

SUNDAY 31 January 2016
Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You. So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, here I am to say You're my God. ... *SASB114*.

MONDAY 01 February 2016
Living God, from the unpromising material of our lives, fashion Your new creation; take what we can never change ourselves &, by Your grace, make it new & right. Yes, & teach us, Lord, that the new life does not begin in the distant future but right here & right now.

TUESDAY 02 February 2016
Candlemas, The presentation of Jesus at the Temple: A candle's light is feeble by today's standards & is easily snuffed or blown out. Jesus, Your light, though ignored by many, will not go out & it even burns brighter in the darkness. Hallelujah! May Your Light spread to all people.

WEDNESDAY 03 February 2016
When I look into Your holiness, when I gaze into Your loveliness, when all things that surround become shadows in the light of You; ... I worship You, I worship You, the reason I live is to worship You. *From SASB402*.

THURSDAY 04 February 2016
Lord, we pray You model Your Kingdom in our Corps. May we be a fairer & more caring society where no-one whatever their circumstances can feel left out. Bring us closer to You & to each other & in Your love & power may we all respect & value each other. *From Nick Fawcett*.

FRIDAY 05 February 2016
Lord, so many people endure hardship & poverty beyond what we can even imagine. They live many, many miles away but also on our own city's streets. We pray You help us to make that matter as much to us as it does to You.

SATURDAY 06 February 2016
Lord, children carry knives to school for 'defence'. Governments are gassing & bombing their own people to 'maintain law & order'. Too often deadly weapons fall into the hands of the inadequate or criminals. Governments raise their 'defence' budgets year on year. "Come, Lord Jesus, pour out Your Spirit we pray" *SASB220*.

SUNDAY 07 February 2016
Ex tempore spoken prayer in prayer meetings & larger congregations by 'lay' people is a wonderful means of strengthening Christian fellowship in the Corps. We pray that more come to the 10am meeting so they may be blessed, grow & then in turn share to bless others.

MONDAY 08 February 2016
People come to our Drop-in Lunch with huge needs. Food is only a part of that & good people help with it. Lord, we pray for our lunch guests that Your Holy Spirit will convict them of their need of You & that they have the faith to 'taste & see' (*Psalms 34:8*) that You indeed save.

TUESDAY 09 February 2016
Adult & Family Ministries covers TSA's work ranging from 'Bumps & Babies' to Little Oaks Parent & Toddlers through to Over 60's & the Home League. We pray for the AFM work in this Corps that people may be drawn into our Corps fellowship & also into fellowship with Yourself.

WEDNESDAY 10 February 2016
Ash Wednesday: Lent in the Church parallels our TSA 'self denial', a period of going without luxuries so that we may better contribute to our Self Denial Annual Overseas Mission Appeal. We pray this may be an opportunity to 'deny self, take up our cross & follow You'. *Matt16:24*.

THURSDAY 11 February 2016
Lord, the very thought of cross-bearing makes us recoil so we pray You help us pause & face the issue. Help us to see the cross as a constant reminder to change our motivation from self to You then to others & also to be reminded of the power of Your freely offered sacrifice.

FRIDAY 12 February 2016
We pray for our YP workers as they pour themselves out to teach & help the children & as they lead by example to demonstrate the love required to sow the seeds of future discipleship. Sustain them, bless them in all they do for the Corps & in their own lives.

SATURDAY 13 February 2016
In a self-serving world, Lord, where greed rules, profit is everything & looking after number one is the all-consuming creed, teach us Your way: the way of humility, sacrifice & service. Give us the love & courage we need not just to learn of it but put it into practice; to take up our cross & follow You. *Nick Fawcett*.

SUNDAY 14 February 2016
The original St Valentine was martyred for his faith circa 269 a.d. & John Donne composed a romantic poem for a royal wedding this day in 1632. Lord, whether the love be *agape* love or romantic love we realise for love to be real it has to be free of self - help us to really love!

MONDAY 15 February 2016
Lord, nearly all of us cannot even imagine how it must be so destitute as to attend our Drop-in Lunch as a guest; yet we read of many times in the Bible of when Jesus stopped everything so as to give His full attention to the neediest of people. Help us to give like that.

TUESDAY 16 February 2016
Our Songster Brigade has really challenging words to sing. O God the Holy Spirit, we pray You empower & impassion both singers & congregations with the awesome wonder of God & His love for all humankind. We pray You bless all that our Songsters do in Your name.

WEDNESDAY 17 February 2016
Lent is a season of reflection & repentance so we pray, Lord, that You help us to see the compelling beauty of Your goodness & that You are indeed the pearl of great price. Help us to realise the unregenerate self is just a prison but that life in You is to fly like an eagle!

THURSDAY 18 February 2016
Lord, keep us alert to whatever might damage our faith; to anything, no matter how harmless it may seem, that might come between us, undermining or destroying our relationship. We pray for discernment, wisdom & courage to help us stay close to You & Yours.

FRIDAY 19 February 2016
Lord, forgive us: when we sing the words in our worship when we are deeply uneasy as to whether we mean them, when we pretend to others that we are better than we are. We know You are not fooled even if we try to fool ourselves. Give us clean hearts, we plead.

SATURDAY 20 February 2016
Lord, when we are out collecting from the British public, we are deeply encouraged by their generosity & the esteem in which they regard TSA. In this month when we are considering our gift to help our Partners in Mission we realise how needy they are. Lord, help us to be compassionate & generous in our own giving to neighbours near & far.

SUNDAY 21 February 2016
Austerity Lunch: we pray the good fellowship shared over a simple meal will be a happy occasion that brings us all closer to each other. We are grateful for the strong ties that bind us together as Corps family & we pray, Lord, that You will continue to raise us in faith & Christlikeness.

MONDAY 22 February 2016
We pray for Our Drop-in Lunch team as they minister to our guests; may the team not only feed & cheer but may they also give time to listen to & hear the stories with compassion & understanding in that wonderful way which offers real care & hope.

TUESDAY 23 February 2016
Lord Jesus, You chose a hard, uncomfortable life & we are so grateful for that when we run into our own hard patches in life. We notice with joy that You are there & have been personally there in those 'desert experiences'. We pray You encourage us to seek solace in You.

WEDNESDAY 24 February 2016
Lord, we marvel at the paradox of Your story; You lived in vulnerability, humility & absolute love yet You are King of kings & Lord of lords. Your love, the 'blood' of the 'Blood & Fire' woos & wins Our hearts to want to follow You - & Hallelujah! Your 'Fire', the Holy Spirit, makes it possible!

THURSDAY 25 February 2016
Lord, we thank You & praise You for the Band; their self-denying loyalty & sacrifice make them an effective tool in Your hands. We pray You bless them, their families & all they do. Grant the joy of knowing they are pleasing You & give them the delight of seeing souls won for You.

FRIDAY 26 February 2016
John the Baptist said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" *John1:29*. Lord, first of all we pray that we constantly wash ourselves in 'the blood of the Lamb' Then having done so, others will want to follow because they see You as the way, the truth & the life in us.

SATURDAY 27 February 2016
Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it, for by His power each tree & flower was planned & made. ... The universe declares it, sun, moon & stars in heaven cry, 'Jesus is Lord!' ... Yet from His throne eternal in flesh He came to die in pain on Calvary's tree. Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding, yet gave His life a ransom thus setting us free. *SASB374v1,2*.

SUNDAY 28 February 2016
Salvationists don't live ostentatiously or extravagantly as we have a different focus. Poverty is relative but the stark fact is that 1/7 of the world go hungry. Lord, we pray for a heart for justice & the compassion to care enough not add to world poverty by shopping exploitatively.

MONDAY 29 February 2016
Lord, our Drop-in Lunch guests come to TSA for earthly nourishment yet we long to see them seek heavenly sustenance. We realise, Lord, that You desire that even more we can even imagine. We pray You help us all grow into Christlikeness & soul winners.

TUESDAY 01 March 2016
We pray for our Junior Soldiers that they may grow in faith & resilience in a world that is so alluringly counter to what You would have us all be. There is a spiritual gravity which exerts a relentless downward pressure on our virtue so we pray for a strong faith for each of us.

WEDNESDAY 02 March 2016
Christ of Glory, Prince of Peace, let Thy life in mine increase; though I live may it be shown 'tis Thy life & not my own. Dwell within, that men may see Christ in me, Christ, the living Christ, in me. *SASB 578 v1*.

THURSDAY 03 March 2016
Answer now my soul's desire, purge my heart with holy fire, soothe the hurt with gentle balm, breathe within my life Thy charm, fill me now so there shall be Christ in me, Christ, the holy Christ in me. *SASB 578 v2*.

FRIDAY: 04 March 2016
Gracious Lord, Thy grace apply, both to save & sanctify; all my life Thou wilt control, calmly ordering the whole, that the world may ever see Christ in me, Christ & only Christ in me. *SASB 578 v3*.

SATURDAY 05 March 2016
" The Word of the Lord holds true, & everything He does is worthy of our trust. He loves whatever is just & good, & His unflinching love fills the earth. ... We depend on the Lord alone to save us. Only He can help us, protecting us like a shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we are trusting in His holy name. Let Your unflinching love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in You alone." *Psalms33: 4,5 & 20-22*.



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PRAYER CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2016



THIS MONTH'S CORPS FOLK TO PRAY FOR:-

Irene Thomas
Joy Severn
George Hunt
Kath Robinson
Rosemary Curle
Frank Fidler
Len Walker
Chris Simmonds
Sheron Gill
Michael Webb
Luke Wallis
Connie Gyfford-Scott