

Prayer Calendar

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August 2022

**Monday,
1 August**

Breath of life, we pray for all those struggling with Coronavirus and other respiratory diseases. Surround them with your healing love and uphold those in the NHS who work selflessly to alleviate their suffering.

**Tuesday,
2 August**

We give thanks for the charities working across the world who help with children's eye health and healing. Open our eyes to their plight, Lord, and give us generous hearts to support their work.

**Wednesday,
3 August**

God of healing and wholeness, this month we offer our prayers for those suffering from the chronic condition of psoriasis. Be with them in their pain and in the treatment for their illness.

**Thursday,
4 August**

Lord, you are our guide in all things and bless us with your Holy Spirit. We give thanks for those who offer their gifts to support others through Spiritual Accompaniment.

**Friday,
5 August**

Lord of mission, as we remember Oswald and his work of mission from Lindisfarne. We pray for openness to see today how we might join in with your mission in the world.

**Saturday,
6 August
The
Transfiguration
of Our Lord**

Lord of light and transformation. As we remember how the disciples saw God's holiness and light this day, may the light of your presence bring a new awareness to all of your life renewing power.

**Sunday,
7 August**

Lord, as we remember John Mason Neale, we praise you for the gift of music and song. We pray for all hymn and song writers who inspire our worship and praise and for those who lead music in our churches.

**Thursday,
25 August**

Light of the world, be with those receiving their GCSE results today. In both the celebrations and in any disappointments may they know that you love without measure.

**Friday,
26 August**

Lord of life, we pray for the local churches' team working with Watchet Music Festival, hosting the Prayer Tent and Sunday morning worship on site. Pray for all those they meet this weekend.

**Saturday,
27 August**

Loving God, we pray for all those who live and work in Axbridge Deanery and for those responsible for leading the deanery as they seek to offer a Christian presence in its communities and schools.

**Sunday,
28 August**

Loving God, we give thanks for Augustine of Hippo, who helped us understand that our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you. Help us to rest in your presence today and every day.

**Monday,
29 August**

Pioneering Jesus, we give thanks for those who have gone before us, paving the way and sharing your gospel message of truth, light and love. May we be inspired, by their example, to dedicate our lives to following you.

**Tuesday,
30 August**

Father God, we remember that Jesus commanded his disciples to pray for more labourers to be sent into the harvest field. We pray you would call more people to go to where people are harassed and helpless and meet them where they are, with your love.

**Wednesday,
31 August**

Loving God, we pray for the Wardens of Readers and Reader Council as they meet today. Guide their discussions and planning as they speak on behalf of all Readers in the diocese.

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**Monday,
8 August**

Lord of the Word, we thank you for preachers, both lay and ordained, who share your story with others. May your Holy Spirit inspire them and speak into the hearts and minds of those who listen.

**Tuesday,
9 August**

Father God, we pray for Revd Ian Snares and his wife and family as they prepare to move and join Holy Trinity Frome. Ian will be licensed on 8 September. Also for the Deanery Mission Planning Group as they meet and discern fresh vision for the way forward for the deanery.

**Wednesday,
10 August**

Creator God, we pray for all those who tend community allotments, where these growing spaces offer an opportunity to build relationships and nurture the faith of others so that they may grow in your love.

**Thursday,
11 August**

Loving God, we give thanks for Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Poor Clares, today. We pray for all who have the gift of growing new communities of faith and we ask you to help us recognise those around us with this gift and encourage them to grow in it.

**Friday,
12 August**

Creator God, on International Youth Day we pray for young people around the world. Thank you for the life and vibrancy they bring to our churches and communities.

**Saturday,
13 August**

Empowering God, we thank you for those who offer their gifts of healing in support of others. We remember Florence Nightingale, her pioneering spirit, and thank you for her gifts of inspiration and love.

**Sunday, 14
August**

As we remember today Maximilian Kolbe with his bravery in preaching the gospel and his ministry as a Franciscan tertiary, we pray for the Franciscan order and their retreat houses as they offer hospitality to all.

**Monday,
15 August
The Blessed
Virgin Mary**

Jesus, Lord, as we remember your mother, Mary, help us to be radically obedient, humble, and courageous as she was.

**Tuesday,
16 August**

Life-giving God, we pray for all those who are taking a break over the summer months. May their holiday bring rest and refreshment.

**Wednesday,
17 August**

God of joy and laughter, we pray for all holiday clubs running through the summer months. We pray for energy and vision for the teams so that the children may find the experience enjoyable as they learn more about you.

**Thursday,
18 August**

Faithful God, bless students across our diocese receiving A-level results today. Guide them in their next steps in education, work or training.

**Friday,
19 August**

Prince of peace, we pray for justice in your broken world; those who are displaced, those suffering from famine and those who face terror in war torn places. Speak into the hearts and minds of leaders of nations so that they work together for the common good.

**Saturday,
20 August**

Jesus, teacher, as we remember Bernard of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, we give thanks for all those who teach the faith across the diocese in so many ways.

**Sunday,
21 August**

Gracious God, we give thanks for all who serve your church in so many wonderful and creative ways. Help us to follow you, as we seek to serve our communities with love.

**Monday,
22 August**

Faithful God, we give thanks for retired clergy across the diocese. We give thanks for the varied ministries that so many of them offer and ask your blessing on them.

**Tuesday,
23 August
Bartholomew
the Apostle**

Creator God, we thank you for those who tend churchyards across the diocese, helping to make them places of peace, beauty and reflection in our communities.

**Wednesday,
24 August**

Heavenly Father, we pray today for all those who work and study in our Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust. We pray that they will find rest during this holiday time and be refreshed before the new school year begins.