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TUE 1 Anniversary of slavery abolished in the British Empire - Emancipation Day.

Liberating God, we offer a prayer of thanksgiving and praise, for you hear the cries of the oppressed.

WED 2 Olwyn Powell, invites us to pray, Lord, we pray for families on holiday at this time that they may travel safely.



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THU 3 Prayer today is inspired by John Nightingale, "Fear no more the heat of the sun..." wrote Shakespeare. Let us pray for those in UK and worldwide who suffer from the heat.

FRI 4 Lord, we praise and thank you for the beauty and goodness of creation around us. Amen

SAT 5 Lucille Arlidge invites us to pray, Lord of awe and wonder and glory. We give you thanks that you love and care for humankind.

THANKSGIVING Sunday 6 August Father, please bless all those mourning a loss. Life may be different for them now.

MON 7 Barrie Scott invites us to pray, Almighty God, through your Holy Spirit you created unity in the midst of diversity; We acknowledge that human diversity is an expression of your manifold love for your creation;

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TUE 8 John Nightingale invites us to pray, Loving Lord, we pray for our newly appointed volunteers assisting Patrick Gerard, the Bishop's Adviser for the Environment: Caroline Egan as Assistant Diocesan Environmental Officer with responsibilities for training, and Heather Holmes as Lead Environmental Champion coordinating our Eco Church programme; may they be given vision and energy, endurance and hope. Amen

WED 9 Lord, Jesus, today is Your day, and I want Your will to be done. So, whatever happens, hold my hand and let's face it together. Amen

THU 10 Heavenly Father, we pray for Birmingham and its surrounding areas - our city, region and home. We pray that you guide the leaders and policy makers to make good choices that reflect their communities best interests. Amen

FRI 11 Father, help me to set my eyes and heart on you this Friday. Revive my spirit, fill me with your Holy Spirit. I love you, Lord, and want more and more of You in my life. So, please help me to draw closer to You. Amen

SAT 12 International Youth Day Creator God, we give thanks for the generosity, energy, creativity, and enthusiasm which so often characterises young people. We give thanks for the inspiration they are for each other and for those of us no longer young.



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THANKSGIVING Sunday 13 August Lucille Arlidge invites us to pray, Lord, we thank you for guiding and helping us to connect with people through our gathered and online worship provisions. Amen

MON 14 Lord, when I'm worried about tomorrow, bring me back to your presence with me today. And when I can't escape the anxiousness of what could come, pour out your peace in my heart and mind. Amen

TUE 15 Almighty God, look mercifully on your Church and on all who offer themselves for ministry training; so that by their labours your light may shine in the world, and the coming of your kingdom may be hastened; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WED 16 Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Thoughts





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THU 17
 Lord, may we who have plenty live simply so that others may simply live. Amen

FRI 18
 Father, today we pray for our new Oversight Areas. Please lay your hand over all those involved in bringing them into being, and supporting them. Please may their new beginnings go smoothly and let your Wisdom and Grace flow through these areas and their communities. Amen

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SAT 19
World Humanitarian day
 Amazing God, today we give thanks for the humanitarians around the world. We pray for these amazing people - helping across pandemics, wars, refugee camps and more. We pray for their strength and dedication, but more so we pray that the need for their services decreases as your people learn to love and look after each other more. Amen

THANKSGIVING
Sunday 20 August
Outgoing vicar Revd Debbie Collins prays for Holy Cross, Billesley,
 Dear Lord, as we move into a new season, first sitting with the sadness for a while, then turning it into a new song of love for you, enliven your people for service. Enrich their lives with your joy and equip them in new and surprising ways. Help them to be seekers of your kingdom with all the possibilities and blessings you shower upon us. Amen

MON 21
Today's prayer is inspired by Psalm 23:1,
 "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."
 Lord, thank you for caring and tending to us as your flock, thank you for providing everything we need at the right time - in your grace, Amen

TUE 22
 God, sometimes life gets me down and I find it hard to see things to be thankful for. Open my eyes to see the gifts you've given me in my life. Amen

WED 23
Prayer today is inspired by Psalm 104:30,
 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen



THU 24
The Collect for the day,
 Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle, Bartholomew, grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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

FRI 25
Today's prayer is inspired by the song 'I Thank God' by Maverick City Music and UPPERROOM
 He picked me up, He turned me around
 Placed my feet on solid ground
 I thank the Master, I thank the Saviour
 Because He healed my heart, He changed my name
 Forever free, I'm not the same
 I thank the Master, I thank the Saviour
 Oh, I thank God
 You can watch this video on YouTube or choose your own.

SAT 26
International Bat Night
 Lord, grant us the wisdom and kindness to care for the earth and all the creatures you placed here.
 Help us to conserve the beauty you have provided us with for years to come.
 Help us to become instruments of a new creation, Founded on the covenant of your love.
 Amen



THANKSGIVING
Sunday 27 August
 Day by day, as the pages of my own life turn over, remind me that you write my name on the palm of your hand. I ask this prayer through Jesus, who is your Word, living amongst us. Amen

MON 28
 We pray today for those who will be enjoying this bank holiday. We thank you Lord for blessing them with an extra day of rest from the daily demands of work life, and we pray that your spirit refreshes them in body and soul. Amen

TUE 29
Today, prayer is inspired by Psalm 90:14
 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

WED 30
The Collect for the day,
 God of peace, who called your servant John Bunyan to be valiant for truth: grant that as strangers and pilgrims we may at the last rejoice with all Christian people in your heavenly city; 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

THU 31
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

