

Hinckley United Reformed Church
Prayers for week beginning Monday 24th February 2025

Monday Feb. 24

3 years ago today, Russian military forces entered Ukraine. Pray for the victims of war on both sides. Pray for legitimate peace negotiations to resolve the conflict and deliver justice and security to these suffering people. Pray that men of power will first seek God rather than their own agenda. Lord, have mercy.

Tuesday Feb. 25

On this day in 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated Queen Elizabeth I from the Roman Catholic Church. Praise God for all that unites us in these days with our brothers and sisters in Christ across the denominations. Seek God's blessing on behalf of all ecumenical initiatives. 'There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ'. Gal.3.28

Wednesday Feb. 26

On this day in 2019, Cardinal George Pell was convicted of child sexual abuse in Melbourne, Australia. Pray for churches which are reeling from the disclosure of crimes committed by people in authority. Ask God to bring healing and justice to victims, to grant protection to all His children and to restore the honour of His Name.

Thursday Feb. 27

International Polar Bear Day. Polar bears are a 'sentinel' species for climate change. Their increasingly endangered status highlights the damage caused by global warming. Pray that we and other industrialised nations will become better stewards of God's creation. Pray that we will not desert those whose lives are already blighted by the destructive effects of climate change.

Friday Feb. 28

National Science Day in India. Praise God for advances in science and technology which have enriched our lives. We give thanks particularly for research and discoveries in medical diagnosis and treatment. We lift to God all those we know whose health depends on techniques which were unthinkable just a short time ago.

Saturday Mar. 1

St. David's Day. St. David was a 6th-century monk and bishop who played a significant role in spreading Christianity in Wales and is credited with performing miracles. The New Testament identifies all believers as 'saints', sanctified in Christ and called to be holy. Thank God that 'while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us'. God now sees us clothed in the righteousness of Christ. 'Search me, Lord, and know my heart'. Psalm 139:2,3

Sunday Mar. 2

World Teen Mental Wellness Day. Adolescents face physical, social and emotional changes that make them more vulnerable to mental health issues. Misuse of social media and the Internet can also pose risks. Pray for the teenagers in our families, church and community. Pray for parents and grandparents, for patience, understanding, wisdom and strength. Pray for adequate funding for youth psychiatric services and specialist provision in schools.