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The Collect of the day, Almighty God,

you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts

whereby we call you Father:

give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your

that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. one God, now and for ever. Amen

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 2 July

Loving Lord, as we start each day anew, ou are our strength and our shield. We trust in you and give thanks that we are stronger together with your Holy Spirit guiding us. Amen

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National Plastic Bag Free Day:

God of the universe.

We thank you for your many good gifts - for the beauty of creation and its rich and varied fruits, for clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter. animals and plants.

Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted and wasted what you have given us.

Transform our hearts and minds so that we would learn to care, share and recycle, to touch the earth with gentleness and with love, respecting all living things. Amen

TUE 4

Prayer Loud, Independence Day, Prayer today is inspired by American

Dear Lord, On American Independence Day and every day we pray that you bless the heart and soul of America. We place America into your loving hands Lord. Amen

WED 5

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

THU 6

Almighty and merciful God,

whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own: look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry.

Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



A prayer for General Synod,

Lord Jesus Christ, send forth your Spirit of love and truth on the bishops in synod and on all who assist them in fulfilling their task. Make them faithful to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches; stir their souls and teach them by that same Holy Spirit, Amen

SAT 8

John Nightingale invites us to pray,

Today and tomorrow the General Synod is to debate its response to the climate emergency, and whether the Church Commissioners and Pensions Board should divest from fossil fuels. Please pray that the debate may be rigorous and fair, and that the Church may act on its decisions.

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 9 July

Today, prayer is inspired by this image from the book, Sea Prayer by Khaled Hosseini (illustrations by Dan Williams).



MON 10

Barrie Scott, invites us to pray for General Synod,

We pray for General Synod, meeting to consider the implementation of prayers for blessing same sex couples. We pray for all those who continue to experience the hurt of exclusion and rejection by the church, and for those for whom same sex blessings continue to present difficulties. We pray for our bishops and for all members of Synod, that they might have loving hearts, courage and wisdom. Imbue us all with your Holy Spirit, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen

TUE 11

World Population Day,

Dear Lord, we pray for the world's estimated population of 8 billion people to hear the message of the gospel. We pray that every Christian across the world would be raised up to boldly proclaim the gospel in grace and truth. Amen

WED 12

We pray of the work of Arts Connect across the West Midlands and for creativity through the Arts. May all your children have opportunities to experience and create Art, and to celebrate the gift of imagination and expression.

THU 13

Olywn Powell invites us to pray,

We ask the Lord's blessing on our church weekend away at Cloverley Hall where those who worship at St Peter and St Paul's, Water Orton will be enjoying friendship and participation. We pray for those who will be speaking that they may be inspired by You, Lord.

FRI 14

Shark Awareness Day,

God of all creation, you created animals to roam the earth and fish to fill the seas. We pray for creatures on the verge of extinction, specifically that those responsible for poaching and polluting will be held responsible. Help us to live in a way that does not endanger life, but cherishes and nourishes the life in and around us. Amen

SAT 15

We pray for every child caught up in the county lines enslavement. God of rescue, set them free, God of mercy give them the support they need to turn their lives around. Amen

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THANKSGIVING

Sunday 16 July



Transforming Church prayer Sovereign God.

in Christ you make all things new. Clothe us with power from on high. that with generous lives and hearts on fire we might work with you

to grow your church and transform your world. To you be glory through Jesus our Lord. Amen

MON 17

Today's prayer is inspired by Psalm 84:1-2, How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

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TUE 18

Nelson Mandela International Day: This day we give thanks for the life of Nelson Mandela.

He led a nation on a long walk to freedom. He fought for reconciliation and not retribution. He argued for peace in place of war. Lord, we pray for our global leaders, give them strength and wisdom. Amen

WED 19

Father in heaven, we stand percent, in your omnipotent presence to ask that you strength to power through all of the tasks today - whether little or big. It is by your will that we live oh Lord. Amen

THU 20



who made the universe and all that is in it, we thank you for the skills and talents that enable us to explore the mysteries of creation.

Give us the will to cherish all that you have made. and to use the riches of our own world for the good of all. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FRI 21

Dear Lord, we pray today for homeless people in our city and across the world, that children and families in need with no place to call home will be guided to places of peace and security. Amen

SAT 22

Prayer today is inspired by National Picnic Day, Father, encourage us to meet together and share the wealth of your blessings. Draw us together in community and fellowship in the joy of sharing a meal together and enjoy being in nature. Amen

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 23 July



Today, prayer is inspired by this image that celebrates diveristy:



MON 24

Loving God, We pray for the lamms community as they continue to work hard to

Bless them as they sow crops and care for livestock. Surround them with your love so they may know they are cared for and valued. Amen

TUE 25

Heavenly Father, comfort and relieve those challenged by mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WED 26

Heavenly Father, we thank you for blessing us with children. Thank you that they get to go to school and increase in knowledge as they learn something new each day. May you protect them as they begin their summer holidays. Father, give them the wisdom to make the correct choices at school and play. Amen

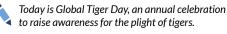
THU 27

We pray for all the Chaptania managed across the CofeB. May they be welcomed into flourishing community and nourished by their act of service. Father give them both strength for their work and a knowledge of your joy and your peace in all they offer and encounter. Amen

FRI 28

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, Founded on the covenant of your love. Amen

SAT 29



We pray for tigers and all species that are a critically endangered, whose numbers are affected by the illegal wildelife trade, habitat loss and climate change.

SUN 30

World Day Against Trafficking Persons,

God of mercy and of justice, We hold before you in prayer, all who are enslaved: those who have been trafficked. exploited and abused: those who live in extreme poverty; those who have no voice. Protect, guide and guard them this day. Draw close to them, may they know your presence, power and peace. We pray for those now free, still bound by the scars they carry. We pray for deep, gentle healing and bold, transformative justice. Amen

MON 31

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven. hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, vour will be done. on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power. and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen



