

Prayer Calendar

March 2026

Sunday, 1 March
Second Sunday of
Lent

Compassionate Father, we lift those whose lives are affected by cancer, may they have relief, rest and reassurance from your everlasting love.

**Monday, 2
March**

Joyous Lord, we give thanks for the baby banks in our diocese, offering invaluable support to new and expectant parents. Bless those who enable this provision and those who donate to this important cause.

**Tuesday, 3
March**

God of wise counsel, be with Bishop's Staff during their residential this week. May they find refreshment and inspiration to bring back into their working commitments for the good of your kingdom and our diocese.

**Wednesday,
4 March**

Lord God, give wisdom to Glastonbury Jurisdiction as they consider pastoral reorganisation plans. We ask your blessing and guiding hand particularly for those benefice affected. Inspire them as they focus on 'Treasure' and look for ways to be good stewards, seeking to protect your world.

**Thursday, 5
March**

Loving God, on this World Book Day, we thank you for the gift of books—windows of wisdom, imagination, and truth. Bless all who read, write, and share stories. May the books we read inspire learning, compassion, and hope in every heart.

**Friday, 6
March**

Holy Spirit, we ask for your blessing on the newly formed Group Mission Team in Quantock. Inspire them as they work together for your mission in their deanery. Strengthen those who lead and support as they seek to join in with what you are doing.

**Saturday, 7
March**

Wonderous Lord, we raise up to you all those who support and care for children with complex needs. Help us to support and encourage them in this vital and often challenging role, and may you provide strength and rest when they are weary.

**Sunday, 8
March**
Third Sunday of
Lent

Gracious God, on this International Women's Day, we give thanks for women everywhere, especially those strengthening the bonds between Zambia and Bath and Wells. Bless their leadership, courage, and compassion. May their work bear fruit in justice, partnership, and peace.

Monday, 9
March

Eternal Father, as we reflect upon the history of our churches, including closed churches, we give thanks for the love and care they receive as cherished places in our communities and ask you to inspire us to enable them to continue to be beacons of your love.

Tuesday, 10
March

God of wonders, help us to cultivate reverence for the everyday miracles in your creation: dew on the grass, the gentle scent of the daffodil, the sound of sap rising. Speak into our souls so that we are able to stop and feel the awe of your creativity.

Wednesday,
11 March

Provider God, as the Houses Committee meets today, we give thanks for their dedication in the provision and maintenance of homes for clergy across the diocese. We ask your blessing on those homes and all who live in them.

Thursday, 12
March

Heavenly Father, we thank you for young people across the world. On this Youth Day in Zambia, grant them courage, wisdom, and purpose. Guide their dreams, strengthen their character, and light their paths with hope. May they grow in service, unity, and faith.

Friday, 13
March

Lord of life, we lift to you our school leaders as many of them gather with parish partners for their annual conference, yesterday and today. May they be inspired and encouraged as they lead this vital work at the heart of our communities.

Saturday, 14
March

Lord of the Church, as Diocesan Synod gathers today, may they know your wisdom and counsel as they seek to discern your will and follow your ways, in this diocese and beyond.

Sunday, 15
March
Fourth Sunday of
Lent and
Mothering
Sunday

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask you to bless all those who offer motherly love. We ask for you to surround with your unbounded love all those who will particularly miss their mothers today, or who find today a challenge for whatever reason.

Monday, 16
March

Giving God, we give thanks for our Clergy Counselling and Wellbeing Adviser, meeting with the therapist team today. Bless them all as they offer therapy to those in physical, mental or spiritual crisis. May your loving hands guide their hands and hearts to continue to offer the nurture and support needed.

**Tuesday, 17
March**

God of growth, guide us to steward well the financial gifts you have given us to be of greatest benefit to the building of your kingdom.

**Wednesday,
18 March**

Everlasting God, we thank you for those who minister to children, young people and families across our diocese. As paid workers and education chaplains gather at Bagley today, refresh them by your Spirit in their faith and ministry.

**Thursday, 19
March**
Joseph of
Nazareth

Provider God, we give thanks for those who design, make and distribute clothing. May we be mindful of cracks in the supply chain in which vulnerable people can be exploited. May our decisions support equity and a better quality of life for all working in this sector.

**Friday, 20
March**

Generous Lord, we pray for the food banks that exist in our communities and all who rely upon them or support them. May this provision continue to be a source of hope and relief, whilst we also seek a society in which nobody goes hungry.

**Saturday, 21
March**

Creator God, we thank You for the gift of forests—breathing life, shelter, and beauty into our world. Bless the tree-planting work in Zambia. May these emerging forests bring hope, protection, and renewal for communities in the generations to come.

**Sunday, 22
March**
Fifth Sunday of
Lent

Creator God, we thank You for the gift of fresh water, source of life and health. Help us to protect and use it wisely across our world, in Bath and Wells and in Zambia. Guide sustainable care for all water sources, now and always.

**Monday, 23
March**

Dear Lord, we pray for all Readers and anyone who is in Reader training. For those who are leading services in their parishes as well as being Treasurers and Churchwardens. Let their words and actions encourage their congregations to walk closer with you.

**Tuesday, 24
March**

God of community, as the Environment Team join with national colleagues to collaborate on the future for Creation care, be present in conversations, help participants to listen to you and be refreshed and ready to inspire those who support this work across Bath and Wells.

Wednesday, 25
March
The Annunciation
of Our Lord to the
Blessed Virgin
Mary

Emmanuel, God with us, be with the clergy and lay leaders taking part in the Launchpad youth ministry training today. Inspire and strengthen all those seeking to journey with young people.

Thursday, 26
March

God of The Word, today we open our ears and ask that you speak wisdom into our hearts and minds and that we may recognise your voice, wherever it speaks in our lives.

Friday, 27
March

Transcendent Lord, we see your messages everywhere if we look for them- in long-hidden fossils, in the whispers of fresh water over rocks, in the beautiful blackbird song. Open our hearts to recognise your eternal word.

Saturday, 28
March

Loving God, as we approach Holy Week, we ask for your blessing on all those who will be preparing services for the coming week. May you inspire them in their work so that your people may encounter your eternal presence and love as they worship.

Sunday, 29
March
Palm Sunday

Triumphant God, on Palm Sunday we join in the celebration of your entry into Jerusalem at the start of Holy Week. Whilst knowing what is to come, we raise a joyous 'Hosanna!' in recognition of our king.

Monday, 30
March

Righteous Father, thank you for the privilege of freedom to be Christians in this country. We pray for those for whom expressing their devotion to you must remain hidden. Help us to offer them support in whatever ways are possible.

Tuesday, 31
March

Teacher God, as we remember your Sermon on the Mount, may we be encouraged by your promise that the end of troubles is ahead. May we listen for the triumphant sound of your angels in proclamation!

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