

Prayers of Love and Faith Timeline

- The House of Bishops has already agreed to commend the Prayers of Love and Faith resources for use during regular public worship and private prayer (at ministers' discretion).
- The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, indicated to Synod that this commendation is likely to come into effect from mid-December.
- The finalised texts of the prayers are expected to be published at the end of this month.
- Separately, the House of Bishops will be asking Synod to authorise special standalone services from Prayers of Love and Faith, under Canon B2. That process is likely to take about two years, will involve consultation with diocese and would require two-thirds majorities in General Synod.
- However, following an amendment brought by the Bishop of Oxford at the recent meeting of General Synod, there is also the possibility that special standalone services could be available on a trial basis before that, using Canon B5A.
- That would enable the first standalone Prayers of Love and Faith services to take place in churches at the same time as the process of seeking permanent authorisation is underway.