



Cycle of Prayer

As we journey through the Easter season we pray for the people of Syria:

A Prayer for Peace in Syria

Spirit of wisdom and grace,
 the power of truth and judgement;
 we pray for all who are working for peace
 in the tangled conflict of Syria today.
 For international leaders holding a thread
 of control,
 for the politicians holding a thread of
 power,
 for the religious leaders holding a thread
 of authority,
 for the fighters holding a thread of influ-
 ence,
 and the citizens clinging to a thread of
 hope.
 Bring unity through the untangled order
 of justice.
 Bring reconciliation through truthful dia-
 logue.
 Bring new life through patient diplomacy,
 determined mediation and courageous
 peace-making.
 We pray in the name of Christ,
 our source of inspiration and confidence.
 Amen.

A Prayer for the Victims of the Syrian conflict

We pray for those damaged by the fight-
 ing in Syria.
 To the wounded and injured:
 Come Lord Jesus.
 To the terrified who are living in shock:
 Come Lord Jesus
 To the hungry and homeless, refugee
 and exile:
 Come Lord Jesus
 To those bringing humanitarian aid:
 Give protection Lord Jesus
 To those administering medical assis-
 tance:
 Give protection Lord Jesus.
 To those offering counsel and care:
 Give protection Lord Jesus.
 For all making the sacrifice of love:
 Give the strength of your Spirit
 and the joy of your comfort.
 In the hope of Christ we pray.
 Amen.



Friday 1

We are often not the Easter People
 that we should be, living in the certain
 knowledge of your great mercy and love.
 Distracted by the world around us we fail
 to hear your voice, or hide when faith is
 challenged as we wander off the path.
 Forgive us, we pray; restore the love that
 we first had, a faith that can endure. We
 will keep our eyes fixed on you, Lord, and
 with you at our right hand we shall not be
 shaken. (www.faithandworship.com)

Saturday 2

Church of North India Partnership the
 Bishop of Sambalpur, Pinuel Dip

Sunday 3

The Bolsover and Stavely Deanery.

Monday 4

Annunciation

In the United benefice of St John the
 Baptist, Ault Hucknall; St Leonard,
 Scarcliffe and St Luke, Palterton the
 Readers, PCC and congregations
 especially during the clergy vacancy,

Tuesday 5

In the United benefice of St James,
 Barlborough and Renishaw Clergy: Helen
 Guest, Stephen Short, Michael Guest,
 Readers, PCC and congregations.

Wednesday 6

In the parish of Bolsover St Mary and St
 Laurence; Clergy: Rachel Gouldthorpe;
 Readers, PCC and congregation.

Thursday 7

In the Brimington St Michael and All
 Angels; Clergy: Daniel Cooke, the
 Readers, PCC and congregation

Friday 8

In the United Benefice of St Peters Calow
 and Sutton-cum-Duckmanton; Clergy:
 Kevin Ball, the Readers, PCC and
 congregation

Saturday 9

All Age Worship training Day taking
 place at St John's Church Walton
 For those who lead and attend this
 training. For all those invited to All Age
 worship events.

Sunday 10

Food Banks: Pray for all involved in
 supporting our communities through food
 banks and other initiatives to help the
 hungry and needy in our towns and cities

Monday 11

In the parish of St John the Baptist
 Clowne; Clergy: Stephen Short; the
 Readers, PCC and congregation

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Tuesday 12

East Scarsdale Team Ministry (parishes of St Michael, Pleasley; Christ church, New Houghton; Holy Cross, Upper Langwith with Langwith Bassett; St Luke, Whaley Thorns) Clergy: John Draycott, June Palmer, Karen Bradley; the Readers, PCC and congregations

Wednesday 13

In the parishes of Eckington and Ridgeway; Clergy: Andy Walker, Ian Price, Sandra Marshall (Methodist Minister); the Readers, PCC and congregations

Thursday 14

In the parishes of St Peter, Elmton and St Mary Magdelene, Creswell: Clergy: Liz Kirby; the Readers, PCC and congregations

Friday 15

In the parish of St Giles, Killamarsh; Clergy: Helen Guest, Michael Guest; the Readers, PCC and congregation

Saturday 16

Church of North India Partnership the Bishop of Agra, Dr Prem Prakash Habil

Sunday 17

Padley & Refugee advice: Pray for the Padley group and all working with the homeless and socially excluded people in our local communities

Monday 18

Work of the DAC meeting today as they seek to advise on church buildings and churchyards and manage any changes parishes may make. Chair Mat Barnes, Ven Christopher Cunliffe, Ven Christine Wilson, Tony Kaunhoven, Christopher Charlton, James Darwin, John Drackley, William Hopewell, Alex Gilbert, Richard Smith, Elizabeth Walker, Richard Brook, Nigel Sherratt, DAC Secretary, Lindsey Braithwaite, DAC Admin

Tuesday 19

In the parish of Whitwell St Lawrence, Clergy: Liz Kirby; the Readers, PCC and congregation

Wednesday 20

Staveley and Barrow Hill Team Ministry (parishes of Staveley, Barrow Hill and Inkersall) Clergy: Stephen Jones, Adrian Arnold; the Readers, PCC and congregations

Thursday 21

Queen Elizabeth is 90

ALMIGHTY God our Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have preserved to us Elizabeth our Queen and given her throughout her days the many blessings of faith, hope and love. Continue to surround her with your mercies that she may receive the gifts she needs to fulfil her duties as our Sovereign. Protect and support all the members of her family and grant that, by their service, peace and justice may flourish amongst her people, and integrity and truth become the ensigns of our common life. Amen.

Friday 22

Diocesan Director of Vocations: Revd Canon Geraldine Pond and all those in training and considering their calling

Saturday 23

on St George's Day we pray for our nation, for its government, for all in positions of responsible leadership, for all who give freely of their gifts and of their time to the service of others, and for our young men and women that they may continue to be inspired to stand against everything that belittles our humanity, striving for what best serves our common life. Almighty God, you gave to your servant St George the gifts of faith and courage so that he despised suffering and received the martyr's crown. Grant to the people of this nation such a desire for truth and for the dignity of all humankind that we may hold fast to what is good and overcome all that would do us harm, through the strength and power that you supply to all who seek to know and do your will; Amen.

Sunday 24

As we give thanks for all those who have served as Churchwardens and on PCC' in the past year, we commit their work to God and pray for those newly elected at recent AGM meetings

Monday 25

Pray for all who use their gifts of writing to pass on the Good News of Jesus

Tuesday 26

For those newly confirmed and those preparing for Confirmation

Wednesday 27

Christina Rossetti

O God the Holy Ghost
Who art light unto thine elect
Evermore enlighten us.
Thou who art fire of love
Evermore enkindle us.
Thou who art Lord and Giver of Life,
Evermore live in us.
Thou who bestowest sevenfold grace,
Evermore replenish us.
As the wind is thy symbol,
So forward our goings.
As the dove, so launch us heavenwards.
As water, so purify our spirits.
As a cloud, so abate our temptations.
As dew, so revive our languor.
As fire, so purge our dross

Christina Rossetti (AD 1830-1894)

Thursday 28

Portfolio holder Christine Rees and for the 20+ Messy churches in the Diocese

Friday 29

Catherine of sienna

The Spirituality Group and its co-coordinator Alan Harper. All those attending the Spiritual accompaniment course.

Saturday 30

Dean of Women's Ministry: Jean Burgess as she seeks to support women in ministry