

Voiceless world – Lent 2018

Thank you for downloading this prayer list and joining me in praying for those whose voices are silent, limited or disregarded within the power structures and economic systems of the world. 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the Representation of the People Act which, in 1918, granted the right to vote in a General Election to about 40% of UK women.

As I give thanks for those who raised the volume of women's voices in the British political system a century ago I am conscious their legacy remains incomplete. All over the world today live people whose experience or circumstances leave them open to misrepresentation and oppression. We must continue to work for the common good and to speak truth to power so those who are forced into silence may find their voice. I hope people will join me this Lent in praying for progress towards equality and justice.

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Below you will find a group to pray for on each day of Lent. The list is not exhaustive, and so you may wish to add to it, amend it for your own use or name particular individuals, places or situations as you pray.

You might like to begin each intention with the following introduction:

As we remember and give thanks for those who won the right for women to vote in 1918, we pray for those whose voice may not be heard or understood: *(insert the prayer for the day from the list below)*

February		
Wednesday	14th	for those who are refugees fleeing war
Thursday	15th	for those who are economic migrants
Friday	16th	for those who are trafficked
Saturday	17th	for those who are ethnically cleansed
Sunday	18th	for those who are prisoners of conscience
Monday	19th	for those detained without trial or without a meaningful trial
Tuesday	20th	for those who are illegal immigrants
Wednesday	21st	for those who are tortured
Thursday	22nd	for those who are victims of uninvestigated crime
Friday	23rd	for those who are victims of state corruption
Saturday	24th	for those who are stateless
Sunday	25th	for those persecuted for their faith
Monday	26th	and as Fairtrade Fortnight begins we pray for victims of economic injustice
Tuesday	27th	for those who are climate-change victims
Wednesday	28th	for the bereaved left without economic means
March		
Thursday	1st	for those who are victims of environmental damage
Friday	2nd	for those who are homeless
Saturday	3rd	for indigenous peoples involved in land disputes
Sunday	4th	for those who are victims of domestic abuse
Monday	5th	for those who are victims of sexual abuse
Tuesday	6th	for those who are victims of psychological abuse
Wednesday	7th	for those who are victims of emotional abuse
Thursday	8th	and on this International Women's day we pray for those women who have no voice
Friday	9th	for those who are isolated because of where they live
Saturday	10th	and as Fairtrade Fortnight ends, we pray for those who are bonded labourers or slaves

Sunday	11th	and on this Mothering Sunday, we pray for those isolated because of menstruation, childbearing or infertility
Monday	12th	for those who face prejudice because of their sexual orientation
Tuesday	13th	for those whose poverty limits access to medicine
Wednesday	14th	for those who are suffer dementia
Thursday	15th	for those who are mentally ill
Friday	16th	for those who are elderly or infirm
Saturday	17th	for those who are children
Sunday	18th	for human rights activists in authoritarian regimes
Monday	19th	for those who are orphans
Tuesday	20th	for those who are racially abused
Wednesday	21st	for those who face discrimination because of disability
Thursday	22nd	for those who are child brides
Friday	23rd	for those excluded from education
Saturday	24th	for those who are censored
Sunday	25th	and on this Palm Sunday, that we might play a part in giving the voiceless a voice