

Hornsea Prayers for March 2025

Introduction

Hello everyone, this is the seventh 'E-mail prayer time' which has been initiated by Christians Together in Hornsea. This month we will focus on some special celebratory and commemorative dates through March.

SOURCE: www.calendarr.com/united-kingdom/calendar-march-2025.

Week 1: Ash Wednesday 5th March

Matthew 6:16-18

And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

SUGGESTED PRAYER *(Source: www.crosswalk.com)*

Lord, Holy One, have mercy on us. We confess our sins to you. We have fallen short of your glory, and without your mercy and grace, we would be dust. We repent now. Lord, as we enter into this Lenten season, be near to us. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to feel the right conviction and repentance for our sins. Help us, by your Spirit, to have the strength to overcome the enemy.

Thank you, Lord, that Easter is coming! Death has no sting, no victory, because of Jesus! Glory and honour and praise to His name! Thank you for rescuing us. Help us keep both the weight and the joy of this season in our hearts, as we move through the next several weeks. Help us bear the good fruit of your Spirit.

Thank you that the ashes on our forehead do not symbolize our ultimate reality. From dust we might have been formed, but our bodies, our spirits, and ourselves await beautiful redemption and the restoration of all things. Help us long and look forward to that day, and let it come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.

You might also like to pray for some of the streets around Hornsea. Here is a list beginning with the letter 'T'. *(Source: www.hornsea.streetmapof.co.uk)*

Tansley Lane
The Birches
The Crescent

The Greenway
The Hollies
The Leys
The Mere

The Rise
Tranmere Park
Trinity Road

Week 2: Purim and World Consumer Rights Day

14th March – Purim is one of the most joyous holidays on the Jewish calendar. It's a time to remember the past anti-Semitic individuals who tried to exterminate the Jewish people and is tied into the Book of Esther (see chapter 9: 17-32).

1 John 4: 11-13 (NIV)

Dear friends, as God loved us, let us love one another. Although no one has seen God, when we love one another, God's presence is manifest, and His love becomes complete in us.

SUGGESTED PRAYER - *Written by Phil Chick*

Father, Bless us as we strive to find our way to true racial reconciliation.

Open our eyes to all that goes on around us that contribute to racial injustice.

Grant us the knowledge to understand all that we do, both personally and as a society, which prevents us from recognizing and defending the dignity of all of our brothers and sisters who are now feeling so much pain.

Grant us the grace to reflect on our own actions and inactions that contribute to this pain. And grant us the strength to take action to alleviate this pain and to end racial injustice in all its forms.

In your name we pray. Amen.

15th March – World Consumer Rights Day is dedicated to raising awareness about consumer rights and educating people about fair, ethical, and transparent business practices. The day also reminds us about the right to safety, choice, information, and fair treatment when purchasing something.

Leviticus 19:11 (NIV)

Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another.

PRAY – Spend some time praying for those who are 'preyed upon' by scammers and tricksters.

You might also like to pray for the people who live on the 'V' streets. There's only two!

Victoria Avenue

Victoria Gardens

(Source: www.hornsea.streetmapof.co.uk)

Week 3: St Patricks Day and Spring Equinox

17th March – St Patricks Day or the Feast Day of Saint Patrick, marks the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. St. Patrick was passionate about sharing Jesus with others.

Mark 16: 15 (NIV)

He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

SUGGESTED PRAYER – Source: <https://dailyprayers.com>

Father, I ask that you ignite a fire within me that cannot be quenched, that will consume me with zeal for your kingdom. Fill me with a deep and unwavering love for you and those who have yet to know you. Let your Holy Spirit flow through me, empowering me to boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in both words and actions.

Use me as an instrument of your grace, shining your light in the darkness and pointing others towards the path of salvation. May my life be a living testimony of your love and forgiveness.

Lord, plant your scriptures in my heart so that they well up in my mouth as I share Jesus with the lost. Grant me a heart that is continuously transformed by your truth so that I may reflect your character and love to those around me.

Thank you, Lord, for hearing my prayer. I trust in your faithfulness and the power of your Holy Spirit to work in and through me. May your name be glorified as I strive to fulfil the Great Commission and make disciples of all nations.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

20th March – Spring Equinox marks the beginning of spring and from this day forward the day is longer than the night.

Hosea 6: 3 (NIV)

Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.

PRAY – Thank God for the signs of spring you see around you. The longer days, the buds on the trees, the spring bulbs, lambs, and your neighbours (coming out of hibernation)!

Here are half the “W’s” of streets. (Source: www.hornsea.streetmapof.co.uk)

Wade Avenue

Westgate

Wellington Avenue (1)

Westholme Avenue

Westbourne Road (1)

Westwood Avenue

Week 4: Solar Eclipse and Mothering Sunday

29th March – Partial Solar Eclipse (09:56-12:14) around 30-40% of the Sun will be obscured at the maximum so you won't notice much difference in the light.

WARNING! NEVER LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN!

Psalm 19: 4b-6 (NIV)

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

SUGGESTED PRAYER (Source: <https://melanniesvobodasnd.org>)

Today, Loving Creator, you have blessed us with this astronomical event, a partial solar eclipse, when Brother Sun and Sister Moon play together in the sky, reminding us of the splendour of your finely tuned cosmos, and that we are part of something far bigger and greater than we can imagine. Emphasizing once again our oneness with each other, and calling our attention to the beauty and wonder of both light and darkness in our lives.

O Loving Creator God, how awesome is your name throughout the cosmos!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

as it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, world without end! Amen!

30th March – Mothering Sunday

Proverbs 31: 25-26 (NIV)

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

SUGGESTED PRAYER (Source: www.allwecan.org.uk)

Loving God, You nurture and care for all. Today, we give thanks for our mother churches where we were encouraged and developed on our faith journey.

We remember mothers who are not related by blood; for the ones who are grieving the loss of their mother; for the mothers, who parent on their own.

For those who long to mother but have not been able to have children.

For those estranged or separated from their children.

We thank you for the many people who walk alongside and support mothers.

May the help and skills those young mothers receive there be felt for generations to come. Gather us, Lord, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. Amen.

Here are the rest of the 'W' streets. (Source: www.hornsea.streetmapof.co.uk)

Whimbrel Avenue
Willow Drive

Willow Garth Cottages
Wilton Road and Wilton Terrace