

# Prayer Calendar

September 2025

Monday, 1	Teacher God, as teachers and school staff prepare for the new academic year, we ask you to strengthen and inspire them for their work as they serve children and young people in communities across our diocese.
Tuesday, 2	God of love, as children and young people head back to schools and colleges across Bath and Wells, we ask you to hold them in your loving arms, whatever emotions they may be feeling at this time of transition.
Wednesday, 3	You are our rock and refuge, Lord. We pray today for those who have no home, no shelter to call their own, and we give thanks for those who seek to attend to the housing needs of others.
Thursday, 4	Heavenly Father, we give thanks for Reader ministry across our diocese. We thank you for the faithful commitment of those who inhabit and support Reader ministry now, and in the past. Help us each to recognise your calling and continue to be sent into the Harvest field in your name.
Friday, 5	God, we pray for our sisters and brothers in the Zambia Anglican Church as they seek to serve your people. May your voice be heard as the country faces environmental and economic challenges, and families struggle to provide food and other practical needs.
Saturday, 6	Almighty God, we pray that you would build up the people of Shepton Mallet Deanery. In particular, we pray for all those parishes in vacancy, that this time may be one of new relationships and the discernment of new possibilities; in Jesus' name we pray.
Sunday, 7	God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday, 8	Heavenly Father, in the face of ongoing unrest and division, we pray for those who seek asylum or refuge in our diocese, and for those who work to support and accommodate them. Help us, as your church, to live out your command to love our neighbour as ourselves.

**Tuesday,**  
**9** Compassionate God, we continue to remember all those impacted by the tragic coach accident near Minehead in July. On this Emergency Services Day, we give thanks for the dedication, courage and commitment of those who serve, locally and across the world, in the Emergency Services.

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**Wednesday,**  
**10** God, we bring before you those who are in such pain that ending their life seems a solution. Pierce through the fog of their despair and rekindle a flame of hope within their hearts. May they know refuge and peace.

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**Thursday,**  
**11** Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with a passion for reaching the generations growing up amongst us. Empower all those being commissioned by South West Youth Ministries in Exeter this evening as they are sent out to churches across the south west.

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**Friday,**  
**12** Lord of life, we pray for young people growing up in clergy families and ask your blessing on those from Bath and Wells and Bristol Diocese heading to Life to the Max this weekend at the Mendip Activity Centre.

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**Saturday,**  
**13** With St John Chrysostom we pray:  
O Lord, sprinkle into our hearts the dew of thy grace.  
Free us from despondency and stony insensibility.  
And may we do your will in all things.

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**Sunday,**  
**14** Heavenly Father, on this Education Sunday, bless all in education. Guide students, teachers, and staff with wisdom and strength. May our schools and colleges be places of safety, hope and opportunity.

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**Monday,**  
**15** God of love, we pray for young adults starting apprenticeships, first time jobs and university. Help them find fulfilment in the roles and places you call them to be. Holy Spirit, inspire those who lack direction and opportunity so that they may find it.

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**Tuesday,**  
**16** Timeless God, may St. Ninian's prayerful influence continue to be felt in our world: keep comfort near and discouragement afar; keep peace and protection within and turmoil out; keep hope within and despair without.

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**Wednesday,**  
**17** O comforting fire of Spirit, life, within the very life of all Creation. Praise be to you who are the sound of praise and the greatest prize of Life, who are hope and richest honour, bequeathing the reward of Light.  
(Words attributed to Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179)

Thursday, 18	Dear God, we cry out to you on behalf of the people seriously affected by the conflict in Gaza and the Middle East. We look to you as our Saviour and the hope of the world and ask you to stir up a passion for peace.
Friday, 19	Creator God, as schools in our diocese and in Zambia work together on a pilot tree-planting project, may what they plant and what they learn from each other flourish under your care, so that both trees and understanding grow as a testament to your creative and healing presence.
Saturday, 20	Loving God, as deanery leaders gather with Bishops Staff today to share in prayer, inspire them to fearlessly seek you and your will for their lives and work.
Sunday, 21	Healing God, on this World Alzheimer's Day, may we remember that in confusion, in irrationality, love is always our foundation. May we know your strong love, be at peace and bring peace to others.
Monday, 22	Provider God, we give thanks for the harvest, for the privilege of well stocked shelves and the hard work of all involved in providing food for our tables. Help us to use your provisions well.
Tuesday, 23	Loving and consistent Father, we recognise that our actions affect those who reside far from us and are often vulnerable to our choices. Help us to consistently consider how our actions affect those who need our care most and make wise choices.
Wednesday, 24	Teacher God, we pray for our leaders and change makers. May they remember that a safe and healthy future for our children and your creation is your will and help them to reflect this in decision making.
Thursday, 25	Patient Creator, help us to slow down: to hear the birds sing praise to you; to watch the spider weave her web in hope; to track the swallows' path across the sky in wonder. May we, like them, recognise our purpose and seek it in each new day.
Friday, 26	Creator of diversity, you have given us a world full of wonderful life. May we remember we are part of it and not separate to it. May we seek to listen to the natural world and all it has to teach us about you.
Saturday, 27	Ever-present God, may our eyes be open to opportunities to work with others, and to share the good things of your Kingdom. May we work together: encouraging and supporting one another as we go.

Sunday,  
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Lord, teach us to be generous. Teach us to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that we do your will.  
(St Ignatius of Loyola)

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Monday,  
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God of grace, you breathe life into all things and embrace us with an everlasting love; help us to grow in wonder and awe, to embody a spirit of gratitude, and to dream generous dreams; that, in gathering what we have, we may graciously offer ourselves to accomplish what you will.

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Tuesday,  
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God of abundance, the author and giver of all good things; grant us a gracious and humble heart, that we may give you glory through offering the first fruits of our lives, and grow more into the likeness of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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