# Prayer Calendar

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| Thursday, 1 October | Loving God, during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we pray for all affected by breast cancer. Bring strength to patients, comfort to families, wisdom to caregivers, and hope to every heart. May awareness inspire compassion, early detection, support, and healing. |
| Friday, 2 October | Gracious God, watch over Zambia following the presidential elections. Grant wisdom to their leaders, courage and integrity to those serving in justice, and patience and understanding to all political leaders and supporters. Keep our link nation united, protect all communities, and let peace and justice prevail. |
| Saturday, 3 October | Heavenly Father we bring before you today's Annual Readers' Day. We pray that the study morning will be a time of blessing. We hold in prayer those who will be licensed in the Cathedral and give thanks for the ministry of all Readers across the diocese in their continuing journey. |
| Sunday, 4 October | Loving God, we thank you for grandparents, and honorary grandparents, around the world. Bless them for their love, wisdom, stories, and guidance. May we cherish their gifts, celebrate their lives, and give thanks for the special place they hold in our families. |
| Monday, 5 October | Heavenly Father, we thank you for our teachers and our link schools in Zambia. Bless all educators with wisdom, patience and joy. Strengthen our global bonds, inspire young minds and fill our hearts with gratitude. |
| Tuesday, 6 October | Creator God, we give thanks for the way you call lay and ordained disciples into roles to serve and guide your flock. As our Bishop's Staff team meet today may they continue to be strengthened and supported by you to use their unique gifts and skills for your purpose. |
| Wednesday, 7 October | Generous God, we pray for the guidance of your Holy Spirit as parish representatives and support staff prepare for Money Matters training day on Saturday. Bless our conversations and renew our commitment, as we work together for the flourishing of your Church. |
| Thursday, 8 October | Teacher God, we thank you for those who give their time to serve on our Diocesan Board of Education. As they meet today, help them place children and young people at the heart of every discussion and give them wisdom and courage in the decisions they make. |
| Friday, 9 October | Loving God, we thank you for our Church secondary and middle school leaders gathering at Flourish House today. Encourage, inspire and sustain them as they support young people to grow, thrive and flourish. |
| Saturday, 10 October | God of healing, on this World Hospice and Palliative Care Day, we give thanks for the ministry of hospice chaplains as they journey alongside those coming to the end of their life. We ask you to uphold and bless them with the peace of your presence. |
| Sunday, 11 October | Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. |
| Monday, 12 October | Servant King, we thank you for those who faithfully serve as governors in our schools. Bless our Foundation Governors as they gather today; encourage and equip them to lead wisely, so that our schools may be communities of hope and flourishing. |
| Tuesday, 13 October | Lord of grace and wisdom, we pray for the Bath Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Group as they meet in your name today. We give thanks for the faithful ministry of Bath's deanery leadership teams and ask for your blessing on their meeting. |
| Wednesday, 14 October | Heavenly Father as the seasons change and become cold, help those in our Magnificat parishes to know that you never change. May they always stand in the warmth of your love which is both lifegiving and life changing. Bless and enrich them all in every new day. |
| Thursday, 15 October | Loving God we give thanks for those called into local ministry across our diocese. Guide and encourage those who facilitate training and who offer mentoring and support for all those exploring a new calling into ministry. |

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| Friday, 16 October | Lord of the harvest, we thank you for the farmers, producers and rural communities who care for the land. We give thanks for their dedication and pray for them after a summer of drought. Inspire us all to be wise stewards of your creation. |
| Saturday, 17 October | Heavenly Father, we pray for all who are being called by you. Today we pray especially for those attending Candidates' Day as they explore their calling to ordained ministry. May the day help clarify how you are calling them. |
| Sunday, 18 October<br>Luke the Evangelist | God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. |
| Monday, 19 October | Giver of life, as many of our schools and colleges are on half term holiday this week, may there be space to pause and be refreshed for the many school leaders, teachers and support staff across our diocese. |
| Tuesday, 20 October | Jesus, Lord of all, we thank you for those who administer and offer governance in our parishes and across our diocese. May the wisdom of the Holy Spirit be a source of support for all those who offer advice and governance. |
| Wednesday, 21 October | As Taunton's Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Group gathers today, we pray, Lord, for your blessing on the deanery leadership teams and all who love and serve the communities in your name. May your kingdom come. |
| Thursday, 22 October | Giver of all good things, we pray for children, young people and families this half term week. We especially remember parents who are juggling the pressures of family life as they seek to make ends meet. |
| Friday, 23 October | Father God, we give you thanks for those who minister in lay and ordained roles across the Chew Magna Deanery and pray for the new Area Dean and Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group as they help enable the work of your kingdom in their deanery. |
| Saturday, 24 October | Almighty God, we thank you for the nation of Zambia and 62 years of Independence. Bless her people with peace, unity and prosperity. Guide her leaders with wisdom and strength to serve Your people faithfully. |
| Sunday, 25 October | Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. |
| Monday, 26 October | God of mission, we thank you that you call your church to serve you in our communities. We pray for those developing resources to support mission in the local church. We pray for wisdom, grace and courage as we seek to live out our calling. |
| Tuesday, 27 October | Gracious God, we give thanks for our link with Zambia. Stand with our friends facing pressures and difficulties. Provide for those in need, strengthen communities, guide leaders with wisdom, and deepen the bonds of friendship, compassion, and hope between our two nations. |
| Wednesday, 28 October<br>Simon and Jude, Apostles | Jesus, who sent out people into the harvest field, as we remember Simon and Jude today, we give thanks for all those who dedicate their lives to spreading your gospel. And we also pray for the strength to speak of our own faith that others might come to know you. |
| Thursday, 29 October | Loving Father, we hold before you those who live with long term disability, chronic pain and limitations. Thank you for all they offer and the many ways in which they serve our communities. |
| Friday, 30 October | We give thanks, O God, for all we see in the skies above and the earth below; for the smallest creatures and the highest swooping birds, particularly as we begin to notice our winged visitors this autumn and the pattern of murmurations above us. |
| Saturday, 31 October | Jesus, the Light who shines in the darkness, we pray for churches across our diocese hosting Light Parties and other seasonal events this weekend – may they be beacons of hope and new life to the communities they serve. |