

Prayer Calendar

September 2024

Sunday, 1 September	Loving God, as we start a new month, we pray for people and churches across our diocese: that our communities may reflect your love, and our churches may grow in faith and numbers.
Monday, 2 September	Jesus, who noticed and encouraged children, we pray for children and young people across our diocese as they start a new school year. Inspire school staff, chaplains, governors and churches to work well together so that our schools are places of nurture and growth.
Tuesday, 3 September	Eternal Father, on this Merchant Navy Day, we pray for all those who work on the seas. Give wisdom and grace to the Mission to Seafarers as they offer pastoral, spiritual and practical support to people far from home.
Wednesday, 4 September	Dear Jesus, we pray for the whole community in Bishops Hull, Taunton. May your love be known and your Kingdom come.
Thursday, 5 September	Generous God, we give thanks for all those who offer their time and gifts in support of charitable work. We especially remember the love and kindness of Mother Teresa. Open our eyes and prompt our hearts to love our neighbour as ourselves.
Friday, 6 September	Jesus, our redeemer, as we begin a 24-hour wave of prayer across Bath and Wells, help us to connect to you so that we pray for the growth of your Kingdom rather than our own. Give us humility and courage to pray for growth and transformation.
Saturday, 7 September	Holy Spirit, we pray that you will inspire all those participating in our 24-hour Wave of Prayer today so that our prayers reflect God's deepest desires for the growth of his Church and our communities.
Sunday, 8 September	For all those in our Magnificat parishes, we pray for a strength of faith and love for all in their communities. Send your Holy Spirit in abundance on all those who work tirelessly to uphold their communities.
Monday, 9 September	With thankful hearts, on this Emergency Services Day, we pray for the emergency services and the NHS for the valuable support and resource they offer to all. Give strength to those on the front-line, and to those who work behind the scenes.
Tuesday, 10 September	We pray for those who suffer in mind, body and spirit. Wrap them in your loving embrace, Lord, so that they may know your peace. We give thanks for support services such as the Samaritans, who offer a lifeline and the gift of hope.
Wednesday, 11 September	God of wisdom and grace, be with the Bishop's Council today, as they discuss strategy and support for our diocese to build your kingdom in this time and place.

Thursday, 12 September	Loving God, we give thanks for opportunities to review mission and ministry. As Locking Deanery leadership team gathers today be with them and the support team as they work together to build your Kingdom.
Friday, 13 September	Lord, we pray for all teenagers growing up in clergy households, especially those attending Life to the Max this weekend at the Mendip Activity Centre. We pray that they have an amazing time together, filled with fun and laughter, and may they know they are dearly loved by You.
Saturday, 14 September Holy Cross Day	Lord God, as deanery leaders meet with the Bishop's Staff today, please bless their prayer, reflection and conversations so that they may work together for the growth of your church and transformation of communities across our diocese.
Sunday, 15 September	Creator God, on this Global Sports Sunday we give thanks for the ways in which sport can energise, uplift and unify. Please bless those who are building community through sport and help us make connections between a passion for sport and a passion for you.
Monday, 16 September	Loving God, we pray for all starting higher education around this time, with all the excitement, fear, and practical complexity that can involve. We pray for those who support students as they make this transition and ask you to bless the new friendships and communities that are created.
Tuesday, 17 September	Lord of all, we pray for chaplains gathering today to learn and pray together. We give thanks for their ministry of presence and pastoral support and pray that this will be a time of refreshment and encouragement for them.
Wednesday, 18 September	God of generosity and hope, as the Diocesan Advisory Committee and Finance Group meet today, give them the discernment to see ways in which money and buildings can best play their part in your transforming mission.
Thursday, 19 September	God of healing, on this Youth Mental Health Day, we pray for all young people experiencing mental health problems. Help us to nurture the young people we connect with so that they may feel loved and valued by you and by your world.
Friday, 20 September	We pray today, Lord, for our communities of Street, Walton and Compton Dundon. Let us feel your Spirit with us in all we do. Let us remember to underpin all of activities with prayer. Your will be done.
Saturday, 21 September Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Loving Lord, we pray for peace in your world on this International Day of Peace. Help us to love our neighbours as ourselves and embrace the diversity of your creation.
Sunday, 22 September	Lord of compassion, you show us how to respond to those in need through loving care and kindness. We pray today for who all are Lay Pastoral Assistants and for those who will be equipped for this ministry. Bless and guide them as they support others.

Monday, Lord God, we pray for all those parishes which are in vacancy. We
23 September give thanks for the teams who work so hard during this time. Uphold, encourage and bless these church families, as they seek your purposes for their communities.

Tuesday, Heavenly Father, increase in numbers your Church at St James
24 September Taunton, as you deepen us as followers and learners of Christ. Help us to show uninhibited reliance on your grace and power as we seek renewal of our lives and our church and the transformation of our community and world.

Wednesday, Creator God, help us to notice the wonder of your creation, to learn
25 September from its diversity and to do all we can to love and protect the world you created so that all of your creation may flourish, including ourselves.

Thursday, God of mission, we pray for all those who are pioneers and
26 September evangelists as we remember the Church Army in their mission to make Jesus known.

Friday, Loving God, bless all those gathering for Macmillan's Cancer World's
27 September Biggest Coffee morning. We pray for those facing cancer treatment, for those who love and care for them and for those working tirelessly for breakthrough treatments.

Saturday, Lord of all creation, as churches and communities will be celebrating
28 September creation and harvest during this season, we give thanks for all farmers and those who work on the land to provide food for our tables.

Sunday, On this Sunday we remember St. Michael who was both protector
29 September and challenger for justice. We give thanks for the Police Service on this their national memorial day as they remember those who have given their all to protect others.
Michael and All Angels

Monday, God, whose living word speaks into our hearts through the
30 September Scriptures, we give thanks for Jerome, translator of the Scriptures and teacher of the faith. We pray for teachers of the faith today that they may 'open up' the Scriptures so that your good news may be communicated.

Join the wave

Starting on the 6 September, you can join the 24 Hour Wave of Prayer across our diocese. There are many different ways you can join the wave. Whether that is signing up to one of our events, holding your own or simply signing up to a prayer time slot, we would love you to get involved!

Find out how you can join in at bathwells.org.uk/diocesan-wave-prayer.

Thank you for those who have contributed to the prayer calendar this month as part of the 24-Hour Wave of Prayer.



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