

O Lord,  
you have searched me and known me!  
You know when I sit down  
and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.  
You hem me in,  
behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high;  
I cannot attain it.  
Psalm 139: 1-6

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Father in heaven,  
I stand before You today  
in Your omnipotent presence  
to ask that You grant me strength.  
I ask You to give me the strength  
to power through all of the tasks today,  
whether little or big.  
It is by Your will that I live, O Lord  
and I know it is also by your will  
that I will not be weak today.  
**Amen**

Heavenly Father  
help me love the life I live right now.  
Show me the good things  
I often overlook.  
Help me to be content  
with what I have.  
Forgive me  
when I compare myself to others.  
Forgive me  
for longing for things  
outside of You and Your kingdom.  
Thank you for loving me  
right where I am,  
right as I am.  
Help me to keep my eyes on you.  
In Jesus' name  
**Amen**

Loving God  
We bring before you the sick  
and suffering of our world,  
all those wrestling with illness  
in body, mind or spirit.  
Support and strengthen all those  
who share the work of healing,  
all who strive to bring relief and  
wholeness to broken people.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

If you have any suggested items for inclusion  
in the October Prayer Diary, please pass these to  
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# Prayer Diary

**September 2021**



St Bartholomew's  
Church

Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give you.  
I do not give to you  
as the world gives.  
Let not your hearts be troubled  
and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:2

### September 2021

Let us pray

Wed 1<sup>st</sup>: for our **children starting school tomorrow**; for their concerns over Covid and catching up.

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>: for the **people of Afghanistan** as the Taliban advance.

Frid 3<sup>rd</sup>: for **world leaders** not to stand by and do nothing.

Sat 4<sup>th</sup>: for **ourselves and our safety** during the pandemic; for those suffering from Long Covid.

Sun 5<sup>th</sup>: for **our Christian brethren** in the **persecuted church** in the world, especially **Christians in Afghanistan**.

Mon 6<sup>th</sup>: for the work of **Open Doors** who provide support for the persecuted Church.

Tues 7<sup>th</sup>: for the mental health and well being of our young people on this **Youth Mental Health Day**.

Wed 8<sup>th</sup>: for those who have **lost loved ones to Covid**.

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>: for the family of **Agnes Neilands** whose funeral is today.

Frid 10<sup>th</sup>: for everyone taking part in the **Ride and Stride** event tomorrow.

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>: for those who died in the **Twin Towers** today 20 years ago today.

Sun 12<sup>th</sup>: for **Dave, Ian, Johan and Mary** as they minister to us in this time of vacancy.

Mon 13<sup>th</sup>: for our Church Wardens, **Gill and Roger**.

Tues 14<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living on **Aston Road** in Ducklington.

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>: for the work of the **Pastoral Team** supporting behind the scenes.

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>: for the **elderly members of our church community** in care homes.

Frid 17<sup>th</sup>: for our friends in church and in the wider community fighting **cancer**.

Sat 18<sup>th</sup>: for those we know suffering from **Alzheimer's or dementia**; for their families.

Sun 19<sup>th</sup>: for the **clergy** who visit our church to preach during the Interregnum.

Frid 20<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living on **Strainges Close** in Ducklington.

Sat 21<sup>st</sup>: for peace throughout our world on this **International Day of Peace**.

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>: for the **Children's Work** in our church and the leaders.

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>: for **young people** starting at **university** for the first time.

Tues 24<sup>th</sup>: for those who have been **bereaved** recently.

Wed 25<sup>th</sup>: for **the people of Haiti** in the wake of the earthquake and tropical storms.

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>: for **refugees and homeless people** particularly those from Afghanistan.

Frid 27<sup>th</sup>: for **children** caught up in war, famine and disasters.

Sat 28<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living on **Standlake Road** in Ducklington.

Sun 29<sup>th</sup>: for leaders of the **Church of England**; for wisdom and love.

Mon 30<sup>th</sup>: for our exhausted **NHS workers**.

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Loving God

Grant me peace of mind  
and calm my troubled heart.

My soul is like a turbulent sea.

I can't seem to find my balance  
so I stumble and worry constantly.

Give me strength and clarity of mind  
to find my purpose and walk the path you  
have laid out for me.

**Amen**