



# NOVEMBER PRAYER DIARY

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

**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. On All Saints Day we give thanks for the faith of the saints who now dwell with you, help us to follow their example and serve you with our lives. We pray for all the saints on earth – your church – may we delight in them: 'As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones in whom is all my delight.' (*Psalms 16:3*)

2. As Bishop Mike is enthroned as the new Bishop of Exeter today, we pray for him and his family as they begin a new season of life. We pray for Bishop Mike's ministry, may you continue to guide him Lord, and help him to serve the people of Devon with joy.

3. For the churches of the Plymstock Mission Community, their clergy Jennie Appleby, Carl Budden, Jo Parker, LLMs Anthony Banbury, Graham Dee, and for all who live and worship in Plymstock and Hooe.

4. In our link with Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for all those considering vocations in the Diocese, please give them wisdom and discernment. We also pray for the parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Vire.

5. For the churches of the Raleigh Mission Community, their clergy Martin Jacques, Mike Williams, and for all who live and worship in Otterton, East Budleigh with Bicton, and Budleigh Salterton.

6. On National Stress Awareness Day, we pray for all those feeling overwhelmed by stress, may they experience your supernatural peace and remember Jesus' invitation to "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (*Matthew 11:28*)

7. For the churches of the St Andrew and St Paul Mission Community, their clergy Joe Dent, Tim Partridge, Leon Sim, Philip Cairns, LLM David Huntley, and for all who live and worship in St Paul Stonehouse, and St Andrew Plymouth.

8. On the feast day of the Saints and Martyrs of England, we remember those who have gone before us and particularly those who gave their lives for the gospel. May we share their faith as we follow you Jesus, counting the cost of being your disciples.

9. For the churches of the St Bartholomew and St Mark Ford Mission Community, their priest Richard Silk, and for all who live and worship in Devonport St Bartholomew and St Mark Ford.

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

**During Anti-Bullying Week we pray for young people, for those who have been hurt as well as those who have hurt others, may you bring healing, Lord. Please teach us all to love, honour, and forgive one another, doing to others what we would have them do to us.**

10. On Remembrance Sunday, as communities come together to remember all those who have lost their lives as a result of war, we pray that your church would be a light to those who gather, reflecting your love, and pointing them to you and your way of peace.

11. On Remembrance Day, we pray: *Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

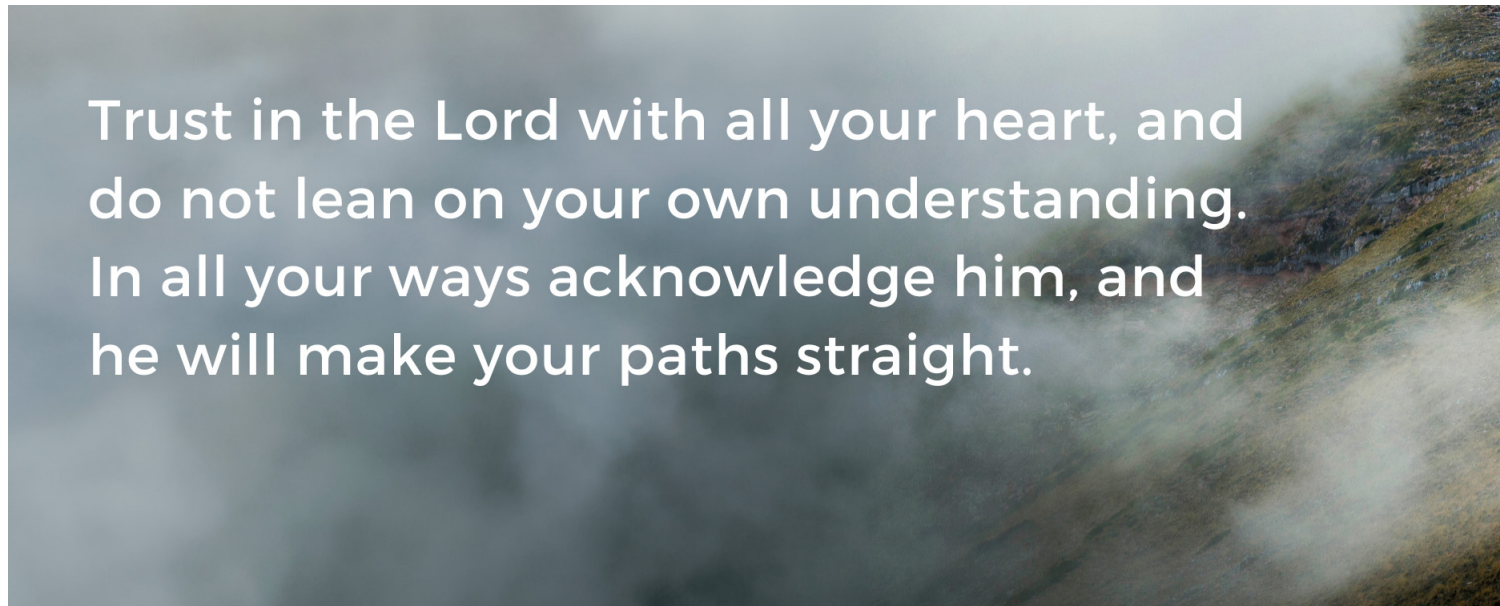
12. For the churches of the St Boniface, St Budeaux and St Philip Mission Community, their priest Michael Doyle, LLMs Elizabeth Dickens, Joanna Bound, Martin Clements, and for all who live and worship in St Philip, Weston Mill, St Budeaux, St Boniface, and Devonport.

13. On World Kindness Day, we remember the immeasurable grace and kindness God has shown us in all he has done for us. Help us to be kind to another: 'as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with kindness...' (*Colossians 3:12*)

14. For St David's Church Exeter, LLMs Charlotte Townsend, Bill Pattinson, Ian Cartwright, David Blundell, and for all who live and worship in Exeter St David.

15. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for The Rt. Rev'd Sean Semple, the Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf, may God bless him in his ministry. We also pray for his wife Jenny and their children and grandchildren.

16. For the Mission Shed - Evangelism gathering taking place today, we pray for all those attending, may they be encouraged and equipped in the work of evangelism. Lord, remind us of the importance and joy of sharing the Good News.



Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

**As COP29 begins, we pray for our world leaders, that you would give them ears to listen to those most affected by climate change, and wisdom on how to take action. We pray you would deepen our gratitude for all your hands have made, and move our hearts to care more deeply for your creation and for each other.**

17. On Safeguarding Sunday we remember all victims of abuse and pray for healing. We give thanks for our parish safeguarding advisors, our diocesan safeguarding team and all who work to make our churches safe places. Help us to play our part, to have the bravery to speak up and look out for all those who are vulnerable.

18. For St James' Church Exeter, its priest Henry Pryse, LLM Joan Ridgway, and for all who live and worship in St James, Exeter.

19. In our link with Thika, we pray for St Andrew's Cathedral, its clergy and all who worship there. We also pray for their home groups, Sunday school, youth groups and for those who lead them.

20. On World Children's Day, we pray for children in our families and communities, and we give thanks for the wonder of child-like faith. We pray all children would know they are loved by their Father in heaven, and we give thanks for Children's workers in churches across Devon.

21. For St Jude's Church Plymouth it's priest Tim Smith, LLMs Jane Sanham, Jackie Yates, Peter Hadden, and for all who live and worship in St Jude Plymouth.

22. For St Leonard's Church Exeter, its priest Chris Keane, and for all who live and worship in St Leonard with Holy Trinity.

23. On the International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day, we pray for all those who have lost loved ones to suicide. In times of pain and confusion, may they know you are near to the broken hearted, and that you yourself are acquainted with grief. Help us to listen well, and to weep with those who weep.



**PROVERBS 3:5-6**



## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

**As we come to the end of 'Movember', we pray for men struggling with their mental health. May the church foster communities of vulnerability and honesty, where people are built up and loved. May the peace of Christ comfort those who are anxious, angry, lonely or afraid, help them know you are near.**

24. Stir-up Sunday is traditionally the day when Christmas puddings are made – as we approach the festive season, we pray for all those who are struggling to feed their families. We give thanks for churches running foodbanks, lunch clubs, warm spaces and other vital outreach. Help us to be generous with what we have been given, just as you are generous to us.

25. On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, we give thanks for organisations fighting prejudice, discrimination and violence against women. We pray for past and present victims of abuse, please help them, Lord.

26. In our link with Melanesia, we pray for the new Diocese of Southern Malaita and Sikaiana, may it be led by Your wisdom and grace. May its leaders and members be filled with compassion, courage, and a deep commitment to Your will. Guide them to be a beacon of hope and love in their community, reflecting Your light in all they do.

27. For St Matthias' Church Torquay, its clergy John Beckett, Paul Barton, Claire Reynolds, LLM Norma Gerry, and for all who live and worship in St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity.

28. For St Pancras' Church Pennycross, its clergy Lawrence Braschi, Norma Baker, Phillip Baul, LLMs Mariska Minter, Paul Lumb, and for all who live and worship in St Pancras, Pennycross.

29. On the Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church, we remember that you call us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. We pray for all those carrying your good news to people across the world as well as here in the UK, Holy Spirit give us boldness.

30. On the Feast Day of Andrew the Apostle, one of the first called by Jesus, we remember how he left everything behind to follow you. Lord, help us to have that same devotion, and teach us to be 'fishers of people' like your disciple Andrew.

Reflecting on the words of Proverbs 3:5-6, we pray:

Lord, help us to trust in you fully, not relying on our own strength or wisdom but relying on you.

Remind us that you are sufficient, and reveal to us where we lean on our own understanding.

We give our lives to you, lead us, and teach us how to follow you.

# Amen.