

# HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Friday 1 January	As we pray for the year ahead and all that it may hold for us, we ask our Lord for the strength of his Spirit to move among us and fill us with renewed strength and trust. Pray for hope and positive attitudes for the coming months, whatever happens.
Saturday 2 January	Pray and give thanks for all those men and women who have kept us going through 2020 - delivering our milk, food, mail and parcels and collecting our bins each week. May we never take these faithful people for granted again.
Sunday 3 January	<b>Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassion never fails. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him".</b> <i>Lamentations 3:22-24</i>
Monday 4 January	Pray for our children and young people as they prepare to start a new term. Many will be having their lessons at home online, so we ask for patience and support for parents as they cope with the problems that this new way of teaching can present.
Tuesday 5 January	Thinking today of our hospitals and all NHS workers, we pray together for an easing of their load. Pray that people will no longer choose to ignore rules and guidelines giving infection rates a chance to fall to manageable levels. Pray for kindness.
Wednesday 6 January	We pray for wisdom beyond human wisdom for our leaders. The decisions that they have had to make fighting an unknown enemy have been weighty indeed. Pray that there will be less criticism and more support – hindsight is a wonderful thing!
Thursday 7 January	We pray for church communities throughout our nation as they seek to do the Lord's work in their neighbourhoods. Pray for those who have been working in the mission field in our own areas, that the harvest will be great as new souls come to know Jesus.
Friday 8 January	During these dark and difficult days we remember that through the ages God has repeatedly delivered our nation from disaster and we pray that he will have mercy on us and will once again come to our aid.
Saturday 9 January	We lift to God those we hold in our hearts, praying for their health, well-being and a real sense of hope for the future. We pray that, even when loved ones cannot physically be together, they will not feel apart.
Sunday 10 January	<b>Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.</b> <i>Isaiah 40:31</i>
Monday 11 January	Today we remember that Jesus came so that we might have life and have it abundantly. As we experience vast changes to our 'normal' way of life, let us pray for those Christians across the world for whom 'normal' is persecution, poverty and even death.
Tuesday 12 January	Where there is illness, we pray to our loving God to bring his healing touch and to give strength and safety and hope to carers. Remember in our prayers our G.Ps, Practice Nurses and local Chemists, pray for their safety and protection from the virus.
Wednesday 13 January	Today we pray for each other, that we may know the harmony of God's love in our midst. Where there is fear and uncertainty we pray that our faith will grow stronger so that we can demonstrate Jesus' love by our words and deeds in our neighbourhood.
Thursday 14 January	Pray for all those who seek to help people who wrestle with alcohol, drug or gambling addictions. Pray for support groups that they may continue to meet as it becomes increasingly difficult to do so physically.
Friday 15 January	Pray and give thanks for paramedics and ambulance drivers. We think of the days where they must encounter great sadness and suffering and we ask that they may be given the peace and quiet calm that comes from God.

Saturday 16 January	Pray that numbers of infections will go down in our country and that vaccines will be available across the world. We pray for scientists everywhere as they continue to work ceaselessly to find ways of controlling diseases.
Sunday 17 January	<b>If we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. <i>Romans 8:25-26</i></b>
Monday 18 January	Today we pray for our Queen and her family as they too come to the end of a difficult year. We give thanks for the sense of stability that she offers in challenging times. We pray that she will continue to show Christian values in all that she says and does.
Tuesday 19 January	As we journey through these parched and difficult days, we pray for all those who are homeless and cold tonight. Pray for all the organisations and churches that seek to offer accommodation and hot meals for all in need.
Wednesday 20 January	Pray for head teachers and their teaching staff as they struggle to cope with constantly changing safety guidelines in schools and colleges. Ask God to protect them from illness as they continue with the vitally important work of educating our young people.
Thursday 21 January	Many people have lost their livelihoods through redundancy or collapse of their business. We pray for those who are struggling with resulting poverty and mental stress. May they find peace and support through the bleak times.
Friday 22 January	Pray for our own local communities that, as church worship and teaching is streamed into homes across the country, many of those who are new to the Christian faith will want to know more about Jesus.
Saturday 23 January	We pray for our neighbours, those we know and those we have yet to meet. Pray for the roads where you live and pray for opportunities to meet and welcome newcomers to our neighbourhoods.
Sunday 24 January	<b>For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that with endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope. <i>Romans 15:4</i></b>
Monday 25 January	Pray for our church leaders and leadership teams of all denominations here in the Herne Bay area. For guidance and protection as they plan ways to teach and encourage. Pray for mission groups, prayer groups and home groups that they may hold strong.
Tuesday 26 January	As we watch with sadness at the loss of animal life and rainforests on our planet, we pray that nations will find ways to slow the rate of climate change. May God inspire our churches to continue teaching and praying for the future of God's Earth.
Wednesday 27 January	Remember the local pubs and restaurants in this area. Think of your favourite places for lunches and dinners and hold the owners and staff in prayer today. Ask God to give them hope for a more positive future.
Thursday 28 January	Our care homes really need our prayers today as they continue to look after people's elderly relatives who are no longer able to cope. Ask for real blessings on both clients and staff as they bring kindness and love to those in their care.
Friday 29 January	Pray for our policemen and women as they work to keep us safe. Increasingly they are subject to verbal and physical abuse and we ask for protection for them each day.
We Saturday 30 January	As we begin to slowly see longer days and watch bulbs pushing through the soil, we say prayers of thanks for the beauty of nature. Pray for full employment for gardeners and garden centres in the coming months.
Sunday 31 January	Pray for positive signs that the virus and ensuing illness and deaths will come to an end very soon. Pray for vaccines to powerfully offer protection and be made freely available to the whole world.

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