

Prayer Calendar

July 2024

Monday, 1 July	Lord of life, on the first day of our Week of Prayer for Children and Young People, we pray for children and young people where we live: those in our families, churches and schools; those well known to us and those hidden behind the headlines and statistics.	Tuesday, 9 July	Heavenly Father, as Quantock Deanery leaders gather to reflect with diocesan staff on the parishes in their deanery, we ask you to help them notice all that you are doing in that deanery and to discern how best to support your mission in those places.
Tuesday, 2 July	Healing God, we pray for the wellbeing of children and young people at home, school and church, as they grow and develop physically, emotionally, spiritually and socially. We pray especially for those struggling with poor mental health and coping with physical disabilities.	Wednesday, 10 July	God of all, we pray for Diocesan Synod as it meets today. We ask for your blessing on all who serve as members of Synod, and we ask for your Holy Spirit to guide all their discussions and decisions.
Wednesday, 3 July <i>Thomas the Apostle</i>	Mighty God, we pray for children and young people to reach their potential. For those navigating change, standing up for justice, struggling with identity, sharing their faith or exploring vocation, God, give them courage.	Thursday, 11 July	Timeless God, as we remember Benedict, Father of Western Monasticism, we pray with him that we should have the strength to fulfil your commandments and to never despair of your mercy.
Thursday, 4 July	Lord of all, on Polling Day in the UK, we pray for those who lead: in church, education, local communities and wider society. We pray for those whose decisions affect the lives of children and young people and pray for a new generation of leaders to be raised.	Friday, 12 July	God of our past, present and future, as the diocesan Investments Committee meets today, we pray that you will guide their thinking so that their decisions are made for the future that you desire, rather than one limited by our human imagination.
Friday, 5 July	God of grace and mercy, we pray for children and young people around the world caught up in war, conflict and violence. We pray for those living in harsh conditions and poverty and those displaced from their homes.	Saturday, 13 July	O Lord hear our prayer for the young people, youth leaders, chaplains and our bishop, as they go on pilgrimage to the Taizé Community. May it be a journey of discovery, light and peace.
Saturday, 6 July	Loving God, we pray today for the issues children and young people face growing up. Grant us better understanding so we can journey together. May young voices be heard and shape our churches and communities for the better.	Sunday, 14 July	God of all goodness, look with kindness and compassion on all those who wait for the safe return of their loved ones who work upon the seas. We remember especially those sailors passing through the Red Sea conflict zone and ask for your blessing on them.
Sunday, 7 July	Giver of life, on Zambia – Bath and Wells Sunday we pray that we may see children and young people flourish and grow in faith: in the communities of our diocese and in our link dioceses in Zambia. We pray for churches, homes and schools where faith is shared and explored.	Monday, 15 July	Father God, thank you for all the people in the Frome Deanery. We pray for the benefices in vacancy, for good new appointments and for a growing sense of unity with the sharing of resources and vision going forward.
Monday, 8 July	God of healing, we pray for our health services and for all who work, serve, lead and care within them with such skill and dedication. We pray for healing, wholeness and peace.	Tuesday, 16 July	God of justice and peace, we pray for the MPs elected to represent the constituencies within our diocese. Strengthen and inspire them so that they may walk humbly with you as they lead and serve.

Wednesday, 17 July Loving God, you call us to be people of justice. On this World Day for International Justice, give us a heart to work for justice in our families and communities, so that your justice may spread throughout the world.

Thursday, 18 July Lord, may we be wise stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. As the finance group meets today, give them wisdom in their work so that decisions which are made will serve the common good.

Friday, 19 July Thank you Lord, for the wisdom and spiritual experiences the Exploring Your Spiritual Journey group have shared this year. Bless their retreat, finishing today, and their growth in You, and may all Christians become vessels of Your love and grace, encouraging and supporting each other, and enriching those around us.

Saturday, 20 July Loving God, we pray for all those across our diocese who, in a host of different ways, will be preparing churches for worship tomorrow. We thank you for those whose dedication enables us to worship you in body, mind and spirit.

Sunday, 21 July Jesus, Word of God, we pray for all who will be preaching throughout our diocese today. Give them the words to inspire us with a captivating vision of the good news of your saving grace.

Monday, 22 July
Mary Magdalene Lord, on this feast day of St Mary Magdalene, we pray for all churches dedicated in her name. We pray that we may all find the courage to follow Mary Magdalene's example as a disciple of Jesus and a witness to his resurrection.

Tuesday, 23 July Sabbath God, we pray for the many children and young people who will have their last day of term today. We pray that their school year will end with a sense of good friendships made or continued and their lives enriched by what they have learned.

Wednesday, 24 July Loving God, on Samaritans Awareness Day we pray for all who follow in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan and offer care and support to those in need. We ask you to bless the Samaritans as they offer a lifeline to those who feel desperate or suicidal, day or night, 24/7.

Thursday, 25 July
James the Apostle God of everywhere, as we give thanks for James one of the first apostles, patron of pilgrims and Spain, we pray for all places of pilgrimage: may they be places of hospitality and deep encounter.

Friday, 26 July Lord, as we remember Anne and Joachim, the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, today, we pray for all parents, grandparents and carers as they navigate the challenges of life. May they support and guide with love, joy and wisdom.

Saturday, 27 July Jesus, Teacher, as we remember Brooke Foss Westcott, Teacher of the Faith, we pray for those studying in theological education institutions as preparation for their ministry. Strengthen them as they seek to learn more of you so that they may share it with others.

Sunday, 28 July Generous God, we pray for Lay Worship Assistants across our diocese who will be leading worship today in many different places. We pray that those who worship with them will be enriched and inspired ready to go out and serve you.

Monday, 29 July Heavenly Father, as Mary, Martha and Lazarus were your companions, help each of us in our Magnificat parishes to walk with humility and faith with those you have given into our care. Help us to serve with love and compassion.

Tuesday, 30 July God of all, we pray for all who campaign to end modern slavery and those who seek to address the continuing impact of historic slavery. We ask you to inspire us to seek to create a world of justice and hope.

Wednesday, 31 July Lord, today we give thanks for Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits and for the insights of the Spiritual Exercises. We ask you to bless and guide all those who are spiritual accompaniers so that they may offer a prayerful presence to those they accompany.