

Dear God,
please give me strength when I am weak,
love when I feel forsaken,
courage when I am afraid,
wisdom when I feel foolish,
comfort when I am alone,
hope when I feel rejected,
and peace when I am in turmoil.

Amen

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God of reconciliation and grace,
you promise us a world where all is new,
where love is born when hope is gone,
where broken relationships
are restored to wholeness.

May we live as people
who know your story of love,
and may we have the vision
to imagine what could be possible
if we dared to live this story.
God of abundant life,
may we be witnesses of love,
hope and peace,
and co-creators of your life in the world.

Amen

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Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new,
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Come now,
turn aside for a while from your daily
employment, escape for a
moment from the tumult of your thoughts.
Put aside your weighty cares,
let your burdensome distractions wait,
free yourself for a while for God
and rest awhile in him.

Enter the inner chamber of your soul,
shut out everything except God
and that which can help you in seeking him,
and when you have shut the door, seek him.

Now, my soul, say to God,
'I seek your face;
Lord it is your face that I seek.'

Amen.

Anselm (1033-1109)

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Hands who touched the leper,
touch my wounded heart;
Hands who healed the blind man,
heal my aching soul;
Hands who cured the lame,
mend my disjointed life;
Hands who embraced all life,
enfold me in your peace.
Lord, merely touch and heal, cure and forgive.

Amen

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Lord,
thou knowest how busy I must be today.
If I forget thee, do not thou forget me.

Amen.

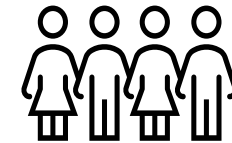
Sir Jacob Astley, at the battle of Edgehill

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the September prayer diary, please pass these to
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Ducklington

Prayer Diary

August 2023



**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love endures forever.**

1 Chronicles 16:34

The Lord your God is with you, the mighty warrior who saves.

Zephaniah 3:17

August 2023

Let us pray

Tues 1st: for the work of **Open Doors** amongst persecuted Christians.

Wed 2nd: for **Christians in Iran** facing a new crackdown and sudden arrests by the newly visible morality police.

Thurs 3rd: for the family and friends of **William Cypher** whose funeral is today.

Frid 4th: for the members and work of the **Pastoral Team**.

Sat 5th: for **Katie Skoyles and David England**, their families and friends as they celebrate their marriage today.

Sun 6th: for our **ministry team**: Andrea, Dave and Johan, Roy, Mary and John.

Mon 7th: remembering our **dear friend Roger Barnes** with a full peal of bells today.

Tues 8th: for everyone living on **Manor Road** in Ducklington.

Wed 9th: for peace in our world as we remember the **bombing of Nagasaki** which killed 74,000 people but ended World War 2.

Thurs 10th: for **Asylum Seekers** especially those living amongst us.

Frid 11th: for the **sewing group** meeting at the hotel; for their friendships and fellowship; for their leaders.

Sat 12th: for **our government** and its efforts to help the **thousands of displaced people** arriving in our country.

Sun 13th: for **Pope Francis, Archbishop Justin** and all Christian leaders.

Mon 14th: for those struggling with **mental health issues**; for their families.

Tues 15th: for the **homeless and rough sleepers**; for support for them.

Wed 16th: for the work of **Shelter and Centre Point** among homeless people.

Thurs 17th: for the family and friends of **Charles Train** whose funeral is today.

Frid 18th: for those **people in hospital** at this time.

Sat 19th: for our **Wardens: Gill and Martin**.

Sun 20th: for the **children's work** in our village and church community; particularly for Paula and Angela.

Mon 21st: for those in **financial difficulties** at this time of economic crisis.

Tues 22nd: for those who run the **Food Bank** and those who need to use it.

Wed 23rd: for the **Fair Trade Movement** and **social justice** for those who are vulnerable.

Thurs 24th: for everyone joining the **Greenbelt Festival** this weekend.

Frid 25th: for the **governments of Russia and Ukraine**; for the threat to world peace.

Sat 26th: for the work of **Churches Together in Witney**; for those attending the prayer breakfast this morning.

Sun 27th: for our **brethren living under the threat of persecution** across the world.

Mon 28th: for our village as we come together at the **Flower and Produce Show** today.

Tues 29th: for everyone living on **Park Road** in Ducklington.

Wed 30th: for everyone living on **Macray Road** in Ducklington.

Thurs 31st: for our **Primary and Secondary School Children** preparing to go to new schools.

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May the Lord be your solid rock.
May he be your refreshing fountain.
May the Lord be with you always.
May you rise and soar on eagle's wings.

Amen