

March**Easter Preparation**

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Pour out your Holy Spirit, Lord, set us on fire, burn from us all that dims your light;

Kindle your flame in our lives that darkness may be driven back, and the whole world come to live in your light and unity, for you are the God in whom there is no darkness. To you be honour and praise for ever. Feed and nourish us that we may grow in the life of Christ; fill us with your Spirit that we may overflow with your love, and transform the world with you glory.

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Pray for all who at this season are receiving in baptism your Son's new life by water and Spirit. Dying with Christ, may they know the power and unity of his resurrection.

Pray for all whom you love, both near and far. May their eyes be opened to see the glory of the risen Lord.

Remember those who have died in the hope of resurrection. Unite us with them in God's undying love.

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- *In places of decision making and places of powerlessness;*
- *In places of wealth and places of poverty;*
- *In streets of plenty and in dark corners and alleyways;*
- *In our places of worship and where there is no faith;*
- *In our places of learning and in the depths of our ignorance;*
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Renew in us your gifts: the gold of our potential, the incense of our prayers and aspirations, the myrrh of healing for our pain; As we begin a New Year, pray that you will glorify our Faithful God:

- *In a world of change and hope,*
 - *of fear and adventure;*
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February**Lent**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ we pray that God will:

Govern and direct the church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it the unity that is your will; Give us boldness to preach the gospel in our lives; Inspire church ministers with knowledge and understanding as they proclaim your word; Give us grace to hear and receive your word and to bring forth the fruit of the spirit; Strengthen us to help and comfort those in need; Guide us to use the earth's resources wisely for everyone; Keep in safety the oppressed and everyone in danger; Inspire and heal the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

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