

Week Three: 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 7th - that Jesus may cleanse us from our sin and help us to live whole heartedly the faith which God has given to us.

Monday 8th – for pupils, teachers, and support staff as they return to in person learning.

Tuesday 9th - for the Archdeaconry of Hastings, Archdeacon Edward, and all who worship in the deaneries of Battle and Bexhill, Dallington, Eastbourne, Hastings, Rotherfield, Rye and Uckfield.

Wednesday 9th – for volunteers in our local communities, sharing God's peace where they are.

Thursday 10th – for our Diocesan partner, Family Support Work and all those families who seek help and support through their services.

Friday 11th – for the vaccination programme, and all the staff and volunteers who facilitate it.

Saturday 12th – for the lonely, isolated, and housebound, for all who mourn time spent gathered in prayer and fellowship, or with their friends and families.

Bishop Martin asks that you

join him in praying for:

- All who work in the Church's administration, in Westminster and at Church House, Hove, working for this diocese
- Christian teachers and students, that they use well and wisely the opportunities they have to present the Christian faith
- For our local MPs, for the government and all who exercise authority, to committed to the virtues that promote truth and freedom
- For our partners in the Anglican Communion, in West Africa and Northern Kenya

Bishop Will asks that you

join him in praying for:

- For The Reverend Canon Dr David Gillard as he begins his first full week as Priest-in-Charge of St Mary's, Westham
- For all those who work in education, especially our education department, headteachers and chaplains
- For our Archdeacons as we meet to talk about the archdeaconries of Hastings and Brighton and Hove
- For those carrying the additional responsibilities of interregnum
- For all those leading and attending web based Lent courses, especially remembering those who have to do battle with the technology!
- For the Clergy Chapters of Uckfield, Eastbourne and Battle and Bexhill as we join together to say night prayer.

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.