

Coventry Prayer Diary for April

Easter Week – Thanks to God for Eastertime and the light and life that Jesus can bring into lives. Prayers that through ‘the lives we live’ as in Mary Sumner’s prayer we’ll share his light and life each day.

1 Easter Monday – Prayers for families at this holiday time - for a happy day for all!

‘April Fool’s Day’ reminds us we can ask God for ourselves and others for wisdom for the situations of daily living especially those tough times that come our way:

Proverbs 2 :4,6

‘And if you look for it as for silver

and search for it as for hidden treasure....,

The Lord gives wisdom;

from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.’

7 World Health Day - Prayers for our health professionals and those working to bring health and healing in difficult circumstances around the world

8 Around the start of the Summer Term – Prayers for our local schools – the staff, children and their families; especially the families finding it hard to ‘make ends meet’ and as schools seek to support.

10 For the many MU members who support community groups such as community coffee mornings and baby & toddlers that will be starting up again for the term

11 For each other as MU members around Coventry Diocese - our Diocesan Members and Val Brant their correspondent, any MU Friendship groups they may be part of, Indoor Members and the Branches who work so hard within church life to strengthen community and family life and fundraise; as they move into the summer season of activities and events.

12 For MU members working with their churches for the Rise Up Challenge against domestic abuse as they find ways to **Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray.**

15 Prayers for Paula Waters in her last few days of training and preparation for running London Marathon 2024 next Sunday for Mothers union's Local 'AFIA' and Central 'Literacy and Savings' Programmes.

That she'll be strengthened by MU's Social Media messages of encouragement.

Dear God,

We're excited for Paula and grateful that she's taken up the challenge as a way of helping women and their families.

Prayers for good preparation and safety and strength for the marathon day.

17 God's Blessing for our President Karen and each of the trustees as plans are made for summertime projects and gatherings

21 Paula running the London Marathon, those who will cheer along the sidelines willing Paula on and the advertising of the work of MU through the MU marathon banners.

23 St Georges Day – thinking of our country – we pray for our political leaders and local councils

24 We are thankful to God for the colours and beauty of springtime growth and another season of sowing and planting – we think of the many people who work to provide food for our tables from farmers to our shop workers.

For those who garden professionally and as a pastime with the need to work with climate change and adapt for growing in a sustainable way. That gardeners will produce enough to enjoy and also share with others.

25 St Marks Day - as Mark worked with The Apostle Paul to share the Christian message we pray for the leaders of our local churches

28 World Day for Safety and Health at Work – Prayers for women in their workplaces worldwide – often situations of vulnerability and unfairness and climate needs and for the MU projects enabling gender equality and increased participation of women in decision-making processes.

29 As we come to the end of the month lets be encouraged as we join with the MU members of Kapsabet - a link diocese in Kenya as they always love to say 'God is Good, all the time, and that is his nature – Wow!'

