



OCTOBER PRAYER DIARY

Reflecting on the words of Galatians 6:9, we pray:

Lord, we thank you that our good deeds are never wasted. We pray that when we feel weary, you would sustain us and renew our strength. Help us to continue to show your love to those we meet, planting seeds of kindness, patience, and hope. We give thanks for the harvest that is coming. Amen.

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

Thursday 1st – Saturday 3th

During Black History Month, we give thanks for the diversity of the church, and lament times when Christianity has been misused to divide and oppress. Remind us that all people are made in the image of God and help us to grow together in love and unity.

1. For the churches of the Holsworthy Mission Community, their clergy Mark James, Alison Hardy, Paul Fitzpatrick, LLM Mary Aicheler, and for all who live and worship in Halwill, Ashwater, Beaworthy, Black Torrington with Highampton, Bradford with Cookbury, Bradworthy, Bridgerule, Abbots Bickington, Clawton, Thornbury, Hollacombe, Holsworthy, Milton Damerel, Putford, Pyworthy with Pancrasweek, Sutcombe, Tetcott with Luffincott, and Bulkworthy. For pupils, teachers and staff at Holsworthy CofE School, Bridgerule CofE and Black Torrington CofE.

2. We pray for churches across Devon as they celebrate Harvest festival. We give thanks for all farmers and those who work on the land. We pray that you would bless the hands that plough, plant and gather, and help us to protect your creation.

3. We pray for those who are being licensed as Licensed Lay Ministers today in a service at Exeter Cathedral. We thank you for the calling you have given each one of them, and we pray you would fill them with your presence to serve with joy. We give thanks for the work of Licensed Lay Ministers across Devon, who make a difference in our churches.

Sunday 4th – Saturday 10th

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 to prevent and treat breast cancer. We pray those who are currently fighting this disease would know you are near, God.

4. For the churches of the Holyford Mission Community, their clergy Steve Martin, Marc Kastner-Walmsley, LLM Charles Hill, and for all who live and worship in Southleigh, Northleigh, Musbury, Colyton with Colyford, Branscombe. For pupils, teachers and staff at Branscombe CofE School.

5. For the churches of the Kingsbridge Estuary Churches Mission Community Mission Community, their clergy, Jax Tilbury, Amanda Sarjeant, and for all who live and worship in West Alvington, Kingsbridge, and Dodbrooke. For pupils, teachers and staff at West Alvington CofE School.

6. For the churches of the Hukeley Mission Community, LLM Nick Francombe, and for all who live and worship in Petton, Morebath, Huntsham, Clayhanger, and Bampton. For pupils, teachers and staff at Bampton CofE School.

7. For the churches of the Kingsteignton Mission Community, their clergy Sandra Gill, and for all who live and worship in Kingsteignton with Teigngrace. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Michael's CofE School.

8. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for the first online meeting to develop a Community of Learning between two link dioceses – of Exeter, and Cyprus and the Gulf – which will be taking place this afternoon. Bishop Mike and Bishop Sean, the two Diocesan Bishops, will discuss leading the two dioceses and their visions for future ministry in our very different contexts. We pray for a fruitful exchange of vision, experience and wisdom and for a deeper partnership between the two dioceses.

9. For the churches of the Little Dart Team Mission Community, their clergy Adrian Wells, Christine Chandler, John Rhodes, LLM Elaine Cook, and for all who live and worship in Witheridge with Creacombe and Romansleigh, West Worlington, Wembworthy with Eggesford, Thelbridge, Meshaw, East Worlington, Chulmleigh, Cheldon, Chawleigh, and Burrington. For pupils, teachers and staff at Witheridge CofE School.

10. On World Mental Health Day, we pray for all those struggling with their mental health, help us to support, encourage and pray for one another when we become overwhelmed. Lord, thank you that you call all people to come to you and receive your peace, and that you are 'a very present help in times of trouble.' (Psalm 46:1)



Let us not become weary in doing good

for at the proper time we will reap
a harvest if we do not give up

Sunday 11th – Saturday 17th

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.

11. For the churches of the Littleham cum Exmouth with Lymptone Mission Community, their clergy Steve Jones, Benedict Cambridge, Shaun Tipton, Heidi Budden, LLMs Diana West, Demelza Henderson, and for all who live and worship in Lymptone, and Littleham Cum Exmouth. For pupils, teachers and staff at Littleham CofE School, The Beacon CofE School, and Lymptone CofE School.

12. For the churches of the Lyn Valley Mission Community, their clergy Miles Welborn, and for all who live and worship in Trentishoe, Parracombe, Martinhoe, Lynton, Countisbury, and Brendon. For pupils, teachers and staff at Lynton CofE School, and Parracombe CofE School.

13. For the churches of the Malborough Mission Community, LLM Debbie Plummer, and for all who live and worship in Malborough, Salcombe and South Huish. For pupils, teachers and staff at Malborough CofE School and Salcombe CofE School.

14. For the churches of the Modbury Mission Community, their clergy Oli Long, LLM Gilbert Snook, Joyce Howitt, and for all who live and worship in Ringmore, Modbury, Kingston, Bigbury, and Aveton Gifford. For pupils, teachers and staff at Aveton Gifford CofE School.

15. In our link with Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for new priests and their parishes, and for seminarians. We also pray for the parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Douvesla-Delivrande.

16. For the churches of the Netherexe Parishes Mission Community, their clergy Tim Collins, Julia Dallen, Ash Leighton Plom, LLMs Laura Ford, Simon Friend, and for all who live and worship in Upton Pyne, Thorverton, Stoke Canon with Huxham, Rewe with Nether Exe, Newton St Cyres, Cadbury, and Brampford Speke. For pupils, teachers and staff at Thorverton CofE School, Brampford Speke CofE School, and Stoke Canon CofE School.

17. For the churches of the Newton Abbot Mission Community, their clergy Dave Brown, Gareth Regan, Jonathan Bealey, LLMs Graham Whittle, Keith Butler, and for all who live and worship in Newton Abbot and Ogwell, and Milber. For pupils, teachers and staff at All Saints CofE School, and Wolborough CofE School.



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Sunday 18th – Saturday 24th

During National Adoption Week, we pray for all children who do not have parents, and we give thanks for those who adopt children. We pray you would stir those who are able to consider welcoming a child into their families, just as you have adopted us as sons and daughters into your family through Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:5)

18. On the Feast of Luke the Evangelist, the patron saint of doctors and surgeons, we give thanks for all those who offer their skills for the healing of others. We pray you would sustain and strengthen them.

19. For the churches of the North Creedy (East) Mission Community, their clergy Janet May, LLM Laura Armstrong, and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy East, Washford Pyne, Stockleigh Pomeroy, Puddington, Poughill, Kennerleigh, and Cheriton Fitzpaine with Stockleigh English.

20. For the churches of the North Kenn Team Mission Community, their clergy Martin Wood, and for all who live and worship in Whitestone with Oldridge, Tedburn St Mary, Holcombe Burnell, and Cheriton Bishop.

21. For the churches of the North Tamar Mission Community, their clergy Philip Conway, LLM Richard Searight, and for all who live and worship in Thrushelton, Stowford, Lifton, Lew Trenchard, Kelly with Bradstone, and Broadwoodwidge. For pupils, teachers and staff at Lew Trenchard CofE School, and Lamerton CofE School.

22. In our link with Thika, we pray for the Namrata Shah Children's home where children come from desperate situations into a home where they will be loved and cared for. We ask for your provision as they seek to raise vital funds.

23. For the churches of the North Taw Mission Community, their clergy Tim Solosy, Glyn Lewry, Caroline Raby, Catherine Harper, LLM Ian Huggett, and for all who live and worship in West Down, Marwood, Heanton Punchardon, and Georgeham. For pupils, teachers and staff at Georgeham CofE School.

24. For the churches of the Northmoor Mission Community, their clergy Adrian Brook, Donald Miles, Leigh Winsbury, Claire Reynolds, Jonathan Cook, LLMs Michael Winter, Maurie Webber, Lawrie Townson, and for all who live and worship in Sourton, Okehampton, Northlew, Meeth, Lydford, Jacobstowe, Inwardleigh, Hatherleigh, Germansweek, Exbourne, Bridestowe, Bratton Clovelly, and Belstone. For pupils, teachers and staff at Northlew and Ashbury School, St James CofE School, and Exbourne CofE School.

Sunday 25th – Saturday 31st

We pray for children and young people who are on half-term this week, and for the teachers and staff in our schools, would you 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.

25. For the churches of the Offwell Mission Community, their clergy Stuart Huntley, and for all who live and worship in Widworthy, Offwell, and Farway. For pupils, teachers and staff at Offwell CofE School, and Farway CofE School.

26. For the churches of the Otter Vale Mission Community, their clergy Mark Ward, David Carrington, Carys Baker, LLMs Caroline Poultny, David Williamson, and for all who live and worship in West Hill, Saint Michael, Tipton St John with Venn Ottery, Payhembury, Ottery St Mary, Newton Poppleford, Harpford, Feniton with Escot, Colaton Raleigh, and Alfrington. For pupils, teachers and staff at Tipton St John CofE School, Feniton CofE School, and Payhembury CofE School.

27. For the churches of the Our Lady and All the Saints North Torquay Mission Community, their clergy Nick Debney, Kenny Wickens, and for all who live and worship in Saint Marychurch, Saint Martin, Barton, All Saints, Babbacombe, and Torquay. For pupils, teachers and staff at All Saints Babbacombe CofE School, St Marychurch CofE School, and St Cuthbert Mayne School.

28. We give you thanks for the faithful environmental advocacy of the Anglican Society of St Francis Brothers across Melanesia, as they speak out against the human rights impacts of illegal logging and mining and stand alongside vulnerable communities. Bless their courage, wisdom and perseverance, and strengthen them in their work for justice, the protection of creation, and the dignity of all people.

29. For the churches of the Paignton Mission Community, their clergy Laura McAdam, Nathan Kiayaga and for all who live and worship in Paignton. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Michael's CofE Academy.

30. For the churches of the Paignton Christ Church Mission Community, LLM David Harwood, and for all who live and worship in Paignton St Paul Preston, and Paignton Christ Church.

31. We pray for churches who are holding 'light parties' for children, young people and families this week. We pray that they would know the light that you bring, that shines in the darkness, and that they would know your love and care for them.

Amen.