



St. Mary's
Warwick's Church of Treasures

October 2020

Prayer Diary

Thank you for using these prayers to support our local, national and global communities, and thank you to everyone who has contributed prayers and ideas this month. Please use the diary as you like to respond to the needs of others. The **green country names** remind us of countries at various stages of their Covid journey. You are invited to share ideas for November's diary with Kirsteen Robson (prayerdiary@stmaryswarwick.org.uk or 07799 682872) ideally by the 15th October. **Highlighted words** are links to Bible readings and other material. If you'd like to receive the diary by email, please contact Kirsteen.

Thu 1

...Peru
Argentina
Philippines
Israel

My presence will go with you... (Ex. 33:14-17) Heavenly Father we pray that, as the dark cloud of Covid again extends its shadow, we would know your presence among us to guide, comfort and equip us. Dispel all fear and strengthen our faith to shine as a beacon for others. Steady us, Lord, and open our eyes so that we are alert to your greater purposes as we wait patiently, with hope, during this time, ready to emerge with a new song. (Ps. 40)

Fri 2

Romania

As The Ridgeway and Round Oak schools combine, we ask for your blessing on the new Evergreen School. Bless pupils, their families and staff as they settle into the new arrangement, making the most of the opportunities offered over both sites.

Sat 3

Morocco
Dominican Republic
Panama
Kazakhstan
Sweden

As Northgate Methodist Church plan to open their doors to celebrate their Harvest Festival tomorrow, we pray for them and all the churches in our area. We give thanks for the people whose efforts make it possible to open buildings for prayer and worship. Give hope to churches seeking ways of praising you in confined spaces and witnessing in restricted circumstances. Thank you for all who are continuing to minister online, through newsletters, phone calls and personal visits.

Sun 4

**The 17th Sunday
after Trinity**

Guatemala
China
Japan

With joy we give thanks that both The Regimental Museum and The Lord Leicester Hospital have been able to open to the public, and pray that people will show support by sharing in their history and listening to their stories to the extent that current restrictions allow. Bless the Fusilier Association (Warwickshire and West Midlands) at this afternoon's Church Service as representatives give thanks for returning members and remember those who are no longer with them.

Mon 5

Honduras

With members of St Mary the Virgin, Haseley we pray for those involved in preparations for Sunday afternoon's Flower Festival (11th). May all who visit be inspired and uplifted by the displays, and drawn to you, the creator and sustainer of us all.

Tue 6

William Tyndale,
translator of the
scriptures

Ethiopia

In the week of **Warwick Words Digital History Festival**, we pray for those who are seeking to provide events online via Zoom and other social media. May the power and beauty of spoken language give joy and excitement to all who listen. As we consider the importance of our History, and all that can be learned from it, help us rejoice in the words of wisdom that Jesus gave to us during his short time on Earth.

Wed 7

Lord, please bless and strengthen all who make decisions in churches. Direct them in wisdom and compassion as they respond to the call to minister in a world of changing normal.

Thu 8

Venezuela
Costa Rica

Almighty God, we thank you for the awe-inspiring marvels of the cosmos, and join with people around the world celebrating satellites and the many ways they can benefit our life. May their effect remind us that we are part of a global family, responsible for the well-being of each other and of our earthly home.

Fri 9

Bahrain

God of eternal life, we lift up to you all who mourn the loss of a baby, remembering especially those who have been bereaved this year amid the disruptions caused by the pandemic. Cradle them and their babies in the comfort of your tender embrace.

Sat 10

Czechia
Nigeria

God of compassion, relieve us from fear, despair and exhaustion, and lead us to refreshment and stability of mind. Especially comfort and heal those with severe mental health problems. Help us help each other with discerning confidence and love, that we may join you in binding up the brokenhearted.

Sun 11

The 18th Sunday
after Trinity

Nepal

Today we pray for young people who are sleeping rough, sleeping on sofas, floors, night buses or with strangers. Protect them, Lord, and bring them the support they need to find a safe place to call home. Bless the work of **Centrepoin**t, providing homeless young people with accommodation, health support and life skills, to get them back into education, training and employment.

Mon 12

Uzbekistan
Algeria
Moldova
Armenia

Healing Lord, on World Hospice and Palliative Care Day, we pray that you fill with your love, compassion and strength all who enable and bring care and support in this field. Especially we offer to you the palliative care teams in hospitals and communities in this Diocese. May our hospices – Shakespeare, Mary Ann Evans, and the Myton Hospices in Warwick, Coventry and Rugby – be oases of kindness, empathy and hope.

Tue 13

We remember the 300,000 seafarers still stranded as a result of Covid-related travel restrictions and pray that measures may be put in place with speed to allow safe crew changes.

Wed 14

Ghana
Kyrgyzstan

Lord, you offer freedom to all people, in Prisons Week we pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime.

Thu 15

Austria

As we wash our hands today, we offer you our 20 seconds to pray for the successful spread of the message across communities, cultures and countries of the importance of handwashing with soap and water as a way to prevent diseases and save lives.

Fri 16

Azerbaijan
Afghanistan
Palestine
Paraguay

As we celebrate National Chocolate week we ask you to bless Stacey Bains and Pastor Linz of New Life Church as they settle in as proprietors of Mary's Sweet Memories in the Market Square. We give thanks for Mary's act of kindness, which led to their prayer being answered. Thank you for the Your Farmer Meals food project promoted by the shop. May it continue to bless the people of Warwick through their Frozen Meal Foodbank.

Sat 17

Today we lift up all who live and work in Hanworth Road, Cape Road, Chandley Row, Chandley Wharf and Landor Road, or who travel on the Warwick bypass A46. May they know your presence.

Sun 18

The 19th Sunday
after Trinity
Luke the Evangelist

Glory to you, God of life and health, for the inspiration of St Luke the Physician, and for the countless dedicated medics, nurses, carers and researchers. Cure and strengthen the sick. Equip and sustain all health workers as the pandemic adds extra pressure. Bless the NHS and similar organisations around the world, granting wisdom and integrity to those who lead them.

Mon 19

Kenya
Ireland
Serbia
Libya

Father of all, as the current uncertainty around education provision is affecting many families in our nation we give thanks that nevertheless the family can be a perfect environment in which all members can continue to learn. Please inspire families with creative opportunities to enjoy learning together. And help us all, as members of your family, to be open to discover new things as we listen to and receive from each other.

Tue 20

El Salvador
Australia
Bosnia and
Herzegovina

During this month we pray for all who are affected by the menopause. Dear Lord, you made us in your own image, bring comfort to those who are finding this time of change in their life hard to cope with. Give patience and understanding to those around them so that with support and love, this life-change is blessed with kindness and inner strength. We pray that when needed, medical intervention is successful and enables people to continue to live their lives as they would wish.

Wed 21

Denmark
South Korea

Faithful God, may we know your presence alongside us today. Help us to be good tempered and considerate, to be hard-working and diligent in all we do; to never speak hastily and to always act kindly to those we love and especially to those we find it difficult to like. (*Celia Spiers, St James' Snitterfield*)

Thu 22

Cameroon
Bulgaria

As part of our commemoration of VE75 we remember the War Babies. We rejoice with those who have led happy lives, been adopted or have been reunited successfully with their families. We weep with those who have regrets and have been left to wonder. Wrap them tenderly in your loving arms.

Fri 23

Ivory Coast
North Macedonia
Madagascar

We give thanks for care homes and all they do to offer the highest quality of life possible to their residents. Locally we lift up to you the communities at Woodside Care Village, Park View and Leicester House. Bless their resources and their practices, that those who live and work there may be protected from the virus, and freed from anxiety to live each day to the full.

Sat 24

Croatia

As the United Nations celebrate their 75th anniversary, along with the Warwick and District Branch of the UN Association we pray that warring nations will lay down arms to support the bigger battle in overcoming the common enemy Covid-19.

Sun 25

The last Sunday
after Trinity

As the clocks are turned back and darkness falls earlier each evening we pray for all who find themselves in a dark place. Show us ways, individually and as a church, to reach out to them and walk alongside them towards the light of your love.

Mon 26

Senegal

Ever-present Father, we lift up today all who are living with cancer: we offer thanks and praise with those whose disease is in remission, and pray that you would give strength, peace, hope and healing to those receiving treatment or awaiting results.

Tue 27

Zambia
Norway
Sudan

We give thanks for the **Sisters of St Mary (CMM)** in Tanzania, celebrating their first Harvest with their new threshing machine. May this be a new season of joy and hope for them and their community. Thank you, Lord, for giving us the opportunity to help them come by their daily bread with greater ease. Keep us ever mindful of those in need, globally and locally. Amen.

Wed 28

Albania

Lord Jesus, God with us, as the pandemic continues, we pray that you would prevent our social distancing becoming emotional distancing. Let us not lose our face of humanity behind our masks and help us lead the way in showing compassion to others.

Thu 29

Malaysia
Myanmar
DR Congo
Guinea

As the Royal British Legion closes its Poppy Break centres we give thanks for these 'shelters from the storms of life'. We pray for the staff who cared for the weary, and guests who were convalescing or bereaved. We pray that the reallocation of funding and resources will allow the charity's healing work to continue, enabling it to respond to the increasingly complex needs for support of our service personnel and their families.

Fri 30

Montenegro
French Guiana

We give thanks for those who are reaching out to isolated and lonely people in Warwick, including the Covid-19 Team, the Phone Pals who have made over 2000 calls, and Warwick Lions who are willing to deliver domestic items, facemasks and food parcels to individuals and organisations who need them. Please bless them as they bring a blessing of hope and help to others.

Sat 31

Finland...

God of comfort, as the remembrance season approaches, we pray for all who have been bereaved but have not been able to go to funerals, or to say goodbye to loved ones. Set free any who feel a sense of guilt, and help them find other ways to say farewell.