



SEPTEMBER PRAYER DIARY

Reflecting on the words of Mathew 18:20, we pray:

Lord, we give thanks that when we gather in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ, your presence is with us. As we pray, we remember that you are a loving father who listens to us. Give us opportunities to gather together in your presence in prayer and worship.

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

Tuesday 1st – Saturday 5th

During Creationtide, also known as the Season of Creation, we give thanks for the beautiful world you have created. Stir us to act as individuals, and as your church, to be good stewards of all your hands have made. We pray particularly for people whose lives are most impacted by climate change, move our hearts to love our global neighbours through prayer and action.

1. For the churches of the Dart and Avon Mission Community, their clergy Gina Radford, Alexandra Holmes, LLM David Harwood, and for all who live and worship in Staverton with Landscope, South Brent, Rattery, Littlehempston, Dean Prior, and Buckfastleigh. We pray for pupils, teachers and staff at Landscope CofE School.

2. In our link with Thika, we pray for the Rt. Rev'd Julius Wanyoike, the Bishop of Thika and his wife Esther, President of the Mothers Union in Thika. May you bless them in their ministries.

3. For the churches of the Dartmouth & Dittisham Mission Community, their clergy Andrew Langley, LLM David Woods, and for all who live and worship in Dittisham, and Dartmouth Saint Clement (Townstal).

4. On the International Day of Charity, we give thanks for charities across Devon who support the vulnerable and champion good causes. We pray particularly for Christian charities reaching out to those in need and sharing the love of Christ with them.

5. For the churches of the Dawlish Coast Mission Community, their clergy Linda Cronin, LLMs Will Halse, Steve Cronin, and for all who live and worship in Starcross, Dawlish with Holcombe, and Cofton.

Sunday 6th – Saturday 12th

At the beginning of the new academic year, we pray for all students and staff in schools and colleges across Devon. May this new year bring renewed energy, patience, and compassion. We pray for our CofE schools and academies, that through their visions and values, young people would discover the love of God.

6. We lift up the Anglican vocational training centres in Solomon Islands and Vanuatu in Melanesia. Bless the students and teachers with skill, wisdom, and hope for the future. May their learning serve their communities and reflect your love and care.

7. For the churches of the Devonport Mission Community, their clergy Tim Buckley, LLM John Wright, and for all who live and worship in Devonport St Aubyn, and Devonport Saint Michael and Saint Barnabas.

8. On the Accession Day of King Charles III, we pray for him and the Royal Family as they serve God, our nation, and the Commonwealth.

9. On Emergency Services Day, we give thanks for those who work in the emergency services, for their hard work and dedication. We ask for provision for services that are severely lacking resources.

10. For the churches of the Dunkeswell Mission Community, their clergy Jane Penn, Marc Kerslake, LLM Sara Bevan, and for all who live and worship in Upottery, Sheldon, Plymtree, Luppitt, Dunkeswell, and Broadhembury. We pray for pupils, teachers and staff at Plymtree CofE School, and Broadhembury CofE School.

11. For the churches of the East Clyst Churches Mission Community, their clergy Jon Holder, Gudrun Thomas, Rich Brooks, Lydia Holder, LLMs Jude Carter, Ian Spicer, Mary Franklin, and for all who live and worship in Whimble, Talaton, Sowton, Rockbeare, Clyst St Lawrence, Clyst Hydon, Clyst Honiton, Broadclyst. We pray for pupils, teachers and staff at St Martin's CofE School and Rockbeare CofE School.

12. For the churches of the East Exeter Mission Community, their clergy Tanya Hockley-Still, Carl Robinson, LLMs Tina Smith, David Smith, and for all who live and worship in Whipton Saint Boniface, Saint Mark Exeter.

For where two or three
gather in my name,

there am I with them.



Sunday 13th – Saturday 19th

During Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we pray for children who have been diagnosed with cancer, and for their loved ones. We pray that they would feel held by you, and you would bring them comfort and peace. We give thanks for charities that care and support children with cancer, and for those who are working to find a cure.

13. On Education Sunday, we give thanks for our network of Church of England schools and academies, as well as the children and families, youth workers in our churches engaging with schools, and school staff. We recognise the great pressure on those working in education and we ask that you would sustain them, Lord.

14. On Holy Cross Day, we give thanks for Christ's perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world.

15. For the churches of the Edgemoor Mission Community, their clergy Dominic Coad, Alison Rogers, LLM Richard Holloway, and for all who live and worship in West Anstey, Rose Ash, North Molton with Twitchen, Molland, Mariansleigh, Knowstone, High Bray, East Anstey, Charles, and Bishopsnympton.

16. For the churches of the Elburton Mission Community, their clergy James Croucher, LLM Linda Dodwell, and for all who live and worship in Elburton.

17. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for those who minister there. When the days are long and the harvest seems distant, grant them patience, resilience and hope. We pray for support for those moving into the Diocese, and blessings on those who are moving away.

18. On Youth Mental Health Day we pray for young people in our communities, that amidst the pressures and confusion of life, they would know they are loved by a God who is a present help in times of trouble. May they know you and experience your peace. Help us to support, encourage and pray for them.

19. For the Exeter Network Church Mission Community, their clergy Sam Randall, Bob Wallington, Rich Kelly, and for all who live and worship in Exeter.



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Sunday 20th – Wednesday 30th

During Fairtrade Fortnight we give thanks for Fairtrade, and pray for churches engaging with the resources over the coming weeks. May we all be stirred to live more sustainably and ethically, and to love our global neighbours through our prayers and actions. We pray for those most impacted by climate change.

20. On Patterson's Day give thanks for the life and witness of Bishop John Coleridge Patteson, whose faith and calling were shaped in Devon. May his courage, compassion, and witness inspire us to walk humbly in your service. Be with all who walk the Patteson Way today, that their steps may be guided by your Spirit and their hearts stirred by his example.

21. On the Feast Day of Mathew, Apostle and Evangelist, we pray for all those who like St Matthew, respond faithfully to the call of Jesus to a new life and new hope.

22. For the churches of the Exe Valley Mission Community, their clergy Steph Gordon-Jeffs, and for all who live and worship in Withleigh, Washfield, Templeton, Stoodleigh, Rackenford, Oakford, Loxbeare, Cruwys Morchard, and Calverleigh. We pray for pupils, teachers and staff at Rackenford CofE School.

23. For the churches of the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community, their clergy Julie Lomas, John Lees, LLMs Chris Shepherd, Gill Heighway, Anna Crabbe, and for all who live and worship in Yarcombe, Stockland, Shute, Kilmington, and Dalwood. We pray for pupils, teachers and staff at Stockland CofE School.

24. For the churches of the Five Red Churches Mission Community, their clergy Pestrige, LLM John Trickett, and for all who live and worship in Powderham, Kenton with Mamhead, Kenn, and Exminster. We pray for pupils, teachers and staff at Kenn CofE School.

25. For the churches of the Forder Valley Mission Community, their clergy Tatty Wilson, Claire Hendy, Ann Hosking, and for all who live and worship in Egguckland with Estover. We pray for pupils,

teachers and staff at St Edward's CofE School.

26. For the churches of the Four Ways Mission Community, their clergy Cathy Scoffield, LLM Anne Foster, and for all who live and worship in West Buckland, Swimbridge, Landkey, and East Buckland. We pray for pupils, teachers and staff at Swimbridge CofE School.

27. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for all those serving in pastoral teams, especially those supporting parishes in various ministries.

28. For the churches of the Haldon Mission Community, their clergy Green, David Wilkie, Julia Hocking, LLMs Ruth Sewell, Peter Wood, Lesley Heffer, and for all who live and worship in West Teignmouth, Shaldon, Ideford with Luton, East Teignmouth, Bishopsteignton, and Ashcombe.

29. For the churches of Hartland Coast Mission Community, their clergy Jane Skinner, Jane Hayes, LLMs Andrew Macwilliam, Vera Tooke, and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy West, Welcombe, Parkham, Lundy, Hartland, Clovelly, Bucks Mills, Buckland Brewer, and Alwington. Michael and All Angels.

30. For the churches of the Heavitree Mission Community, their clergy Benjamin Rabjohns, Andrew Johnson, Alex Honey, and for all who live and worship in Saint Mary Steps, Heavitree with St Paul Exeter. We pray for pupils, teachers and staff at St Michael's CofE School, St Luke's CofE School, and St Peter's CofE School.

Amen.

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