

SATURDAY 21st

Holy Father, be with the families in our communities from the oldest to the youngest, weaving Your love into our work, our rest and our play.

SUNDAY 22nd

Father God, teach us to live together in love and peace. Fill us with a joy to be in contact with our neighbours and our friends and thank You for all who serve the community in shops, pubs, garages, schools, nurseries, health care, churches and businesses.

CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.' 1 John 1:9

MONDAY 23rd

Dear Father, we are sorry for our sins and repent of them all. Today, we give our lives to You and declare our faith to Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ who died for us so that we may have eternal life.

TUESDAY 24th

Loving Father, if the choices we have made in our lives have led us far away from You, if the path we follow is our own and not Yours, help us now to confess our need for You. We confess we need Your help and Your forgiveness.

WEDNESDAY 25th

God of Healing, we bring to You our brokenness, our fears and our despair and lay them at Your feet. We long to hear Your voice and to know the peace that only You can bring. May we feel the grace of Your forgiveness and Your love.

THURSDAY 26th

Holy Father, we pray for Your will to be done in our lives and in this world, for Your way to rule here on Earth as it does in Heaven. Help us to submit to Your will and trust and obey You with an eager and joyful heart.

FRIDAY 27th

Dear God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of Your Holy presence. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see You in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak Your wisdom.

SATURDAY 28th

Dear Father, grant us the virtue of true humility, to be like Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ; that we may never, by our pride, provoke Your anger, but rather, by our meekness, receive the riches of Your grace.

SUNDAY 29th

Holy Father, help us to understand the need for confession when we realise our desire for You and our hope for Your mercy. Help us to take that first step towards wholeness and healing.

THE WORLD

'Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!' Psalm 8:9

MONDAY 30th

Lord Jesus, we bring before You the conflicts in nations around the world and the humanitarian crisis they generate. We pray for Your love, grace and mercy to fill the hearts of leaders to bring peace and put an end to all suffering.

TUESDAY 31st

Heavenly Father, You gave us a world of beauty, and we have spoiled it. You gave us a world to feed us, yet many go hungry. You gave us a world of riches, but we are unwilling to share. Forgive us, gracious God, for our selfishness and enable us to see this world as a gift from You. And may the message of hope that You gave us spread throughout the world.



The Parish of Ewhurst
with Okewood & Forest Green

MAY

Prayer Diary



'May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind towards each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.' Romans 15:5-6

LIGHT

'For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.' 2 Corinthians 4:6

SUNDAY 1st

God of Life, we thank You for the signs of Your light in the middle of darkness. May we be signs of Your compassion in the heart of Your world.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCHES

'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.' Romans 12:12

MONDAY 2nd

Heavenly Father, help us in all our interactions with each other, to have humble and gentle hearts. Grant us patience, bearing with one another in love.

TUESDAY 3rd

Father God, enable our church to do Your will. Make us outward looking and a community of peacekeepers and bridge-builders.

WEDNESDAY 4th

God of power, our hope is in You. We are Your church and we long for revival. Come Holy Spirit into our churches to inspire and increase Your family of believers.

THURSDAY 5th

Loving Father, for all those who have helped our communities to draw closer to You, we thank You God and pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to walk amongst us and bless our homes and our churches.

FRIDAY 6th

Father God, we want to be a church that You want to bless. Help us to communicate such joy, such truth, such grace and such passion in our worship that we compel others to join in the experience of praising You.

SATURDAY 7th

Dear Lord, thank You for our church leaders who bring us Your Word and guide us in Christian living. As they have invested their knowledge in us, may we too invest our lives through evangelism, service and Christian education.

SUNDAY 8th

Heavenly Father, we pray for all members of all church congregations worshipping today that in their life and work they may advance Your Kingdom and bear witness to Your love shown in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

JUSTICE AND LAW

'For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing.' Isaiah 61:8

MONDAY 9th

Loving Father, You are merciful, just and humble. Help us to reflect the heart of You; to listen to the concerns of those on the margins of life so that we may become more humble and have more understanding.

TUESDAY 10th

Dear Lord, bless those who are refugees from warfare, violence, neglect or abuse. Comfort those who are adrift in a world that does not know how best to deal with them. We particularly pray for those who have lost homes and livelihoods from the conflict in Ukraine.

WEDNESDAY 11th

Loving God, we pray for the justice system in our country. We want to see Your Kingdom in every sphere of law and justice.

THURSDAY 12th

Father God, give all judges sound minds and a good conscience to deliver decisions based on moral values. We pray for fairness and non-partiality in justice systems around the world.

FRIDAY 13th

Loving Father, Your love is great and extends beyond walls and borders. You see the men and women serving prison sentences in our country and around the world. We pray that they will find everlasting comfort in You.

SATURDAY 14th

Father, thank You for loving us enough to show us how we judge others around us. May we follow the right path in life so that we avoid falling into the hands of the enemy. May Your power move through us in our daily walk with You.

SUNDAY 15th

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who, at great cost, are Your disciples in a place where being a Christian means persecution. While we may wear a cross as jewellery, they bear it as an invitation to abuse, exclusion, imprisonment and even death. We pray for Your compassion and justice to intercede.

COMMUNITY

'Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.' Hebrews 13:1-2

MONDAY 16th

Lord, we thank You for the social life in our villages and for all who organise activities to bring people together. May there always be inspiration, compassion, concern and joy in every gathering and a willingness to help.

TUESDAY 17th

Loving Father, we thank You for all those in our community who give their time to help others. We especially think of those who visit people who are lonely, afraid or sick and for drivers who offer lifts to surgery or hospital.

WEDNESDAY 18th

Father, we pray for the safety of all pedestrians, cyclists, bikers and motorists who use the footpaths, pavements and roads in our parishes. May they appreciate and respect the beauty and peace of our country setting.

THURSDAY 19th

Dear Lord Jesus, fill us with Your love so that it overflows from us and touches the hearts of others drawing them to You. May we be generous with our time and not resentful.

FRIDAY 20th

Father, You created all human beings equal in dignity. Pour forth into our hearts, we pray, a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter and dialogue. Move us to create stronger societies and more respect for our world.