



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND BIRMINGHAM
PRAYING TOGETHER



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WED 1

All Saint's Day

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join with their company in Heaven, worshipping you forever. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbors. Amen

THU 2

Olwyn Powell invites us to pray,

O Lord, we hear and see the news from Israel and don't know what to say, we see the scenes of violence and don't know how to pray; we read of people fighting over the Land of Israel and know it has been thus for some years. We cannot bear seeing the violent and sad happenings. We weep, Lord, at the terrible damage to innocent people and their deep sadness in the loss of loved ones. Lord, bless the world, and hear the cry of our hearts. Amen



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FRI 3

We pray for the Revd Emma Sykes, St Barnabas Erdington, and the parishes and incumbents of the Oversight Area: The Revd Canon Ruth Souter at Christ the King Erdington, The Revd Stephen Fletcher at St Mark Stockland Green, All Saints Gravelly Hill and St Chad Erdington, and The Revd Trevor Meardon at St Mary Pype Hayes, together with the clergy, readers and churchwardens of these parishes.



SAT 4

Men's Health Awareness Month (November)

Heavenly Father, as we enter November, we lift up those affected by men's health issues. Grant strength and healing to those in need, wisdom to healthcare professionals, and courage to those struggling with their mental well-being. Amen

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 5 November

Tonight is Bonfire Night,

Loving God, on this Bonfire Night, we are thankful for the warmth and the company of loved ones. We ask for your protection and guidance as we celebrate and remember the events of this day. Amen

MON 6

Today's prayer is inspired by a photo of the Birmingham Christmas Markets



Heavenly father, after the first week of the Birmingham Christmas Markets we pray for all those who have attended and plan to attend. We hope that the festive season brings joy to all those involved in the markets and that the city stays safe during this period. Amen

TUE 7

Jesus, today is Your day, and I want Your will to be done. So, in all that happens, hold my hand, and let's face it together. Amen

WED 8

"We must lay before him what is in us; not what ought to be in us." C.S. Lewis.

Gracious Father, today we come before you as we are; humble and imperfect. We ask that despite our flaws you forgive us and lead us in the path of righteousness. Amen

THU 9

British Pudding Day

Lord, we thank you for the comforting flavours, and the joy that we can receive from puddings. Bless those who prepare and enjoy them, reminding us of life's simple pleasures and the richness of your blessings. Amen



FRI 10

We pray for the Revd Liz Bickley and the Oversight Area of St Leonard Dordan, All Saints Grendon and St Nicholas Baddesley Ensor, together with the clergy, readers and churchwardens of these parishes.



SAT 11

John Nightingale invites us to pray for:

The Brum Climate Justice Coalition conference tomorrow at the Midlands Arts Centre which brings together climate activists, trade unionists and social justice campaigners, to work on a just transition at a local and global level. Pray that they may they find vision, solidarity and hope.



THANKSGIVING

Sunday 12 November

Remembrance Sunday

Heavenly Father, on this Remembrance Sunday, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude. We are thankful for the sacrifices made by countless brave souls who have defended freedom. We remember their courage, their dedication, and their unwavering commitment to a world at peace. We are grateful for the lessons they teach us about sacrifice, unity, and the importance of striving for a better world. Amen



MON 13

Lucille Arlidge invites us to pray,

Dear Lord, guide us as we make our pilgrim journey through life. Help us to stay on the straight and narrow path and lead us back when we go astray. Amen

TUE 14

Dear God, we pray for those in public service. Grant them wisdom, strength, and compassion as they tirelessly serve our communities. Guide and protect them in their selfless work. Amen

WED 15

Prayer today is inspired by Proverbs 3: 5-6,

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Thoughts

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THU 16 Holy God, when the weather turns colder let us remember our comfort with you and the warmth your Spirit provides. Lord Jesus, we ask that you watch over and help those who are struggling with energy costs and keeping houses warm this time of year. Amen

FRI 17 We pray for the Revd Julian Sampson, All Saints, Small Heath, and the parishes and incumbents of the Oversight Area: The Revd Alan Thompson at St Mark with St Saviour, Saltley, The Revd Toby Crowe at St John the Evangelist, Sparkhill and Christ Church, Sparkbrook, together with the clergy, readers and churchwardens of these parishes

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SAT 18 LGBT+ Chaplaincy Team invites us to pray, Almighty God, from whom we all derive our true being and identity, we pray for the members of all houses of General Synod as they discern the Living in Love and Faith process, and the proposed prayers for the blessing of same sex relationships. Guide them by your Holy Spirit that they might discover your will for all your children, each made in your image and living out the promise of life in all its fullness. Comfort those for whom the process is difficult, especially those whose hearts might be hurt or broken by the outcome. We pray for all those who yearn for their loving relationships to be blessed by the church, reassured in the knowledge that all love comes from you. Amen

THANKSGIVING Sunday 19 November Today's prayer is inspired by Psalm 9:1, 'I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.' Gracious Lord, we are eternally grateful for every blessing you give us. Instill in us the confidence and strength to speak out about you and your grace. Amen

MON 20 Today is St Edmund's Day, On this Feast Day of St. Edmund, we remember his unwavering faith and courage. We seek his intercession for strength in our own lives. May his example inspire us to stand firm in our faith and to show compassion to others. In his name, we pray. Amen

TUE 21 Heavenly Father, we pray for our chaplaincies in healthcare, university, school, further education, prison, retail, and businesses. May they bring comfort, guidance, and support to those they serve. Bless their work and grant them wisdom and compassion. In your name, we pray. Amen



WED 22 Collect of the day Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

THU 23 God, please enlighten my mind with truth, inflame my heart with love, inspire my will with courage, enrich my life with service. Pardon what I have been, sanctify what I am, and order what I shall be. Amen

FRI 24 We pray for the Revd Siobhan Bridge, St Paul, Hamstead and St Bernard's, Hamstead, and the parishes and incumbents of the Oversight Area: The Revd Laura Ward at St John the Evangelist, Perry Barr, The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith at St Matthew, Perry Beeches, together with the clergy, readers and churchwardens of these parishes.

SAT 25 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

THANKSGIVING Sunday 26 November Lucille Arlidge invites us to pray, Thank you, Lord, for all those who join us online each week. May your word flow out to guide them and your call lead them home. Amen

MON 27 Father, as we approach the colder weather and harsher conditions let us pray for all those who do not have safe shelter or warm clothes. We pray that passers by, strangers, friends and communities all act in your name and character with generosity and kindness in helping and aiding those less fortunate. Amen

TUE 28 Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WED 29 John Nightingale invites us to pray for: Tomorrow, the COP28 Conference begins in Dubai, Arab Emirates. Let us pray that businesses, banks and governments responsible for the production and consumption of energy may shift finance, personnel, research and technology away from fossil fuels and into renewables.



THU 30 Lord, today we pray for the consecration of our Bishop- Designate, Michael Volland. Inspire his work and ministry in the Church of England Birmingham so that he may serve you dutifully and faithfully. Grant him wisdom and courage and replenish him with your Spirit and Word. Amen

