

Living God,
you sent the Holy Spirit
to breathe life into your church.
Let us no longer be captives to fear,
but messengers of your saving love,
so that all may be reconciled in you;
through Jesus Christ, our peace.

Amen

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God Almighty,

we are humbled in your awesome presence.

We are reminded of our weakness,
our insignificance.

Ashamed, we pray for mercy.

Give us strength and wisdom to act on your will.

Praise be to the Father,
worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
and holy is your precious Spirit.

For we were lost in the depths,
you have found us and invited us to your table.

Now we are bearers of your holy Name.

Lord,

we receive your gift with patient anticipation.

Make us the hands and feet of your Spirit, so that
the light of Christ Jesus may shine through us.

Lord, give us the ability to speak not in languages
of hate or greed, complacency or discontent,
but in love and peace, mercy and kindness;

in generosity and benevolence,

in humility and patience,

and in truthful words of encouragement.

Praise and glory, and thanks be to the Father,
and to Christ Jesus, and to the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Creator God,
our anxious eyes look ahead
and see rising prices, striking workers and
energy shortages.

In the midst of our worries help us
to find security in your unceasing love for us.

We ask protection for the weakest,
courage for the vulnerable
and hope for the frightened.

Do not let our worst fears come to pass,
but flood the hearts of those

who make decisions

with generosity, compassion and justice.

And so may your children be glad to be alive
and turn to you with grateful praise.

Amen

Peter Grayson, Diocese of Southwark

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Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.

Help us today as we think of the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;

we commend to you lives lost in terror and
conflict, bring us all, in the end,
to the peace of your presence;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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the June prayer diary, please pass these to

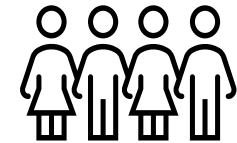
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St Bartholomew's Church
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Prayer Diary

May 2024



May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever. **John 14:16**

May 2024

Let us pray

Wed 1st: for **King Charles** as he resumes his royal duties.

Thurs 2nd: for **the war in Ukraine**; for the wounded, the homeless, the terrified.

Frid 3rd: for **Israel and the war in Gaza**; for mercy, restraint and forgiveness.

Sat 4th: for **aid to get through** to those most in need in Gaza; for the **safety of the aid workers**.

Sun 5th: for our **ministry team**: Andrea, Dave, Johan, Roy and Mary.

Mon 6th: for the **nursing staff** working in the **NHS** recognising their invaluable work often in very difficult circumstances.

Tues 7th: for the members of the **Home Group** meeting this evening.

Wed 8th: for the **Princess of Wales** and all **those battling cancer** at this time.

Thurs 9th: for **those living with dementia** and their families and carers.

Frid 10th: for those suffering with **stress** or **mental health issues**; for meaningful help.

Sat 11th: for the **Persecuted Church** throughout the world especially Christians in the Middle East.

Sun 12th: for the work of **Christian Aid** across the world as **Christian Aid Week** begins.

Mon 13th: for the many parts of **Africa** where there is **poverty and war and famine** and now **flooding**.

Tues 14th: for **Christians in Africa** many of whom are persecuted by Islamic extremists.

Wed 15th: for our **Church Wardens: Tricia and Martin**.

Thurs 16th: for the **PCC meeting** this evening.

Frid 17th: for the work of the **Pastoral Team**; for the plans to broaden the work to help more of those who need care.

Sat 18th: for the '**Pentecost Picnic**' tomorrow; for joyful fellowship.

Sun 19th: Let us celebrate the **Gift of the Holy Spirit** on this day of **Pentecost**.

Mon 20th: for everyone living on **Starnham Road** in Ducklington.

Tues 21st: for the work of the **Food Bank** and those who need to use it.

Wed 22nd: for **our government**; for common sense and compassion.

Thurs 23rd: for **those preparing for exams** over the next few weeks.

Frid 24th: for our **school children and their families** as half term begins.

Sat 25th: for the **Friends of St Bartholomew's** get together tomorrow.

Sun 26th: for **Amy Griffin and Daniel Davies** as they prepare for their wedding as their banns are read today.

Mon 27th: for everyone living on **Sealham Road** in Ducklington.

Tues 28th: for the family and friends of **Janet Strainge** as her ashes are interred today.

Wed 29th: for the **recently bereaved**.

Thurs 30th: for those joining together at **Warm Welcome Space** today.

Frid 31st: for the **lonely and elderly** members of our church community and beyond.

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Lord God,
through Christ you have given us peace
that the world cannot give.
Let your Spirit of truth abide with us
so that we may live in hope, grow in faith,
and keep your commandments of love;
in the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.