

Week One: Prayer Diary

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone. 1 Timothy 2.1

Praying for one another and in union with one another is one of the great joys and responsibilities of being a Christian. We grow in love for one another as we pray for each other, and our specific needs and hopes. We also grow in love for Jesus, who himself intercedes for us at the Father's right hand. This prayer diary is intended to encourage us all to pray for the work of our bishops, for our diocese and one another, as well as the many needs of the world in this difficult time.

Daily Prayer Intentions

Ash Wednesday – for repentance.
Thursday – for the NHS and all those working to treat those suffering from coronavirus

Friday – all preparing for baptism, and especially those whose baptism has been delayed, that they may eagerly anticipate the outpouring of God's saving grace upon them.

Saturday – for the Archdeaconry of Brighton and Lewes, Archdeacon Martin, and all who worship in Brighton, Hove, Lewes, and Seaford.

Monday - those who are anxious and afraid, that they might know that they are the beloved of God.

Tuesday - for parliament, and all in authority, that they may seek God's justice for the people they serve.

Wednesday – those who have been bereaved, that they might find comfort and hope in the promise of eternal life with Christ.

Thursday – for the work of the Children's Society.

Friday – those who doubt, that they may not fear but know God's strength and help

Saturday – for those who are struggling with unemployment in the pandemic

Bishop Will asks that you join him in praying for:

- Those challenged by what to do with children during the half term (stay at home) break;
- Those still unable to worship corporately, especially in the keeping of Ash Wednesday;
- NHS chaplains across the county working so hard ministering to the NHS staff, patients and their relatives;
- All involved in interviews this week in Lewes and Barcombe.

Bishop Martin asks that you

join him in praying for:

- For the peace of Jerusalem and all her neighbours, especially Syria.
- For religious communities, especially the Community of the Servants of the Will of God at Crawley Down
- For all prisoners, especially in Ford Prison and Lewes Prison and for their families.
- For those on the front line in the COVID pandemic, especially for the NHS, and for all school teachers.
- In thanksgiving, for those who work in medical research, and for all food suppliers.

Bishop Ruth asks that you

join her in praying for:

- Parishes across our Diocese that are in vacancy;
- Ordinands from our Diocese whose training has been so affected by the pandemic;
- Those in our churches working in front-line healthcare roles;
- Our own neighbours and friends who are not followers of Jesus - that we would be unashamed in our gospel witness to them.