

## Week Five: 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 20th** – that we may hunger to see Jesus and walk with him on the road to Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

**Monday 21st** - that all living in the darkness of fear and uncertainty may know the light of Christ.

**Tuesday 22nd** - for Chichester Cathedral, the Dean and Chapter, and all who worship there.

**Wednesday 23rd** – that our churches may grow and reflect the diversity of the parishes we serve.

**Thursday 24th** – for our Diocesan partner, YMCA Downslink, and the young people they support.

**Friday 25th** – that all who follow Jesus may proclaim his love and salvation with our lives and our actions.

**Saturday 26th** – that all people may be drawn to Christ and united in him.

### Bishop Martin asks that you join him in praying for:

- The prison communities in our diocese at HMP Ford and HMP Lewes; for all prisoners, their families and friends, and for their future life
- Those responsible for public transport, and all who deliver a train, bus and taxi service on which so many depend
- Lawyers and judges, and for the delivery of justice to all people, irrespective of their personal and financial circumstances
- The clergy who will lead our observance of the paschal mystery of Easter, that they will be renewed as they minister the rites of renewal for the whole Church

## Bishop Will asks that you

join him in praying for:

- For the candidates and interview panel seeking God's will in appointing a Rural Chaplain for East Sussex and Parish Priest of Asburnham
- For all those discerning vocations to the diaconate, priesthood or the religious life
- For all those who live in clergy families
- For the clergy of Hastings and Hove praying Night Prayer with Bishop Will.
- For all that will be discussed at the Bishops staff meeting

## 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.