

Sunday 25th – Wednesday 30th

During Generosity Week we pray: 'God of abundance, the author and giver of all good things; grant us a gracious and humble heart, that we may give you glory through offering the first fruits of our lives, and grow more into the likeness of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.'

25. For the Elburton Mission Community, its priest James Croucher, LLM Linda Dodwell, and for all who live and worship in Elburton.

26. For Diocesan Staff across the county, we give thanks for their hard work enabling and supporting your church in Devon, work that is often unseen, but not by you Lord. Would you sustain each of them and remind them it is all for your kingdom.

27. For the Exe Valley Mission Community, its clergy Steph Gordon-Jeffs, Claire Curtis, and for all who live and worship in Withleigh, Washfield, Templeton, Stoodleigh, Rackenford, Oakford, Loxbeare, Cruwys Morchard and Calverleigh.

28. In our link with the Diocese of Thika, we pray for those working to establish savings and loans groups for hundreds of people who cannot access formal banking and those providing finance and business training.

29. We pray for the Rt. Rev'd James Grier, the new Bishop of Plymouth as he is consecrated today in Westminster Abbey. We also pray for his wife Dr. Liz Grier and sons Josh and Toby, may they know your closeness as they take this new step as a family. We ask that you bless Bishop James as he steps into his new role where you have appointed him as a leader and a shepherd.

30. For the Culm Valley Mission Community, its clergy Simon Talbot, Michelle Parton, Gudrun Thomas, LLMs Chris Russell, Katharyn Mumby, and for all who live and worship in Willand, Uffculme and Kentisbeare.

Amen.



SEPTEMBER PRAYER DIARY

Dear Lord, we thank you that our hope is in you, even when the world around us seems hopeless. Help us to hold on to our hope in Jesus Christ and declare it to others. Thank you that we can trust in you because you are faithful. Amen.

Thursday 1st – Saturday 10th

At the beginning of a new academic year, we pray for all students and staff in our schools and colleges. May this new year bring renewed energy, patience, and compassion, particularly for the teachers as they shape the lives of our young people.

1. For the Chudleigh Mission Community, its priest Alex Sharp, and for all who live and worship in Trusham, Chudleigh Knighton and Chudleigh.

2. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for school and university chaplains. We also pray for those preparing for confirmation and undertaking trips to Taize, and for the parishes, their clergy, and people in the area of Caen.

3. For the Coast & Combe Mission Community, its clergy Mark Ruoff, John Roles, Giles King-Smith, Ann Lewis, Fran Bliss, LLMs Theresa Powell, Sally-Ann Molligoda, and for all who live and worship in Woolacombe, Lee, Mortehoe, Ilfracombe, Combe Martin, Bittadon and Berrynarbor.

4. As a new Prime Minister is appointed, we pray that you would give them wisdom and compassion for those they serve. Please help us continue to pray for all those in authority as your word instructs.

5. For the Crediton Mission Community, its clergy Matthew Tregenza, Janet May, Lewis Eden, LLMs Sandra Collier, Carol Price, and for all who live and worship in Shobrooke, Sandford with Upton Hellions and Crediton.

6. On the International Day of Charity, we pray for charities across Devon. We give you thanks for their dedication to defend the vulnerable, provide for those in need, and fight for justice. We pray that you would bless them with your provision and guidance, Lord.

7. For the Cullompton Mission Community, its clergy Ed Hobbs, Marilyn Sanders, and for all who live and worship in Cullompton.

8. For the Coast and Country Mission Community and for all who live and worship in Strete, Stoke Fleming, East Allington and Blackawton.

9. For the Dart and Avon Mission Community, its clergy Gina Radford, Laura McAdam, LLMs Pam Saunders, David Harwood, and for all who live and worship in Staverton with Landscope, South Brent, Rattery, Littlehempston, Dean Prior and Buckfastleigh.

10. We pray for the Ordination of Deacons in Exeter Cathedral today, we give thanks for each of those who have answered God's call. As you send them out Lord, we pray they would be filled with your Spirit and fixed on you as they serve the people of Devon with joy.

Sunday 11th – Saturday 17th

During the season of Creationtide, we are 'Listening to the Voice of Creation'. Lord, we pray that your voice would instruct us, as the sustainer of all life, would you guide us as we seek to live responsibly on your planet. Would you help us listen to the voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change and learn from their wisdom.

11. On Education Sunday, we pray using this year's theme 'You Are Not Lost'. We pray that students of all ages would not feel directionless but know that you guide their every step and long for each of them to know who you are. We are not lost but found in you.

12. For the Dartmouth & Dittisham Mission Community, its priest Andrew Langley, and for all who live and worship in Dittisham and Dartmouth.

13. For the Dawlish Coast Mission Community, its priest Dallas Ayling, and for all who live and worship in Starcross, Dawlish with Holcombe and Cofton.

14. On Holy Cross Day, we pray that we would grasp the enormity of the Christ's sacrifice on the cross, that we may give thanks each day for his boundless grace, and always remember the suffering he endured to redeem the world.

15. For the Devonport Mission Community, its clergy Tim Buckley, Sue Nicholas, Ruth Sayers, readers Lynda Buckley, John Wright, and for all who live and worship in Devonport.

16. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for clergy and lay ministers in the Cyprus Archdeaconry.

17. For the Dunkeswell Mission Community, its priest Jane Penn, and for all who live and worship in Upottery, Sheldon, Plymtree, Luppitt, Dunkeswell and Broadhembury.

Sunday 18th – Saturday 24th

As students arrive or return to our cities, we pray for all of those starting university in the coming weeks. We pray that throughout this year they would have opportunities to hear your gospel and encounter you. We pray particularly for those who are leaving home for the first time, that they would learn to rely on you.

18. For the East Clyst Churches Mission Community, its clergy Marc Kerslake, Bernard Lane, and for all who live and worship in Whimble, Talaton, Sowton, Rockbeare, Clyst St Lawrence, Clyst Hydon, Clyst Honiton and Broadclyst.

19. On Youth Mental Health Day, we pray for all young people struggling with their mental health, that they would not feel alone or afraid, but would know the hope found in Jesus Christ. We give thanks for youth work in our churches and pray you would equip us to support young people.

20. In our link with Melanesia, we remember the anniversary of the martyrdom of Bishop John Coleridge Patteson, we pray that we would be inspired by his commitment to sharing the gospel and his willingness to follow the call of God, may his death remind us of the cost of following you, Jesus.

21. On the International Day of Peace, we pray for all those whose lives are threatened by war, Lord have mercy. We put our trust in the Prince of Peace who says:

"Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (*John 14:27*)

22. For the East Exeter Mission Community, its clergy Tanya Hockley-Still, Carl Robinson, Tatty Wilson, and for all who live and worship in Whipton and Polsloe.

23. For the Edgemoor Mission Community, its clergy Alison Rogers, Penny Lawson, 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.

24. We pray for all those being ordained as priests across the Diocese this weekend. We give thanks for their ministry and pray that you continue to give them wisdom and grow them in leadership as they serve others as priests in your church.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.



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