

## Ways to pray for the conflict in the Middle East

**For Peace and De-escalation:** Pray for a stop to violence and destruction, asking for a "costly, just peace" that transforms hearts, not just a temporary halt in fighting.

**For Safety and Protection:** Pray for the safety of civilians in Gaza, Israel, and the wider region, particularly protecting those displaced, the elderly, children, and those with disabilities

**For Humanitarian Aid:** Pray for safe passage of water, food, fuel, and medical supplies to those in need.

**For Leaders:** Pray for world leaders to have the courage to choose dialogue and peace, and for their hearts to be directed toward mercy.

**For Those Grieving and Afraid:** Pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones, those who are injured, and those traumatized by war.

### For Church Leaders in the

**Region:** Pray for strength and wisdom for local church leaders, staff, and Christians serving their communities amid fear and uncertainty.

**For Reconciliation:** Pray for an end to hatred and division, and for the restoration of broken relationships.

For the Spirit of Peace that calms our mind and stills our life,  
we give you thanks.

For the Spirit of Love that touches hearts and reaches out,  
we give you thanks.

For the Spirit of Joy that lifts our soul and gives us faith  
we give you thanks.

For the Spirit of Power, that gift of grace for this your church,  
we give you thanks.

**Amen**

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Spirit of life

Fill our emptiness with your fullness.

Spirit of power

Stir our hearts afresh.

Spirit of love

Touch us, and through us, our neighbour.

Spirit of Creativity

Enable and empower the gifts you have given.

Spirit of Eternity

Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom.

**Amen**

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Come Holy Spirit,

fill the hearts of your faithful

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And You shall renew the face of the earth.

**Amen**

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If you have any suggested items for inclusion in the June prayer diary, please pass these to Faith Truran by 20<sup>th</sup> May 07791877817  
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## Prayer Diary

May 2026



But the Advocate,  
the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in My name,  
will teach you all things  
and will remind you  
of everything I have said to you.

John 14:26

And afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Joel 2:28

## May 2026

Let us pray

Frid 1<sup>st</sup>: for everyone living on **Dale Walk** in Ducklington.

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>: for **Emma Shepherd and Jordan Maycock** preparing for their marriage as their 2<sup>nd</sup> Banns are read tomorrow.

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>: for **Andrea and the ministry team**; for all the work they do to support and enrich our spiritual lives.

Mon 4<sup>th</sup>: for our **Church Wardens: Tricia and Martin**.

Tues 5<sup>th</sup>: for **the homeless in our community** and for those trying to help.

Wed 6<sup>th</sup>: for the volunteers at the **Food Bank** and those who need to use it.

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>: for the **Local Council Elections** today.

Frid 8<sup>th</sup>: for **the councillors newly elected** yesterday; for wisdom and integrity.

Sat 9<sup>th</sup>: for everyone enjoying the **Rambling Group** today.

Sun 10<sup>th</sup>: for the work of **Christian Aid** across the third world as their main fundraising week begins.

Mon 11<sup>th</sup>: for Christian Aid's work **enabling families** to grow or sell their own produce.

Tues 12<sup>th</sup>: for **agencies responding to climate emergencies or disasters** with essential aid.

Wed 13<sup>th</sup>: for Christian Aid's work **addressing poverty** in areas of violence and conflict.

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>: for the family and friends of **Norman Glover** celebrating his life at his funeral today.

Frid 15<sup>th</sup>: for everyone at the **Community Cuppa** today at Ceewood Hall in aid of Christian Aid.

Sat 16<sup>th</sup>: for **Jade and Connor Sadler** as they celebrate their wedding today.

Sun 17<sup>th</sup>: for our Christian brethren in the **Persecuted Church** across the world.

Mon 18<sup>th</sup>: for the work of **Open Doors** and **The Bible Society** amongst persecuted Christians.

Tues 19<sup>th</sup>: for the **asylum seekers at the hotel** as they leave for a hopefully better life.

Wed 20<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living on **Witney Road** in Ducklington.

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>: for those joining together at **Warm Welcome Space** today.

Frid 22<sup>nd</sup>: for the **elderly and lonely** in our church community.

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>: for **Lake Allsworth** and his family as he is baptised tomorrow.

Sun 24<sup>th</sup>: let us give thanks for the **gift of the Holy Spirit** on this **Pentecost** Sunday.

Mon 25<sup>th</sup>: for **students and children** preparing for exams at this time.

Tues 26<sup>th</sup>: for the members of our **Pastoral Team** and their work in our community.

Wed 27<sup>th</sup>: for **those awaiting hospital appointments** or test results.

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>: for **people with disabilities** and their families.

Frid 29<sup>th</sup>: for **the vulnerable** and **victims of abuse**.

Sat 30<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living on **Moors Close** in Ducklington.

Sun 31<sup>st</sup>: for **Bishop Steven** at his final service at Christ Church today.

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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