

## Truro Foodbank Prayers

Here are the prayers for March:

**Please give thanks** for the work of organisations like Joseph Rowntree Foundation which conducts research into poverty. The UK report for 2024 found 6 million of the poorest people – those living in very deep poverty – would need on average to more than double their incomes to move out of hardship. (The full report can be found at <https://www.jrf.org.uk/>)

**Please pray** that the findings of this report will be taken seriously by all those who wish to form the next Government and that reversing the trend of increasing poverty will be a priority. Lord, please send your Spirit to infuse all those who devise or put in place procedures that affect foodbank customers. Please give them the wisdom to see when new processes make things even harder for people struggling already to receive our help. Please give them the openness and strength to change course to better assist those in need.

**Please give thanks** for the addition of fridges and freezers to our store giving the opportunity for our customers to enjoy fresh food.

**Please pray** that there will be sufficient donations to fill the appliances and that this will also help to reduce waste in the food chain.

**Please give thanks** for the recipes and ingredients that are available to our customers.

**Please pray** that, as a result of this initiative, sourcing food, cooking and eating will become more of a joy and less of a burden for those who use them.

**Please continue to give thanks** for all our staff and volunteers.

**Please pray for** wisdom, stamina and support in all they encounter.

**Please give thanks for** the church's seasons.

**Please pray** that during Lent we, who have much, will examine ourselves to see if, by our lifestyle, we contribute to the inequality and poverty experienced by our customers.

**Please give thanks for** Easter which we will celebrate later this month.

**Please pray** that our customers who no longer have hope, may be filled with the hope of the risen Lord Jesus.