



Could I have details of anything relevant to the March issue by

22nd Feb ?

Lent material would be particularly relevant

Events, Prayer requests, Prayers Comment

What is this ?

This is a letter prayer which if kept will build up into a resource for praying for people and churches in our circuit . My intention is to produce an A4 folded sheet format so that each issue can be added to the previous ones to build up into an A5 booklet . I will gradually do a round -up of each church and any circuit activities .

I would hope also to use it to publicise prayer events within the circuit if you can feed the information to me

I would love to know more about who, if anyone, will use this and how it will be used.

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Greetings and God's blessings to you all.

Margaret

God is Love

Focus on Love

February is the month when we celebrate romantic love on Valentine's Day . Love is declared openly and anonymously , proposals are made and usually accepted , couples spend quality time at some point during the day . Such relationships are important and it is right that we celebrate such precious things .

But there are many kinds of love.

The New Testament refers to three kinds of love,

that as between members of a family,

that as between friends and a love holding in high esteem used often with reference to Christ.

This third recognises the sacrificial nature of Christ love although the Greeks lacked the concept when the word was originally used in classical Greek.

Father,
perhaps you have best been described as "love"
and, as "love keeps no record of wrongs",
I rejoice in the completeness
of your personal love and acceptance
of each one of us.
Lead me each day to be faithful
and grow closer to Jesus
who calls me his friend.
It is through him and in him, Father,
that I am enabled to see you most fully:
you who call me by name.

Loving Jesus , you shared the joys and tribulations of
being part of a family,

Be with us in all our relationships in our own families and
in the church that at the heart of each relationship is love.

We ask this in Jesus Name

Amen

I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how he could love me,
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

For me it was in the garden
he prayed: "Not my will, but thine."
He had no tears for his own griefs,
but sweat-drops of blood for mine.

Father and lover of life,
you know the depths of my innermost self,
and you understand me.
You protect me on every side,
shielding me from all harm.
When you put me together
in my mother's womb,
you knew all about me.
I thank you for the wonder of myself,
and I stand in awe
at all that you have made.

As you know and love me,
so may I come to know and love you.
Guide me in your ways.