love and humility, especially those we don't naturally connect with. May we learn how to increasingly love our neighbours as ourselves, with the love that comes from God.</p>	<p>Sat 8 April <i>Making a difference</i></p> <p>Micah Challenge Micah 6:8 "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God". Ask God: for forgiveness for the times when you have not shown love and care to those who are vulnerable and ask Him to show you how you can make a difference to someone's life today.</p>
<p>Mon 10 April <i>Political situation</i></p> <p>Evangelical Alliance N. Ireland Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God". Give thanks: for those who consistently take steps towards peace in their own communities. Talks continue to seek a way forward to restore devolved Government in Northern Ireland. Pray: that those involved in the talks – both the Government and all local political parties – would seek a solution that benefits everyone.</p>	<p>Tues 11 April <i>International development</i></p> <p>Evangelical Alliance Matthew 25:40 The Alliance recently ran an event with the Government Department for International Development showcasing the work of its member organisations. Give Thanks: for the volume and quality of work undertaken by Alliance members working in international development. Pray: for those working in the areas of aid, international development, debt relief and fair trade. Pray for the political focus to shift towards greater public concern and Government action on these issues.</p>
<p>Weds 12 April <i>Faithful witness</i></p> <p>Evangelical Alliance Scotland 1 Peter 3:8–18 We're in this together, our corporate life underlining our personal witness. Christ's death is (v18) to bring us to God; our lives are to point others to Him. We do this by reverent, Christ-centred living, by grace-filled speaking. Pray: that this attractive, connected witness to Christ will grow during our preparations for this Easter.</p>	<p>Thurs 13 April <i>Building together</i></p> <p>Evangelical Alliance Wales Matt 10:7 "As you go preach this message 'the Kingdom of God is near'". We are called to evangelise, to seek first the Kingdom and his righteousness and to marvel as Jesus does what only He can do - build His Church. Please pray: for the Waleswide vision of inter-church co-operation in Wales to transition weaker churches and plant new ones where there is a need.</p>
<p>Fri 14 April <i>Love for all</i></p> <p>Evangelical Alliance John 13:34–35 John says that "God is love" (1 John 4:8) – so for Him to command us to love each other isn't to be taken lightly! Give thanks: that God's sacrificial love is for all. Pray: that Christians loving one another will lead to many lives being transformed through becoming Christ's disciples.</p>	<p>Sat 15 April <i>Easter</i></p> <p>Evangelical Alliance 1 Peter 1:3–9 Jesus' resurrection gives purpose and meaning to all we do as Christians, both individually and together with others. It confirms the coming of a new kingdom of perfect love, unity and joy. Give thanks: that even in death and despair God fulfils His promise; Good Friday is followed by Easter Day. Pray: that churches and communities that seem to be dying would experience renewal in the risen Christ.</p>