

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>

We pray for children and young people who are on half-term this week, and for the teachers and staff in our schools, that you would bring them rest. We give thanks for churches hosting activities this week, and pray that children and young people attending would know more of who you are.

22. For the Upper Culm Mission Community, its clergy Becky Totterdell, LLM David Major, and for all who live and worship in Hemyock with Culm Davy, Culmstock, and Clayhidon.

23. For the West Dartmoor Mission Community, its clergy Andrew Thomas, Miranda Donne, Philippa Bellows, LLM Martin Jury, and for all who live and worship in Yelverton, Walkhampton, Sheepstor, Sampford Spiney, Meavy, and Horrabridge.

24. For the West Exe Mission Community, its clergy David Nixon, Ed Hodges, Mike Clark, Alison Whiting, Sarah Cumming, and for all who live and worship in Saint Thomas Exeter and Exwick.

25. For the Whiddon Mission Community, its clergy David Spence, Sue Sheppard, Harriet Every, Wes Cutler, LLMs Jill Hobbs, Jeanette Wilmot, Kay Pyne, and for all who live and worship in Spreyton, South Tawton, Sampford Courtenay, North Tawton, North Bovey, Moretonhampstead, Manaton, Lustleigh, Honeychurch, Hittisleigh, Gidleigh with Throwleigh, Drewsteignton, Chagford, and Bondleigh.

26. For the White Cross Mission Community, its priest Bill Lemmey, LLM Christine Grist, and for all who live and worship in Woodbury with Exton, Woodbury Salterton, Farringdon, Clyst St Mary, Clyst St George, and Aylesbeare.

27. In our link with Melanesia, we pray for the Melanesian Brothers Great Conference taking place tomorrow. We also pray for the new leaders of the religious community and for their households in Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Australia.

28. On the Feast Day of St Simon and St Jude the Apostles, who were faithful and zealous in their mission, we pray that we too would be full of faith as we follow Jesus. We give thanks for all the apostles, whom Jesus appointed to lead His church, and devote ourselves to their teaching as the early church did.

29. On the International Day of Care and Support, we pray for carers and support workers and those working in similar roles. May God protect them and sustain them as they work hard - often unseen - to care for, rehabilitate, and serve those in need.

30. For the Winkleigh Mission Community, its clergy Helen Blaine, Fiona Law, and for all who live and worship in Winkleigh, Brushford, Broadwood Kelly, Ashreigney.

31. As we remember Martin Luther, the Reformer, we pray his words: 'I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.'



# OCTOBER PRAYER DIARY

Dear God, in your power, you raised Jesus from the dead, he is our Prince and Saviour, teach us to obey your commands, to trust in you and listen to you above any earthly voices. We give our lives to you. (Acts 5:29-31)

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

**During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we pray for all those living with breast cancer, their families and friends, and for all those who have lost loved ones to breast cancer. We give thanks for organisations working tirelessly to discover new ways to prevent and treat breast cancer and pray your love would surround each person affected by this disease.**

1. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for the small Anglican community centred in Caen, and their Chaplain Fr. Mark Osborne. We also pray for the parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Villers-Bocage.

2. On the International Day of Non-Violence, we remember that Jesus taught us to turn the other cheek. We long for a world where people in power do not use violence to achieve change but strive to keep peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

3. For the Torridge (Coastal) Mission Community, LLMs Anne Foster, Nigel Price, Jonathan Ellis, and for all who live and worship in Westward Ho!, Northam, Appledore, and Abbotsham.

4. On the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, we pray his words: 'I beg you, Lord, let the fiery, gentle power of your love take possession of my soul, and snatch it away from everything under heaven, that I may die for love of your love as you saw fit to die for love of mine.'

5. On World Teachers' Day we pray for teachers across Devon, may they know your guiding hand as they shape our young people. Please help them explore new ways of engaging with students, we pray that your love would sustain them.

6. For the Torridge Mission Community, its priest Martin Warren, Duff, LLM Jon Berry, and for all who live and worship in Sheepwash, Shebbear, Petrockstowe, Petersmarland, Newton St Petrock, Merton, Langtree, Huish, and Buckland Filleigh.

7. For all those being licensed as Lay Ministers across the Diocese today. We give thanks for the gifts you have given them, and for their willingness to respond to your call to serve. We pray that as they teach others, lead worship, and encourage the church, they too may grow in wisdom and understanding.

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

During Baby Loss Awareness Week, we pray for all those who have suffered the loss of a child. Lord, we thank you that you are near to those who are in pain, that you yourself are 'acquainted with grief', and that one day you will wipe away every tear. Help us weep with those who weep and point them towards your love.

8. For the Torridge & Ecumenical Mission Community and for all who live and worship in Monkehampton, Iddesleigh, Dowland, and Dolton.

9. For the Torridge and Taw Mission Community, its priest Chris Painter, LLM Graham Prosser, and for all who live and worship in Westleigh, Instow, and Fremington.

10. On World Mental Health Day, we pray for all those struggling with their mental health, that the peace of God would guard their hearts and minds and they would know that the Lord is a very present help in times of trouble. Help us to support, encourage and pray for one another when we become overwhelmed.

11. For the Torrington Mission Community, its priest Steve Turner, and for all who live and worship in Little Torrington, Great Torrington, and Frithelstock.

12. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for all the staff in the Diocesan Office in Nicosia, we give thanks for their hard work and service, would you sustain each of them and remind them it is all for your kingdom.

13. For the Totnes Mission Community, its clergy Jim Barlow, Jane Frost, Christian Harris, LLMs Elizabeth Waterson, Richard Frost, and for all who live and worship in Totnes with Bridgetown, Stoke Gabriel, Marldon, Dartington, Cornworthy, Berry Pomeroy, and Ashprington.

14. For Army and Navy Chaplains in Devon, we give thanks for them as they come alongside those in our armed forces and offer them the message of light and life. We pray that the Holy Spirit would work in and through them in their ministry.

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

During National Adoption Week, we give thanks for all those who adopt children, we pray those who are able would be stirred by love and compassion to welcome children in need into their families, just as God in his love adopted us into his family through Jesus Christ. (*Ephesians 1:5*)

15. On the International Day of Rural Women, we acknowledge the essential role women play in rural communities across the globe, particularly in developing countries. We pray for all women in agricultural roles, that you would sustain them and give them resilience through your Spirit.

16. On World Food Day, we pray for all those around the world without access to safe, nutritious, and sufficient food. We give thanks for organisations working to change this. Lord, you are the bread of life, remind us of our need for the spiritual food you provide.

17. On the Feast Day of St Ignatius of Loyola, we pray his words: 'Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, All I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.'

18. On the Feast Day of St Luke the Evangelist, we give thanks for his gift to the church and pray that through his gospel, we would become more certain of who Jesus is, what he came to accomplish, and what it means to follow him.

19. For the Trinity Mission Community, its clergy Jonny Elvin, Ollie Osborn, and for all who live and worship in Holy Trinity Exeter.

20. In our link with the Diocese of Thika, we pray for Pray for the four area Archdeacons and the clergy in each Archdeaconry who head up ministry with Children, Mothers' Union, Youth, Men's groups, Mission, and Prayer Ministry.

21. For the Two Rivers Mission Community, its clergy Gary Owen, Tracey Doyle, Julia Halpin, Ally Hope, Cathy Gardiner, LLMs Gwyn Thatcher, David Halpin, Tim Overton, Jacque Ward, Carol Wyatt, and for all who live and worship in Yarnscombe, Tawstock, St Giles in the Wood, Roborough, Newton Tracey with Alverdiscott, Huntshaw, Horwood, High Bickington, Beaford, and Atherington.

We must obey God rather than men.  
The God of our fathers raised Jesus...  
God exalted him at his right hand as  
Prince and Saviour



**ACTS 5:29-31**