

Week Two: 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

Sunday 28th - that we may recognise Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ, and find our life in him.

Monday 1st - for pupils, teachers, staff and parents as school and college work resumes in school and at home.

Tuesday 2nd - for the Archdeaconry of Chichester, Archdeacon Luke, and all who worship in the deaneries of Arundel and Bognor, Chichester, Westbourne, and Worthing.

Wednesday 3rd – that we may have the confidence to speak our faith boldly in our words and actions, and follow Christ in loving and serving others.

Thursday 4th – for our Diocesan Partner, Action in Rural Sussex, that their work may lead to flourishing communities.

Friday 5th – for those who minister to and care for the dying, that they may bring comfort to those in their care, and that God may strengthen them in this precious ministry.

Saturday 6th – that all those who are lost or without faith may hear God's promise of refreshment and hope.

Bishop Martin asks that you

join him in praying for:

- Those who are struggling to make any observance of Lent this year.
- Religious communities that we may draw inspiration and strength from their distinctive ways of modelling prayer and self-denial.
- Peace in Myanmar and all places of conflict.
- A commitment to truth by journalists and social commentators and awareness of the impact that their words can have.

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 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.