

Mindful of the example of William Wilberforce who saw prayer as effective political action and called for Christians to 'pray, pray and pray'.

Pray for the Prime Minister, members of the Cabinet, and both House of Parliament in all of their deliberations and consultations that Your will be done, so that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

A prayer for reconciliation after the EU Referendum

Eternal God, Light of the nations, in Christ you make all things new: guide our nation in the coming days through the inspiration of your Spirit, that understanding may put an end to discord and all bitterness. Give us grace to rebuild bonds of trust that together we may work for the dignity and flourishing of all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Litany of Reconciliation

Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we make our prayer to you, saying, Hear us, Lord of life. Lord, graciously hear us. Guide our nation in the days and months ahead to walk the paths of peace and reconciliation. Hear us, Lord of life. Lord, graciously hear us. Give to our leaders wisdom and sensitivity to work for unity and the common good. Hear us, Lord of life.

Lord, graciously hear us. Mend broken relationships and restore to wholeness whatever has been damaged by heated debate. Hear us, Lord of life. Lord, graciously hear us. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful and lift up all who are dejected. Hear us, Lord of life. Lord, graciously hear us. With you, Lord, is the well of life and in your light do we see light. Hear us, Lord of life and peace: and make us whole. With you, Lord, is the well of life and in your light do we see light. Hear us, Lord of life: Heal us and make us whole.

Lord our God, accept the prayers of your people and in your mercy look with compassion upon our nation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Elections

'Lord of lords, King of kings, we thank you for giving us the privilege of electing our leaders. Give us wisdom and discernment, that through the casting of our votes your Kingdom may come closer, and your will be done here on earth as it is in heaven.'



Cycle of Prayer

Monday 1

In a United Benefice the parish of of All Saints Ashover, Clergy: Ralph Lawrence, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Tuesday 2

In the United Benefice of Ashover, the parish of Holy Trinity Brackenfield, Clergy: Ralph Lawrence, the Readers, PCC & congregation.

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Thursday 4

In the United Benefice of Ashover, the parish of St Mark Handley Clergy: Ralph Lawrence, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Friday 5

Rio will welcome 206 countries to four venues to compete for 4,924 medals across 42 sports... all in just 17 days of action.

A prayer for the 2016 Olympic Games

Eternal God, Giver of joy and source of all strength, we pray for those who prepare for the Olympic and Paralympic games. For the competitors training for the Games and their loved ones and for the many thousands who will support them, For the Churches and others who are organising special events and who will welcome many people from many nations. In a world where many are rejected and abused, we pray for a spirit of gracious magnimity, humility and respect and for the health and safety of all. May we at the last be led towards the love of Christ who is more than gold. Amen

Saturday 6

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Pray that the Holy Spirit will transform and renew our Churches as we continue to build God's kingdom on earth.

For all whose image of your creation is marred by pain and suffering For those who wake each morning to shellfire and destruction Your kingdom come Your will be done For children dispossessed of childhood and transformed into soldiers For orphans wandering lonely roads to uncertain futures Your kingdom come Your will be done For each persecuted family carrying your Cross Your kingdom come Your will be done

Sunday 7

With an unstable political environment, lagging economy and worries over the Zika virus we pray for the people of Rio.

Monday 8

The parish of St Martin, Alfreton Clergy: Frank Mercurio, Julian Penfold, Imogen Black, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Tuesday 9

the parish of St John Baptist, Ault Hucknall, Clergy: Judy Henderson-Smith, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Wednesday 10

the parish of St Leonard Scarcliffe Clergy: Judy Henderson-Smith, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

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Thursday 11

the parish of St Luke Palterton Clergy: Judy Henderson-Smith, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Friday 12

As part of his role as Vice Chair of the Anglican Alliance, Bishop Alastair recently visited Peru. The Anglican Alliance brings together the Provinces of the Anglican Church from across the world to work together for development, relief in emergencies and advocacy for the poor. Please pray for its work and for the projects for children with disabilities and a women's sewing cooperative he visited

Saturday 13

For street Pastors out on the streets of our towns this night

Lord, bless the noisy people,
The rowdy people,
Intimidating people,
The drunk
And scantily clad people
Making their way home this evening.

Bless the burglar,
The loan shark,
Prostitute and drug dealer,
Low life
And dangerous people,
Hiding in the shadows this evening.
Inhabit their spaces,
Enlighten their darkness,
These prodigals of yours.

Sunday 14

For the refugee crisis
Heavenly Father, you are the source of all goodness, generosity and love. We thank you for opening the hearts of many to those who are fleeing for their lives. Help us now to open our arms in welcome, and reach out our hands in support. That the desperate may find new hope, and lives torn apart be restored. Living God, deliver us from a world without justice and a future without mercy; in your mercy, establish justice, and in your justice, remember the mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Monday 15

Blessed Virgin Mary

Pray that as Mary trusted God and accepted the role entrusted to her, we may trust God's leading for our lives and our churches

Tuesday 16

In a United Benefice, the parish of St Werburgh, Blackwell Clergy: Gill Manley, Sally Mason, Derrick Hesketh, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Wednesday 17

In a United Benefice the parish of St John Baptist, Tibshelf Clergy: Gill Manley, Sally Mason, Derrick Hesketh, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Thursday 18

the parish of St Mary & St Lawrence, Bolsover Clergy: Rachel Gouldthorpe, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Friday 19

For those who lead in the church of North India with whom our Diocese has a special link.

Bishop of Bombay - Prakash D Patole
Bishop of Chandigarh - the Most Revd Younas Massey
Bishop of Chotanagpur - B B Baskey
Bishop of Chattisgarh - Purna Sagar Nag

Saturday 20

For those who are benefitting from the funds raised by the 2015 Bisop of Derby's Harvest appeal the 'Girls Building Bridges' project in Angola.

Sunday 21

As the Rio de Janeiro Summer Olympics comes to an end that the goodwill generated and friendships formed will translate into co-operation between nations and justice in our world.

Monday 22

In a United Benefice, the parish of St Mary, Crich Clergy: Philip Brooks, David Higgon, Jim Gray, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Tuesday 23

In a United Benefice, the parish of All Saints, South Wingfield Clergy: Philip Brooks, David Higgon, Jim Gray, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Wednesday 24

In the East Scarsdale Team Ministry the parish of St Michael Pleasley, Clergy: John Draycott, Karen Bradley. June Palmer, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Thursday 25

In the East Scarsdale Team Ministry the parish of Holy Trinity Shirebrook, Clergy: John Draycott, Karen Bradley. June Palmer, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Friday 26

In the East Scarsdale Team Ministry the parish of Holy Cross Upper Langwith with Langwith Bassett, Clergy: John Draycott, Karen Bradley. June Palmer, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Saturday 27

In the East Scarsdale Team Ministry the parish of St Luke Whaley Thorns Clergy: John Draycott, Karen Bradley. June Palmer, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Sunday 28

Those attending and those speaking at the Greenbelt festival

Monday 29

For safety on our roads as people travel this Bank holiday and especially for the stretch of the M1 that goes through our county

Tuesday 30

the parish of All Saints Heath and St Albans Holmewood Clergy: Phyllis Bainbridge, the Readers, PCC and congregation.

Wednesday 31

Pray for for all who work in retreat Houses, may they be places of rest and growth for those who visit them.