

Cycle of Prayer : 19 - 30 June 2021



Saturday 19

We pray for creativity and imagination as we imagine afresh what church life post-pandemic will look & feel like. We pray for generous faith, courageous hope & life-giving love to fill us & inspire us that we might proclaim God's kingdom & be good news for all in transforming lives, growing church & building community.

*Lord Jesus Christ, shed your light upon your Church,
so that she might listen to your voice and follow you.
Send forth your Spirit of love and truth*

*Make us more faithful to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches
That we might glorify your name and bring your kingdom near.*

Sunday 20 - Father's Day

Let us pray for fathers who struggle to balance the demands of work, marriage, & children.

Let us pray for those fathers who, lacking a good model, have worked to become a good father themselves. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded in their role. Let us pray for those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives & continue to offer their children their love & support. Let us pray for stepfathers. Let us pray for those fathers who have lost a child.

*Let us pray to the one God, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, that our lives may bear witness to our faith.
You sent your Word to bring us truth & your Spirit to make us holy. Help us to live out our faith in you.*

Monday 21

We give thanks for all those who have worked tirelessly to help us navigate the complexities of lockdown & Covid-19. As restrictions are due to lift today we pray for wisdom, discretion & restraint that as a nation we might continue to emerge safely & cautiously as we celebrate our growing freedom & opportunities.

Tuesday 22 - St Alban

The parish of St. Anne, Derby. Clergy: Revd Giles Orton. PCC & congregation.

On the feast of St Alban, we pray

Eternal Father, when the gospel of Christ first came to our land you gloriously confirmed the faith of Alban by making him the first to win a martyr's crown: grant that, following his example, in the fellowship of the saints we may worship you, the living God, & give true witness to Jesus our Lord.

Wednesday 23

The parish of St Matthew, Darley Abbey. Clergy: Revd Peter Barham. Readers: Melonie Hambley, Clive Lemmon. PCC & congregation.

Thursday 24

In the parish of St Nicholas, Allestree. Clergy: Revd Becky Mathew, Revd Dawn Knight. Reader Sarah Tupling. PCC & congregation.

Friday 25

The Order of the Black Sheep BMO, Chesterfield. Clergy: Revd Mark Broomhead, Revd Hilary Moore, the worshipping community.

Saturday 26

We pray for those who are preparing to be ordained as priests:

Revd Rachael Brooks	Revd Catrin Hubbard	Revd Nicola McNally
Revd Sharon Murphy	Revd Malcolm Pyatt	Revd Kate Smedley
Revd Sandra Till	Revd Alan Winfield.	

Saturday 26 continued

*As they journey with you, be the compass that guides,
the light that shines on their path, the only one they follow.
As they journey with you, be the word that encourages,
the hand that reaches out, each time they stumble.
As they journey with you let them glimpse your destination,
and be open to the places to which lead.
As I journey with you, be the strength they need to follow,
and as the day draws to a close let them rest in your embrace.*

Sunday 27

We pray for all those who are preparing to be ordained as deacons:

Bex Allpress	Julius Anozie	Gill Ball
Rachel Burdett	Sam Dennis	John Ferguson
Mike Fitzsimmons	Jeff Golding	Mel Hartley
Ellie Launder-Brown	James Lee	Chris Nowak
Nick Parish	Charlotte Wallington	Becky Reeve.

*May the peace of Christ be with them
May they know Him guiding through the wilderness
Protecting through the storms
And bring them safely to that time when they receive their Ordination*

*As I journey with you today be the compass that guides me,
the light that shines on my path, the only one I follow.
As I journey with you today be the word that encourages,
the hand that reaches out, each time I stumble
As I journey with you today let me glimpse our destination,
and be open to the places through which you lead me.
As I journey with you today, be the strength I need to follow,
and as the day draws to a close let me rest in your embrace.*

Monday 28

In the parish of St Barnabas, Derby. Clergy: Revd Derek Honour, Revd Bill Day (PTO). PCC & congregation.

Tuesday 29 - Peter & Paul

For all clergy who over the years were ordained at Petertide & for those who with PTO, continue to offer service to the Church.

Wednesday 30

For all those who were attending the now postponed Lambeth conference, especially our brother bishops from the Church in North India who are facing such difficulties due to Covid-19.

For the Christian community

We are not people of fear: we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety: we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity.

We are your people God, giving and loving,

wherever we are, whatever it costs

For as long as it takes, wherever you call us.

*Barbara Glasson
President of the Methodist Conference*