

## PRAYERS FOR APRIL 2024

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” ( 1 Peter 1 v 3 )*

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God Most High, whose eternal Word chose a dwelling amongst us, that we might live in your presence: Grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have given us, and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made flesh; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen (from the Methodist Worship book)

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### Prayers of thanksgiving

- The Good News of resurrection and redemption. **Jesus is alive!!**
  - Our family in Christ around the world
  - The glory of creation, the flowers and trees, the animals, fish, birds and insects, the sun and the stars, the clouds and the rain. God is good!!
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Light of life, giver of all good gifts, through your unfolding story, our stories unfold. In calling us to drink when we are thirsty you empower us for our task to heal the nations. Brighten each holy night by your star, that in the mornings we may meet you risen again. Amen ( Elizabeth Baxter )

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### Prayers of concern

- For all who are grieving, especially the family and friends of Michael, Joan’s son in law; Christina Mayers; Pearl Syddall; Rodney Hyde, friend of David A; Sergei Nebaduhin:
  - Continuing areas of conflict, slavery, abuse, famine, hardship and neglect.
  - All young people suffering on-line abuse and grooming
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There is no sorrow, Lord, too light to bring in prayer to Thee; nor is there any care too slight to wake Thy sympathy.

Thou who has trod the thorny road wilt share each small distress; the love which bore the greater load will not refuse the less. ( Jane Crewsdon MHB 237 v 1 & 2 )

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### Prayers for those known to us

Doris Williams, very unwell; Sandra C; Laura & Seth, daughter & grandson of Anne J; Andrea; Shirley; David R; Doreen & Phil; Mary & Roy; Sue; Raymond; Vic & Anne; Chris & son Edward; Chris H; Letitia; Dorothy; Bob; Rosalind; Fred & Val; Tom; Michael; Sam & Ricky; Kevin & Ruth; Alan: Carol & Alan; June; Ros; Elizabeth; Joan; Nick; Mitchell & family; Lucas; Maureen; Sheila; Margaret & Dave; Sharon & Fiona; Annie; Joanna; and all known to us personally

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Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth her song begin; the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend: For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end. ( John of Damascus 8<sup>th</sup> cent. MHB 208 v 3 )

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*“ Although you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy.” ( 1 Peter 1 v 8 )*