

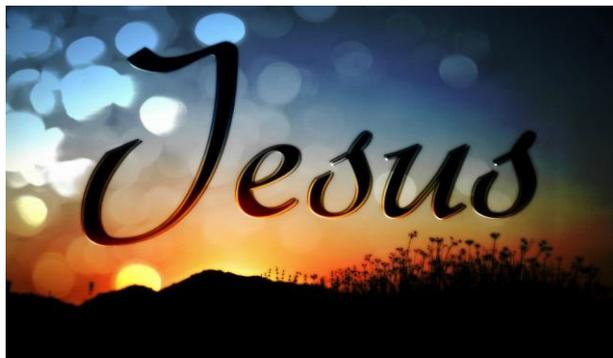
St. Mark's Prayer Calendar for January 2021

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus

Phil.3.13-14

Fri 1 *The Naming & Circumcision of Jesus*
After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luke 2.21



Sat 2
What better name to start the New Year off with. As the Queen said: "Jesus came to be the light of the world", may we walk in his light and dwell in his love and so know the fullness of his joy.

SUN 3 *2nd of Christmas*
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. *MP 550*
God our true Father, whom we can pray to with confidence and whose name is holy. May we receive His holy word and live by it.

Mon 4
This week we pray for all who live in **FARNBOROUGH CENTRAL**. Pray for the congregation at Our Lady Help of Christians as they await the arrival of their new Parish Priest.

Tue 5
Pray for all the new people that live within the old RAE area of Farnborough that they may find spiritual homes to belong to.

Wed 6 *The Epiphany*
The leading of the star brought people from afar to worship the Son of God. King Herod was denied that chance and turned to violence. May we be mindful of this streak in human nature and not follow it.

Thu 7
Give thanks for this New Year where our hopes are high for less restrictions and getting everything going again. Lord, your will be done.

Fri 8
Give thanks for all who worked hard over Christmas to provide meals to the elderly in their homes.

Sat 9
Pray for all who have had to isolate and found it a trial. Self sacrifice happens all the time, but this pandemic has brought it into focus. We have the perfect role model in Jesus.

SUN 10 *The Baptism of Christ*
Your Kingdom come. *MP550*
God's Kingdom is here without our help and God gives his Holy Spirit so we by his mercy may believe His word and live according to His will.

Mon 11
This week we pray for all who live in **AIRCRAFT ESPLANADE, MAITLAND ROAD, SHOE and FORGE LANES and WINE CLOSE**. Pray for Philippa Jones now post Barbara's funeral.

Tue 12
Pray for Reg and Felicity Milne and their family in their daily lives. Give thanks for technology to keep in touch with family.

Wed 13
Pray for children back at school that there may be as little disruption as possible to their learning.

- Thu 14
We give thanks for our parks and green spaces where we can exercise and get fresh air.
- Fri 15
Pray for all doctors and nurses and all healthcare staff where ever they work. Also for people working in social care.
- Sat 16
Pray for Molly Larby in and out of hospital. May she know God's peace in her heart.
- SUN 17** *2nd of Epiphany*
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. MP550
God's good and merciful will happens before we pray. Lord keep us safe dwelling in your word and sacrament.
- Mon 18
This week we pray for all who live in **QUEEN'S GATE**. Pray also for all at the Methodist Church and for their minister, Chris Blake.
- Tue 19
Pray for our government in these novel times of being out of the European Union, for everything that will be changing.
- Wed 20
Give thanks for the returning daylight. We need spiritual light and physical light to thrive.
- Thu 21
We give thanks for our refuse collectors who have kept working all through last year keeping life as normal as possible. Key workers indeed.
- Fri 22
Pray for people still working from home where they don't have the same interaction with their colleagues.
- Sat 23
Pray for the chaplain on the Wellesley Estate, for all her contacts and people supporting her.
- SUN 24** *3rd of Epiphany*
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. MP550
Only by God's great mercy can we be forgiven all the wrong we do every day, and in the same way be given strength to forgive others. The Lord so help us.
- Mon 25 *The Conversion of Paul*
May we follow in the footsteps of St. Paul in bearing witness to your truth, Lord.
- Tue 26
Pray this week for everyone who lives in **LYNCHFORD ROAD** and **LANE**. Pray for all at the Baptist Church and the Moderator who keeps them going while they have no pastor.
- Wed 27
Pray for Norman Wimms in his daily life, for a healthy and happy existence.
- Thu 28
Pray for all who work at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and all who support and keep the place going.
- Fri 29
We are heading for closure of Christmas with Candlemas, or the purification of Mary. We can learn so much from Simeon and Anna. Lord, give us grace, if we are blessed with years, to grow old gracefully.
- Sat 30
Pray for your nearest and dearest, whom you have probably seen more of this last year than ever before.
- SUN 31** *4th of Epiphany*
Lead us not into temptation MP550
Lord, you do not tempt anybody, but we are tempted by the devil, as was Jesus himself so we pray for God's help and protection.