

Thursday, 28 Humble God, who came to earth in human form and demonstrated what it means to serve, help us to serve those around us with unconditional love.

Friday, 29 Almighty God, as we stand at the foot of the cross, help us to see and know your love for us, so that in humility, love and joy, we may place at your feet all that we have and all that we are.

Saturday, 30 Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us as we watch and wait and pray.

Sunday, 31 Jesus Christ, we greet you! Your hands still have holes in them, your feet are wet from the dew, yet you greet us, risen from the grave. You are alive and the world can rejoice again! Alleluia!

Prayer Calendar

March 2024



Friday, 1 On St David's day, Lord, we pray for the people of Wales, and for all churches and schools dedicated to St David. Help all to follow in David's footsteps and 'be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things'.

Saturday, 2 Healing God, we pray for Zambia which is seeing rising cases of cholera. We ask your healing on those affected, those supporting and your inspiration for those trying to find better sanitation solutions.

Sunday, 3 Life-giving God, we give thanks for all who will worship you today in church buildings, or by joining services online. May they encounter you, Lord, and be transformed by your love.

Monday, 4 God of community, we pray for all those who feel isolated or alone. Thank you for all those organisations seeking to connect and support people in their different circumstances.

Tuesday, 5 Loving God, as Bishop's Staff begins its meeting at Hilfield Friary today, we ask for the blessing of your Holy Spirit on their time together that it may bear good fruit for the benefit of people who live and work across our diocese.

Wednesday, 6 Christ, our sure foundation, we pray for the work of the Houses Committee, meeting today. We also pray for the taster sessions for the new Lay Ministry Pathway, may it can provide good foundations for the growth of a variety of ministry and minsters.

Thursday, 7 On this World Book Day, thank you, God, for the Bible and the life-giving true story of your son Jesus Christ. Help us to live and tell the story of Jesus across our diocese.

Friday, 8 We pray for all who seek to understand and tell the history of the slave trade in our communities. We pray that in relation to our history and our present, we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly.

9 **Saturday,** Generous God, we pray for all new Christian worshipping communities that are being formed, for their leaders and for all who will become part of these communities. We pray that more and more people will join in worship of you across our diocese.

10 **Sunday,** Jesus, son of Mary, on this Mothering Sunday we pray for all those who offer the gift of mothering to their own children or the children of others. We pray too for anyone for whom today underlines a sense of loss and ask for your comfort for them.

11 **Monday,** Healing God, we pray for all who work and care within healthcare. We give thanks for the dedication and skill of so many. We pray for GP surgeries, for care homes, ambulances, hospitals and hospices.

12 **Tuesday,** Loving God, we give thanks for deanery leaders across our diocese as they meet today with Bishop's Staff. We ask for your blessing on their work as they support people across their deaneries, in the mission and work of your church.

13 **Wednesday,** Lord of creativity, we pray for all those exploring new expressions of ministry that seek to share the story of Jesus with their local community.

14 **Thursday,** Heavenly Father, we pray for the police, fire and ambulance services, and for all who respond to emergencies across our diocese. We pray for protection, safety and for peace.

15 **Friday,** Lord, we pray for all who serve and lead within HM Forces[LW1] , for Yeovilton and Norton Manor and for all cadet units across the diocese.

16 **Saturday,** Wise and gracious God, we pray for all members of Diocesan Synod as they meet today. Guide them by your Holy Spirit and unite them in your purposes.

17 **Sunday,** Ever present God, help us to notice and know you in the everyday. Help us to join in with your work, growing in relationship with you each day.

18 **Monday,** Generous God, as the Common Fund Committee meets today, we ask you to guide them as they listen to feedback from across our diocese and to help them as they prayerfully discern the way forwards.

19 **Tuesday,** God of all nations, we pray for our sisters and brothers in the Northern Diocese of Zambia as they continue to seek the election of a new bishop. We pray that the right person will hear your call to this role, and that they will then receive your equipping.

20 **Wednesday,** God of justice, we pray for Magnificat communities and all those who minister where poverty prevails. Help us to follow in your footsteps and take action for justice, peace and love.

21 **Thursday,** Lord of love, we pray for schools, colleges and universities breaking up for the Easter holidays. Give the children, students and staff a refreshing and restorative break.

22 **Friday,** On World Water Day, Lord, we pray for charities seeking to bring fresh water and sanitation to communities across the world. We pray for those who seek to make your rivers and oceans places that are clean and healthy for all your creatures.

23 **Saturday,** We pray for Quantock Deanery as they come together on Palm Sunday to celebrate all that they do together. We pray for all who live, work and worship in the deanery and for the churches as they seek new ways to engage with children, families and schools.

24 **Sunday,** Humble and riding on a donkey, we greet you, Lord. You give the beast of burden a new dignity, you give majesty a new face, you give those who long for redemption a new song to sing. Hosannah!

25 **Monday,** Loving Lord, we pray for Readers leading services across Bath and Wells in Holy Week and over Easter. May they share your story of resurrection and new life with all those with whom they meet and speak.

26 **Tuesday,** As we gather from across the diocese for our Maundy Tuesday Service, we give thanks for people both lay and ordained who offer their gifts in churches, communities and schools. May all feel affirmed in their ministry of love and service.

27 **Wednesday,** Inspiring God, we pray for those in Glastonbury Jurisdiction completing their Lay Worship Assistants' course: for fruitful ministries amongst God's people. May they be agents of your transforming love in their communities.