



OCTOBER PRAYER DIARY

Lord, we thank you that you made a way for us to be with you, to be saved from our sin through your son Jesus Christ, who stood in our place and sacrificed himself. He became our Passover lamb, and we are covered by his precious blood, help us to remember this every day. Amen.

Saturday 1st – Saturday 8th

We thank you that we are a pilgrim people, sojourners on the earth, journeying towards our true home in heaven. We give thanks for Devon Pilgrim, which invites us to wander and wonder with you. We pray that your Holy Spirit would be our compass, your Word would be our map, and your Son Jesus would be our living water and our bread of life.

1. We pray for all those being licensed as Lay Ministers across the Diocese today. We give thanks for the gifts you have given them, and for their willingness to respond to your call to serve. We pray that as they teach others, lead worship, and encourage the church, they too may grow in wisdom and understanding.

2. On the International Day of Non-Violence, we remember that Jesus taught us to turn the other cheek. We long for a world where people in power do not use violence to achieve change but strive to keep peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God."
(Matthew 5:9)

3. In our link with Melanesia, we pray for the Society of St Francis Brothers and their work on illegal and unregulated logging. We give thanks for their courage in standing up for communities whose land is being stripped of ancient trees, we pray you would give them perseverance, Lord.

4. On the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, we pray his words:

'I beg you, Lord, let the fiery, gentle power of your love take possession of my soul, and snatch it away from everything under heaven, that I may die for love of your love as you saw fit to die for love of mine.'

5. On World Teachers' Day we pray for teachers across Devon, may they know your guiding hand as they shape our young people. Please help them explore new ways of engaging with students, we pray that your love would sustain them.

6. For the Exeter Network Church Mission Community, and its clergy Jon Soper and Bob Wallington.

7. For the Five Red Churches Mission Community, its clergy John Williams, Patrick Parkes, and for all who live and worship in Powderham, Kenton with Mamhead, Kenn, and Exminster.

8. For the Forder Valley Mission Community, its clergy Ann Hosking, Keith Murphy, LLM Peter Dickinson and for all who live and worship in Egguckland with Estover.

Sunday 9th – Saturday 15th

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month we pray for all those living with breast cancer, their friends and families, and for all those who have lost loved ones to breast cancer. We give thanks for organisations working tirelessly to discover new ways to prevent and treat breast cancer, and pray your love would surround each person affected by this disease.

9. We pray for the Installation of the Rt. Rev'd James Grier as the new Bishop of Plymouth at Exeter Cathedral today. We pray that he would be welcomed by the people of Devon and that you would give him wisdom as he adapts to his new role in your church.

10. On World Mental Health Day, we pray for all those struggling with their mental health, particularly those feeling anxious about the cost-of-living crisis. We pray that the peace of God would guard their hearts and minds and 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.

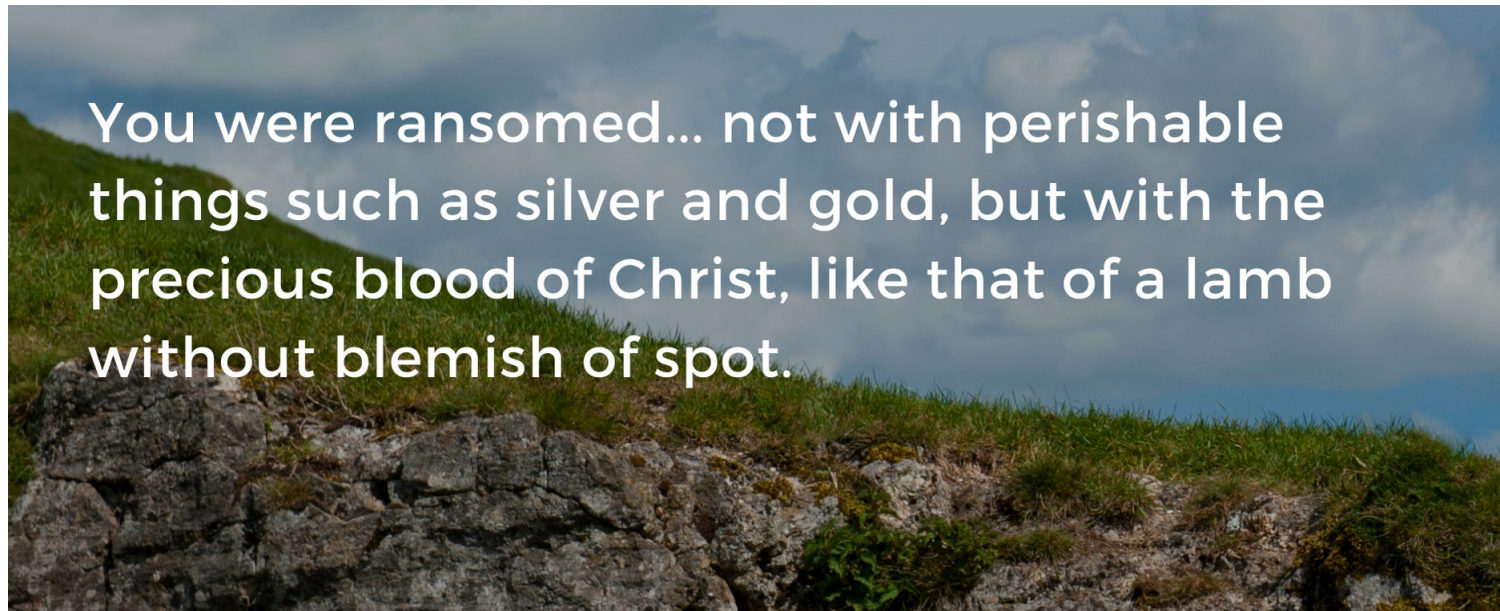
11. For the Four Ways Mission Community, its priest Shaun O'Rourke, LLM Josie Foster, and for all who live and worship in West Buckland, Swimbridge, Landkey, East Buckland and Gunn.

12. For the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community, its priest Julie Lomas, LLMs Anna Crabbe, Gill Heighway, and for all who live and worship in Yarcombe, Stockland, Shute, Kilmington, and Dalwood.

13. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for the Basilica of Sainte-Thérèse in Lisieux and all its staff and pilgrims. We also pray for parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Lisieux.

14. For the Goodrington Mission Community, its clergy Gary Deighton, Gerda van Ommeren, and for all who live and worship in Goodrington, and Collaton St Mary.

15. On the International Day of Rural Women, we acknowledge the essential role women play in rural communities across the globe, particularly in developing countries. We pray for all women in agricultural roles, that you would sustain them and give them resilience through your Spirit. We pray they would have equal opportunities, so that their farms would be able to flourish.



You were ransomed... not with perishable things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Sunday 16th – Saturday 22nd

We pray for charities supporting people through the cost-of-living crisis, particularly Transforming Plymouth Together, Christians Against Poverty, Plymouth Arc, Church Housing Action Team (CHAT), Torbay United, local foodbanks and food clubs and other charities in Devon. Guide us to act generously and play our part in supporting others where we are.

16. For the Hartland Coast Mission Community, its clergy Jane Skinner, Madeline Bray, Jane Hayes, PTO Vera Tooke, and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy West, Welcombe, Parkham, Lundy, Hartland, Clovelly, Bucks Mills, Buckland Brewer, and Alwington.

17. On the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, we pray for all those living in poverty, Lord please bring them justice and peace. Remind us that nothing is impossible for you and fill us with hope in the saving power of Jesus Christ, even when the challenges seem insurmountable.

18. On the Feast Day of St Luke the Evangelist, we give thanks for his gift to the church and pray that through his gospel, we would become more certain of who Jesus is, what he came to accomplish, and what it means to follow him.

19. For the Heavitree Mission Community, its clergy Benjamin Rabjohns, Jolyon Seward, Andrew Johnson, and for all who live and worship in Saint Mary Steps, and Heavitree with St Paul Exeter.

20. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for the Mission to Seafarers ordained and lay Port Chaplains who operate in the Diocese, carrying out vital work that allows seafarers to continue doing their jobs.

21. For the Holsworthy Mission Community, its clergy Elizabeth Burke, Richard Freeman, Stephen Skinner, and for all who live and worship in Highampton, Ashwater, Beaworthy, Black Torrington, Bradford with Cookbury, Bradworthy, Bridgerule, Bulkworthy, Abbots Bickington, Halwill, Thornbury, Hollacombe, Holsworthy, Milton Damerel, Putford, Pyworthy with Pancrasweek, Sutcombe, Tetcott with Luffincott, and Clawton.

22. For the Holyford Mission Community, its priest Steve Martin, and for all who live and worship in Southleigh, Northleigh, Musbury, Colyton, and Branscombe.



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Sunday 23rd – Monday 31st

We pray for children and young people who are on half-term this week, and for the staff in our schools, we pray for rest and restoration for them this week. We ask for your blessing on half-term activities taking place in our churches, particularly those providing meals to families in need.

23. For the Honiton Mission Community, its priest Sue Roberts, LLM Julia Barrett, and for all who live and worship in Honiton with Monkton, Gittisham, Cotleigh, Combe Raleigh, Buckerell, and Awliscombe.

24. For the Haldon Mission Community, its clergy Green, Jane Frost, Sue Astbury, readers Richard Frost, Anna Venables, and for all who live and worship in Teignmouth West, Teignmouth East, Ideford with Luton, Bishopsteignton, and Ashcombe.

25. For the Hukeley Mission Community, its priest Kevin Chandra, LLM Nick Francombe, and for all who live and worship in Petton, Morebath, Huntsham, Clayhanger, and Bampton.

26. For the Kingsbridge Estuary Churches Mission Community Mission Community, its curate Matthew Gorton, LLM Amanda Sarjeant, and for all who live and worship in West Alvington, Kingsbridge, and Dodbrooke.

27. For the Kingsteignton Mission Community, its clergy Mark Smith, Sandra Gill, and for all who live and worship in Kingsteignton with Teigngrace.

28. On the Feast Day of St Simon and St Jude the Apostles, who were faithful and zealous in their mission, we pray that we too would be full of faith as we follow Jesus.

We give thanks for all the apostles, whom Jesus appointed to lead His church, and devote ourselves to their teaching as the early church did.

29. For the Little Dart Team Mission Community, its clergy Tony Rockey, Adrian Wells, LLM Christine Chandler, 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.

30. In our link with the Diocese of Thika we pray for the Rt. Rev'd Julius Wanyoike, the Bishop of Thika and his Administrative Secretary Ven. James Kamura. We also pray for The Mothers' Union, Mrs Esther Wanyoike their president, and for Ven. David Murage, the Director for Sector Ministries who heads up Children's Ministry, Mothers' Union, Men's groups, and Youth.

31. For the Littleham Cum Exmouth with Lypstone Mission Community, its clergy Steve Jones, Benedict Cambridge, Elizabeth Burren, Jonathan Reynolds, LLM Demelza Henderson, and for all who live and worship in Lypstone and Littleham Cum Exmouth.