

Prayers for March – May 2016



Week beginning 6th March

We pray for our many GFS countries, those near to us, our buddy neighbours and those far away from us. Let us be united in our prayers for each other and for the work of GFS throughout this world. While we spend much of our time focussed on our own country, give us a heart to consider those who live in different circumstances to us, from those who are new to GFS and those who have enjoyed it for many decades.

Week beginning 13th March

We pray especially for England and Wales as they choose a new English President and move forward with a new Board of Trustees. We pray for wisdom to choose those who desire to serve you Lord to further your Kingdom and help to disciple new girls and women. We pray for Ayumi Umase from Osaka diocese as she begins her new role as GFS President for Japan. We pray for strength and courage through you Lord to help her to fulfil this role.

Week beginning 20th March

As we move from Palm Sunday to Easter day let us walk through the pain and suffering endured for us so that we might have eternal life. *Risen Lord you brought confusion to the guards at your tomb but joy to your disciples, grant me the fullness of joy as I serve you in spirit and truth.*

Week beginning 27th March

We pray for our friends in Sri Lanka enjoying the success of the recent visit by Sara and Tegan in 2015 and give thanks for the warmth of their welcome and the many opportunities to speak about GFS to the groups. We thank you for GFS in the Philippines and for the faithful ones working there. We thank you for Betty Kesaka as she takes on a new role coordinating GFS Melanesia in the Solomon Islands. We pray for girls in New Zealand beginning their year at university with the mentoring from NZ GFS. We pray for all leaders of the countries and those who support them in executive roles.



Week beginning 3rd April

We pray for the work of GFS in the World Project in Japan. We pray for the successes of the sewing groups and that they will find an easy market for their produce and in turn be encouraged by this. We pray for those who seek to give the children their moments of joy in a bleak time. We thank you for the generosity of donations and all who have taken time to raise this money. We pray for the Travel fund as it too needs a boost of donations to help many to make the journey to Perth Australia in 2017. We pray for cheerful givers to bless others through their donations.

Week beginning 10th April

We pray for the GFS of Southern Africa as they consider their preparations for their term to support Thembeke as the next World President. We pray for a continued eagerness and readiness to share the good news of GFS.

Week beginning 17th April

We pray for all girls who belong to GFS, for the very young as they begin their journey and pray that it will be a lifelong one knowing the presence and power of Jesus in their lives. We pray for the leaders entrusted with the regular task of leading girls to know more deeply their Saviour. We give thanks for the older members of GFS who can boast of many years of knowing of the joy of GFS and help to share and encourage the younger members.

Week beginning 24th April

We pray for the sick, lonely, those in hardships and turmoil in their lives, for those in need of our care, for our homes that they might be places of refuge and comfort, places into which we invite Jesus to be head of the family and we put our trust in Him. For those in our families who do not yet know Jesus and live without the knowledge of his perfect love.



Week beginning 1st May

We pray this week for the World Team – for Val as she considers the many tasks before her. We pray for her family that they may be kept healthy and for their support in helping out. We pray for the World Team, especially for the gifting of the Chaplains in their encouragement and wisdom to support and underpin the work of Val and the team. We pray for wise decision making as the time for council draws near.

Week beginning 8th May

We pray for Val as she travels to South Africa to visit Thembeke. We pray for a time of real blessings to both as they strengthen their friendship. We thank you for the opportunity to meet in love and friendship. We pray for them as they travel and for those whom they meet along the way.

Week beginning 15th May

We take up the challenge offered in GFS USA to wear a simple bracelet of 8 beads. Each bead is a reminder to perform a good deed during the day to help another person. We ask that we might seek out others to serve, to help, to listen to them, to consider their needs before our own and truly find ways to bless our friends and neighbours.

Week beginning 22nd May

We pray for the progress of world council. As the time draws near we are well aware of the many tasks ahead as forms are being prepared, the program developed, guest speakers invited and waiting for so many more details to come together. Be with all those who make decisions and for those who are anticipating their time together in 2017.

Week beginning 29th May

As the seasons change we think of the changes we have endured in our own lives. We give thanks for these changes and that through all the difficulties and the excitement, we have the certainty of a Loving Father alongside us. As we see Spring approach we give thanks for the new opportunities waiting before us and ask for a spirit of excitement to embrace them. If we see the signs of Autumn we pray that we will recognise the time of settling into the waiting time before new life begins again is upon us. We pray for patience as we wait and a renewal of our strength.