

Prayer Calendar

March 2021

**Monday,
1 March**

As we remember David, Patron Saint of Wales, we give thanks for our neighbours across the Bristol Channel. We give thanks for the bridges that connect us. Give us the grace to build bridges, that help us to go out into the world, as well ones that enable people to come in.

**Tuesday,
2 March**

We pray for all who are awaiting routine surgery, that you would hold them in their pain, discomfort and anxiety. Give them endurance, hope and courage as they await treatment.

**Wednesday,
3 March**

As we prepare for World Book Day, we give thanks for the inspiration, information, challenge and cheer that books give us. We pray for all who write books and for all who teach and inspire reading.

**Thursday,
4 March**

We pray for education chaplains as they gather online from across Devon and Somerset. We pray for their work with the most vulnerable, especially those living with mental ill-health.

**Friday,
5 March**

Loving God, on this World Day of Prayer, we pray for the women of Vanuatu who have prepared this year's service. We continue to pray for Vanuatu as they rebuild following the cyclone damage of 2015 and pray for the people across the world who join with them in prayer today.

**Saturday,
6 March**

God of rest, as the weekend begins, we pray for all those who will find rest during it and those for whom rest seems impossible. Help those who cannot find rest to find refreshment in your presence.

**Sunday,
7 March
Third Sunday of
Lent**

As we give thanks for Perpetua, Felicity and other female martyrs of the church, we give thanks too for the many women volunteers who are exploring ways to grow new Christian communities and leading teams of others in this work. We pray that their work will be fruitful.

**Monday,
8 March**

God of all, on International Women's Day we give thanks for the lives of women who inspire us to follow you. We remember women from our own lives, past and present. We remember the variety of women in the Bible and give thanks for their stories of courage and resilience.

**Tuesday,
9 March**

We pray for those completing the 'Exploring Chaplaincy' course: that they will continue to reflect and learn and be able to discern where God is calling them.

**Wednesday,
10 March**

Generous God, we pray for the Bishops' Staff as they meet together online. We pray for wisdom, discernment and time for discussion and refreshment.

**Thursday,
11 March**

Heavenly Father, we pray today for school Heads and Chairs of Governors as they attend their regular briefing. We give thanks for their work and pray that they will feel supported in the significant responsibilities that they carry.

**Friday,
12 March**

We pray for industrial chaplains. We pray especially for the Mission to Seafarers chaplain at Avonmouth, the Railway Mission chaplain in the South West, the chaplain at Hinkley and all involved in business and industry.

**Saturday,
13 March**

Loving God, we pray for Diocesan Synod as it meets today. We pray that those present will be clothed with love, so that discussions can be had, and decisions made, as one body and according to your will.

**Sunday, 14
March
Fourth Sunday
of Lent**

Creator God, on this Mothering Sunday we remember all those who have mothered us, whether our own mothers or those who have shown us unconditional love and care at some point in our lives. Comfort those for whom today is a time of grief rather than joy.

**Monday,
15 March**

Loving God, we pray for all those who live and work in Portishead Deanery and for Steve Tilley and Rob Norman, leading the deanery as it seeks to offer a Christian presence across its communities.

**Tuesday,
16 March**

Creator God, we pray for those at the Inspire events as they focus on young people. And on Young Carers Action Day, we remember all young people who carry exceptional responsibilities for others. Comfort and uplift them and inspire people to offer support to them.

**Wednesday,
17 March**

As the Diocesan Advisory Committee meets today, we give thanks for all those who create and care for buildings that shelter and inspire us. Help us as we continually explore how to make our buildings places that can welcome all in your name, you and not ourselves.

**Thursday,
18 March**

God of Wisdom, as we remember Cyril, Teacher of the Faith, we remember all those who down the centuries have tried to bring the light of your Gospel to those around them. We remember and give thanks for the commitment of those who preach and teach across our diocese.

**Friday,
19 March
Joseph of
Nazareth**

God of Joy, on Comic Relief day we give thanks for those who draw on their wells of compassion and laughter to seek to make your world a better place for all.

**Saturday,
20 March**

We pray for all those participating in and leading our Diocesan Living in Love and Faith Taster day today. May they know your wisdom and grace as they hear diverse stories of people's lives and experience.

**Sunday,
21 March
Fifth Sunday of
Lent**

As the CMS Pioneer Certificate students meet for the Mission Spirituality module, we pray that they and we would be willing to venture into and explore new spiritual practices that encourage and equip us to move out boldly in our communities in tune with the Holy Spirit.

**Monday,
22 March**

On World Water Day we remember before you all those who do not have easy access to fresh clean water. We pray for all charities and agencies who work to provide water and sanitation to communities across the globe. Help us to value our own access to water and be wise in its use.

**Tuesday,
23 March**

On World Meteorological Day we pray for the Hydrographic Office in Taunton and all who work there. We pray for Adrian Prior Sankey, chaplain to the Hydrographic Office.

**Wednesday,
24 March**

God of Justice, as we remember the priest, prophet and martyr Oscar Romero, we pray that we may take the long view and remember that we are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs; that we are prophets of a future not our own.

**Thursday,
25 March
Annunciation
of Our Lord
to the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

Loving God. On the day that we remember the Archangel Gabriel's visit to Mary to announce the birth of Jesus, may we, like Mary, say 'yes' to you in our lives each and every day.

**Friday,
26 March**

We pray for Quantock Deanery's new curates Nicky and Jan; and for the deanery DMPG as they face the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, upcoming deployment changes, and the new vacancies in Watchet and Williton Benefice.

**Saturday,
27 March**

Eternal God, on World Theatre Day we pray for all those in the performing arts during this precarious time. We give thanks for the way that they can lift our spirits and help us to see the world in new ways.

**Sunday,
28 March**

Loving God, at the beginning of Holy Week, help us to journey with you through the joy and the pain.

**Monday,
29 March**

We pray for Readers and others giving pastoral care; those who minister prayerfully and practically, and those who provide a church link for those shielding or housebound.

**Tuesday,
30 March**

Compassionate God, on Bipolar Day we pray for all those who live with this condition, including those offering care and support. Surround them with your love.

**Wednesday,
31 March**

We give thanks for all poets and as we remember the poet and priest, John Donne, pray that we recognise that we are interconnected, rather than islands apart, and that we are called to serve.

