

Prayer Calendar

February 2024



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Thursday, 1	Jesus, who called the disciples, we pray for all those exploring how you might be calling them today. We pray for Discerning Calling Mentors, Spiritual Directors and local church leaders across our diocese as they accompany people on their journey of discovery.
Friday, 2	Lord, as we remember, today, Jesus as a baby being brought to the temple by his parents, we pray for all parents and children who come to church. May they all find a place of belonging.
Saturday, 3	God who calls us through the ages, we pray for candidates discerning their call to ordination, as they meet in Wells for a training day today. We ask you to bless, encourage and reveal more of the unique call You have for each of them.
Sunday, 4	Healing God, on this World Cancer Day, we pray for all those living with a cancer diagnosis, supporting friends and family, providing treatment or researching new approaches. Bless them in all they are and do so that all may find fullness of life.
Monday, 5	Living Lord Jesus, we pray for those gathering online today and tomorrow for the Easter Ideas Chats, and for the many creative ways churches across our diocese will be sharing the good news of Jesus with their communities this Easter.
Tuesday, 6	God, Father and Lord of all, we pray for Bishops' Staff as it meets today. We pray that as they meet in your name, they will listen to the promptings of your Spirit so that, in their discussions and decisions, your will may be done and your Church flourish.
Wednesday, 7	Loving God, as Bishop's Council meets today, we ask you to give them wise heads and open hearts so that as they discuss matters that affect people across Bath and Wells, their deliberations will play their part in growing your Kingdom.
Thursday, 8	We pray for discernment, Godly wisdom and grace for Locking Deanery, as decisions are made in God's direction for 2024 and beyond, for new posts to be filled and as clergy, together with lay leaders, seek to lead their parishes through these challenging times.

Friday, 9	Generous God, we pray for all those taking part in the Common Fund consultations this month. We pray that your Spirit will guide our conversations, helping us find a way forward that reflects your generosity and enables your Church to grow and flourish.
Saturday, 10	Creator God, we ask your blessing on all who care for our churchyards and outdoor spaces. We pray that they will be places where people can sense something of your faithfulness to your people and your created world.
Sunday, 11	Loving God, we pray for all those who live and work in Portishead Deanery and for those responsible for leading the deanery as they seek to offer a Christian presence in every community.
Monday, 12	Lord of Life, as half term week begins, we pray for children and young people across our diocese taking a break from school and college. We pray too for those who support them and their families through school, church and at home.
Tuesday, 13	On this Shrove Tuesday, known as 'Pancake Day', we pray for churches and communities holding pancake parties. Help us to play our part in ensuring that people have food, by generously sharing what we have with others. And may we not forget all those who are dependent on foodbanks.
Wednesday, 14	As Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent, Lord, we pray for all services taking place today. We give thanks for the opportunity that Lent offers as a time for prayer and reflection.
Thursday, 15	We pray for all who, over many years, have devoted their lives to the cause of sharing God's word with the nations and peoples of the world, especially those who have translated the message into a huge number of languages and cultures.
Friday, 16	We pray for all who work in healthcare and for all GP surgeries, hospitals, hospices and care homes. We thank God for the skill and care of all medical, nursing and support staff and we pray for healing, wholeness and peace for all.
Saturday, 17	God, we thank you for all those who are called to Reader Ministry. As the Readers' Council meets today may they be encouraged in the range and diversity of ministries that Readers undertake. Give them vision to see how Reader Ministry can develop in the future.

Sunday, 18 Jesus, Word of God, we pray for all those who will be sharing the Word at services today, helping people see something of your transformative presence through hearing and reflecting on Scripture. We ask you to give them the words they need to share your good news.

Monday, 19 Loving God, we pray for the people who live and work in the Bath Archdeaconry. We pray that work done in parishes, schools and chaplaincies will help to bring life in all its fulness.

Tuesday, 20 Loving God, we pray for the people who live and work in the Taunton Archdeaconry. We pray that work done in schools, chaplaincies and parishes will help to bring life in all its fulness.

Wednesday, 21 Loving God, we pray for the people who live and work in the Wells Archdeaconry. We pray that work done in chaplaincies, parishes and schools will help to bring life in all its fulness.

Thursday, 22 Loving God, we pray for all our Lay Pastoral Assistants, giving thanks for their care for neighbour. We ask you to bless them in all that they are and do.

Friday, 23 Listening God, we give thanks for those who offer a listening ear, thinking today especially of the caring work of helplines. May they provide the help for those in need so that support may be given.

Saturday, 24 Timeless God, we ask that you use the Lay Ministry Pathway to enable an increasing range of people to respond to your call so that more people are able to discover their calling and be equipped to serve you in ways that bring joy.

Sunday, 25 Lord of the Sabbath, we pray today for all those who quietly behind the scenes have made worship possible in our churches today. We give thanks for the faithful dedication of those who seek to serve you.

Monday, 26 God of harmony, we give thanks for musicians across Bath and Wells who help us to praise you in ways too deep for words. We ask you to bless them in all that they do and to strengthen them in their inspiring work.

Tuesday,
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God of justice and love, we pray for the Magnificat areas across Bath and Wells and give thanks for those who step out in faith to help those in need. May all know God's inclusive love.

Wednesday,
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Healing God, as we remember those with eating disorders this week, we pray for all those for whom food has become a difficult issue. We ask you to give wisdom and skill to those who support them, whether as professionals or as friends and family.

Thursday,
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God of surprises, on this bonus day of the year, we ask you to help us see the unexpected bonuses of life and embrace what they can offer us.

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