



Monthly Prayer August 2020

Why not have your Church Contacts list beside you when you pray and take a few names each day. If you looked at 10 a day it would take just over a month to pray for everyone.

This month's mission partner – Avonmouth Social Justice Hub

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As they face an unprecedented increase in those seeking support with food and home necessities and debt counselling pray for:

- continued donations of food, home items and money to enable this vitally important work to go on.
- sustained health for all those involved with organising support and in delivering to families in need.
- comfort for those in need and enable access to the right support services.

This time tomorrow

We want to pray for people in their whole lives and how they share their faith with those they meet. In August we pray for those involved in creative arts and music.

Saturday 1st

Give thanks for the beautiful world that God has given us. Pray for a sensible use of the resources we have so that we do not inflict greater damage.

Sunday 2nd

Pray for John, Simon and Jo as they lead our Sunday worship.

Monday 3rd

Pray for those who are on holiday and have managed to get away. Pray for safety, enjoyment and good relationships.

Tuesday 4th

Pray for our local businesses and for those working from home that they will be successful in what they do and will not face impossible financial difficulties.

Wednesday 5th

Pray for the other churches in ASMA.

Thursday 6th

Today is the day when we remember the Transfiguration and can rejoice that the disciples saw something of the glory of the Lord. Pray that we will gain glimpses of heaven in our own lives.

Friday 7th

Give thanks for all that Phil Manning has done for us while he was with us. Pray for him as he prepares to study for ordination at Trinity, and for Julie Summers.

Saturday 8th

Pray that people will continue to use their common sense as more and more facilities open up and that there will not be a second spike of the virus.

Sunday 9th

Pray for Jennifer, Holly and John as they lead and preach today

Monday 10th

Give thanks for the creativity that people have found in recent months and pray that they will continue to be able to continue as life changes.

Tuesday 11th

Pray for those people who will not be able to have a holiday this year because of illness or disability, fear or anxiety or financial problems.

Wednesday 12th

Today is international youth day. Pray for our young people and for their activities this summer, when there are no summer camps. Pray for safety, fun and creativity.

Thursday 13th

Pray for the young people getting A level results today. Pray that God will be with them in their decision making whether they have achieved the results they need or have to find a new route into adult life.

Friday 14th

Pray for all who are discriminated against because of their skin colour or race. And pray for wise decisions to deal with the underlying factors of poverty and fear.

Saturday 15th

Today is the day when the church celebrates the Mary the mother of Jesus. Give thanks for her obedience to God's call on her life and ask that we might follow her example.

Sunday 16th

Pray for Hazel, Jo and Sasha as they preach and lead today.

Monday 17th

Pray for those countries which are suffering because lockdown has resulted in increased levels of poverty and hunger. Pray for wisdom from the aid agencies.

Tuesday 18th

Give thanks for the beautiful world that God has given us and pray for more sensitive and thoughtful actions to preserve it.

Wednesday 19th

Pray for decisions about what the church should do about opening up for gathered worship in September. Give the leadership team and the PCC wisdom and understanding of the different needs of groups of people in the community.

Thursday 20th

GCSE results are out today. pray for the children, their parents and their teachers to help them know what next.

Friday 21st

Levels of abuse have increased during lockdown. Pray for the adults and children who are suffering and for those organisations that support them and give them refuge.

Saturday 22nd

Pray for all in health and social care, asking that they may find some rest and relaxation.

Sunday 23rd

Pray for Simon, Jema and Holly leading our worship today.

Monday 24th

Pray for governments here and abroad that leaders will have integrity and wisdom and concern for vulnerable members of society.

Tuesday 25th

Give thanks for gardens, which have been safe places to be and have given many people a new interest and delight in growing and eating what they have produced.

Wednesday 26th

Pray for the media that they will seek and share the truth and give us balanced views on the issues that face us.

Thursday 27th

Pray for all teachers, giving thanks for their hard work in maintaining education for our children and pray that their plans will be effective for the Autumn term.

Friday 28th

We continue to pray for scientists working to find vaccines and treatments to deal with Covid19.

Saturday 29th

Today the church remembers the beheading of John the Baptist. Pray for those who suffer torture and death at the hands of dictators in the world today.

Sunday 30th

John Bunyan is remembered today. Give thanks for the written word which gives us insights into the Bible and to our faith. Pray for Jennifer, Simon and Jema as they preach and lead today.

Monday 31st

On Bank holiday, pray for those who work when others can use their time as they will; for shift workers and night workers and those who find little enjoyment in their work.

Looking ahead

As well as anything that we may be able to do in church, please take advantage of the website stmarysb.org.uk, emails and social media and do feel free to contact one of the clergy if you are in difficulty. (phone numbers in copies of the Messenger or via the office 01179687449)