



# MAY PRAYER DIARY

Reflecting on the words of Romans 1:16, we pray:

Lord, help us to remember that the gospel is good news for all people. Help us to be confident and passionate about the gospel, not ashamed or embarrassed, for through it God saves all who believe it. Give us boldness to share it with those who have not heard it.

*We encourage you to reflect on this passage throughout this month and use it to guide your prayer time.*

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

**During Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week, we pray for women experiencing mental health problems during pregnancy or postnatally, especially those who struggle to share this with others. We give thanks for the gift of motherhood, help us to care for and support those struggling with their mental health, and reflect your love to them.**

1. On the Feast Day of Philip and James the Apostles, whom you chose as your disciples, we remember their faith, their willingness to follow, and their courageous witness of your truth. We pray that you would give us boldness in our own witness, and help us to trust in you, Jesus.

2. For the churches of the South Molton Mission Community, their clergy Michael Grandey, David Coleman, LLM Deborah Bayliss, and for all who live and worship in Warkleigh with Satterleigh, South Molton with Nymet Saint George, Kingsnympton, Filleigh, Chittlehampton with Umberleigh, and Chittlehamholt.

3. In our link with Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for all the staff in the Diocesan Office in Caen, we give thanks for their hard work and service, would you sustain each of them and remind them it is all for your kingdom.

4. For the churches of the Start Bay Mission Community, their priest Mark Neave, LLMs Andy McMullin, Ken Ball, and for all who live and worship in South Pool, Slapton, East Portlemouth, Chivelstone, Charleton, and Buckland-Tout-Saints.

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

During Dying Matters Awareness Week, we pray for all those who are grieving and all those crippled by a fear of death, may they know your peace. We give thanks, because Jesus conquered the grave and made a way for all who believe in Him to have eternal life.

5. On Rogation Sunday, we thank you God, that you made the land fruitful. We pray for farmers and agricultural workers in Devon, may you bless the land and those who work it. Help us be conscious of how to be sustainable and generous with the resources you have given us.

6. For the churches of the Stokenham Mission Community, LLM Sarah Pain, and for all who live and worship in Stokenham with Sherford and Beesands.

7. For the churches of the Tamar Mission Community, their clergy Andy Atkins, Philip Conway, Phill Parker, LLM Richard Searight, and for all who live and worship in Thrushelton, Stowford, Milton Abbot with Dunterton, Marystowe, Lifton, Lew Trenchard, Lamerton with Sydenham Damerel, Kelly with Bradstone, Coryton, and Broadwoodwidger.

8. On World Red Cross Day, we give thanks for the work of the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement, and pray for all humanitarian and aid workers who commit to helping those who suffer throughout the world.

9. On the Feast of the Ascension, we remember that before going to be with the Father in Heaven, Jesus' appointed his followers to continue his work on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Give us boldness to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. (*Acts 1:8*)

10. During Thy Kingdom Come, we pray for those who don't yet know you or have wandered away from you. In your mercy, would you soften hearts, open ears, break down barriers, and send your messengers, that lost sheep would be found. We ask for renewed faith and perseverance to pray for their salvation.

11. On World Fair Trade Day, we give thanks for organisations and activists committed to building healthy, equitable, sustainable communities around the world. We pray for those currently living and working in unfair systems and particularly those whose livelihoods are most impacted by climate change.

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

During Christian Aid Week, we pray for churches and communities engaging with this year's theme: 'Extraordinary Love'. Lord, you showed us what love is by laying down your life for us, help us reflect that same sacrificial love through fervent prayer, generous giving and courageous action.

12. During Mental Health Awareness Week, we pray for all those struggling with their mental health, that 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.

13. For the churches of the Tamerton Foliot and Southway Mission Community, their priest Gerda van Ommeren, LLM Carrie Tucker, and for all who live and worship in Tamerton Foliot and Southway.

14. On the Feast Day of Matthias the Apostle, who had been with the disciples during Jesus' ministry and was chosen to replace Judas (*Acts 1:12–26*), may we be inspired by his faith, that we too would take up the call to live as Christ's witnesses.

15. On the International Day of Families, we pray for our families and also for those who do not have family or are alienated from them. We give thanks for the family of God, that you 'set the solitary in families' (*Psalms 68:6*) and you have adopted us into your family through Jesus Christ.

16. During the Devon County Show we pray for all those attending, and particularly pray that the Churches Together area would be a blessing to all those at the show, and that the show chaplains would have good opportunities to share the love of Christ with the people they meet.

17. For the churches of the Tavy Mission Community, their clergy Matt Godfrey, Judith Blowey, Hazel Butland, LLMs Sally Pancheri, Patti Owens, Amanda Harris, Liz Bastin, Wendy Roderick Hake, Anne Palfrey, Bob Owens, Christopher Pancheri, Anne de Looy, and for all who live and worship in Whitchurch, Tavistock, Peter Tavy, Mary Tavy, Gulworthy, and Brent Tor.

18. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for all those in training for ordained and lay ministry, may you give them strength and wisdom as they follow your call on their lives.

I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
because it is the power of God  
that brings salvation to everyone  
who believes.

ROMANS 1:16

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

During Stroke Awareness Month, we pray for all those who have suffered from strokes and for those who have lost loved ones to strokes, we pray for your peace in their lives. We also give thanks for organisations seeking to raise awareness as well as improve treatment and support people who experience strokes.

19. At Pentecost, we remember the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord, that you sent us a helper to be with us forever, who dwells with us and in us (*John 14:15-17*). Holy Spirit, please remind us of this and continue to guide and empower us, help us keep in step with you and bear fruit in our lives.

20. For the churches of the Teign Valley and Haldon Hill Mission Community, their clergy Ruth Frampton, Eleanor Oelman, and for all who live and worship in Dunsford, Dunchideock, Doddiscombsleigh, Christow, Bridford, and Ashton.

21. On the World Day for Cultural Diversity, we give thanks for the diversity of the Church, that you call people from all nations and walks of life to be part of your family, united in Christ. We pray for unity amongst all God's children across the globe.

22. For the churches of the Three Rivers Mission Community, their priest David Sayle, LLM David Stafford, and for all who live and worship in Ugborough, Saint Peter Harbertonford, Moreleigh, Harberton, Halwell, Ermington, and Diptford with North Huish.

23. In our link with Melanesia, we pray for those grappling with the impacts of climate change. Lord, please guide and support these communities, give them the wisdom and resources needed to navigate their changing environment. May you bring them hope, resilience and unity as they face these trials.

24. For the churches of the Three Wells Mission Community, their priest Michael Wilkie, LLMs John Dunn, Ian Firth, and for all who live and worship in Kingskerswell, Coffinswell, and Abbotskerswell.

25. For the churches of the Tiverton Mission Community, their clergy Andy Humm, Christian Hill, Charles Wheeler, Miriam Brandon-Wheeler, LLMs Tim Bradshaw, David Catchpole, Ruth Morley, Jude Taylor, and for all who live and worship in Tiverton, St George and St Paul, Tiverton St Andrew, Tiverton St Peter, and Chevithorne with Cove.

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

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

26. For the churches of the Topsham Mission Community, their clergy Louise Grace, Margaret Stirling-Troy, and for all who live and worship in Wear and Topsham.

27. In our link with Thika, we pray for Ven. Joseph Wanyoike of Ruiru Archdeaconry, and for the clergy and people in this rapidly growing area on the outskirts of Nairobi. We also pray for the parish of Ruiru and Highlands parish, which have started the 'Umoja' Church and Community Development Process.

28. For the churches of the Torquay Central Mission Community, their clergy Peter March, Stephen Ball, Peter Jackson, and for all who live and worship in Torquay St Luke, Torquay St John, Saint Mary Magdalene Torquay, and All Saints Torre.

29. For the churches of the Torquay West Mission Community, their clergy Paul Ireton, Samantha Stayte, Paul Evans, LLMs Jeff Hacon, Vicki Osborne, and for all who live and worship in Shiphay Collaton, and Cockington.

30. On World MS Day, we pray for all those living with MS and those who care for them. We give thanks for organisations working to discover new ways to treat and support those with MS. May each person affected by this condition know your love and grace.

31. On the Feast Day of the Visitation of Mary, we remember Elizabeth's words to her: "blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord" (*Luke 1:45*). Help us to be humble servants like Mary, trusting and obeying your word.

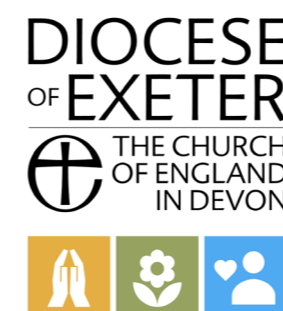
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