

November 2021

Prayer Diary

Thank you for using this diary to support our local, national and global communities through prayer, and thank you to everyone who has shared suggestions and prayers this month. The [blue country names](#) remind us of countries at various stages of their Covid-19 journey. **Highlighted words** contain links to Bible readings and other related material. If you would like to receive future editions directly by email, or you know anyone who would like a paper copy but can't print one out, please contact the prayer team (see below). Please send requests and ideas for December's diary, ideally by **10th November**, to prayerdiary@stmaryswarwick.org.uk or 07799 682872.

Mon 1

All Saints' Day

O God, as we honour all the Church's saints today, those known to us or to you alone, sustain us with their examples. Inspire us in the knowledge that while we feebly struggle, they in glory shine. Help us, like them, to embrace Christ as our true and shining light.

Tue 2

All Souls' Day

[Jamaica](#)

[Luxembourg](#)

Let the bells peal and candles shine brightly for all those we have lost, recently and over the years. In our grief and loss, we commemorate and hold before you the preciousness of their lives, and name those most dear to us. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through your mercy, O God, rest in peace.

Wed 3

We lift up all who are living with chronic stress and pray that they may hear your invitation to come to you for rest. Dear Lord, grant them peace of mind and calm their troubled heart.

Thu 4

[Senegal](#)

[Angola](#)

[Malawi](#)

Loving lord, as this evening many will gather at St Mary's to enjoy the delayed VE75 dinner, we ask your blessing on those attending that this will be a special time of commemoration and fellowship. Thank you for the tireless work of the organisers, arranging furniture, decorations, catering and all the extra touches which will make this event so special.

Fri 5

[Ivory Coast](#)

[Réunion](#)

We pray that the physical and mental health of men, all too often not talked about, be better addressed, to reduce premature deaths. May we work together to remove the stigmas, face the problems and fund the research, so that more men receive the right help at the right time.

Sat 6

[Democratic](#)

[Republic of Congo](#)

Lord God, with members of Rotary Warwick, we give thanks for 20 years of the Rotary Stars citizenship awards, recognizing young people for being kind and caring towards others and the environment. We pray that families, friends and schools will come forward with recommendations for future Rotary Stars.

Sun 7

Third Sunday
Before Advent

Lord, strengthen us in our vocation and ministry, to share the talents and abilities you have given us. Guide all called to ordination and bless the work of theological colleges, tutors and students. Grant grace to all who care for others in their daily work. Make us all worthy of our calling.

Mon 8

Saints and Martyrs
of England

We give thanks for our MPs and their commitment to serve their constituents, the country and the world, often at great personal cost. Protect them, Lord, that they may go about their daily tasks in safety, and especially as they meet constituents face to face. We pray for Matt Western as he does all he can for the welfare of this area.

Tue 9

Trinidad and Tobago
Guadeloupe
Fiji

Bring our restless spirits to a place of stillness today, O Lord, where we may look at you as you look at us... In a society where image is everything, draw us deeper into what it means to be made in your image... We pray for all who are trapped by a self-created image: give them courage to discover and accept who they are in you and to live and be loved as their authentic selves.

Wed 10

Suriname
Eswatini
French Guiana
Madagascar
Martinique

Lord God, as we continue to pray for the delegates at COP26, we remember with thanks that the Bible is full of accounts of seemingly insurmountable odds overcome in your name, even the defeat of death itself. Fill them with courage to share and be open to unpalatable truths about the environmental crisis facing this world. May compassion for the most vulnerable sweep aside political gain and national interest, so countries may work together for the survival and flourishing of the worldwide family you created us to be.

Thu 11

Armistice Day
Syria

Ever-living, ever-loving Lord, we remember those whose earthly stories were cut short in service of their country, and their loved ones whose own narratives were reshaped as a result. In the silence, take our offerings of love, sorrow, gratitude, guilt, frustration, anger... Take them, and make them into a powerful prayer for peace.

Fri 12

Sudan
French Polynesia
Cabo Verde

Loving God, we pray for patients with brain injuries and their families, that they may seek and find you as they face the many challenges of life each day. We give thanks for the specially designed ward at The Central England Rehabilitation Unit. May it be a place of hope, restoration, healing and acceptance, where everyone works together for the best possible outcome.

Sat 13

Malta
Mauritania
Laos

On World Diabetes Day, we give thanks for the inspiration of Fredrick Banting and Charles Best, who, 100 years ago, discovered the function of insulin and how to use it to treat diabetes. We pray for people of all ages living with diabetes and ask that ongoing research and technology will continue to improve their quality of life until a cure for the conditions may be found.

Sun 14

2nd Before Advent
Remembrance Sunday

As the Royal British Legion celebrates its 100th anniversary, we give thanks for its care for all who have served or are serving in the armed forces. We remember especially its Telephone Buddy service for those who are lonely, its debt management and benefits advisers, and the support it gives to veterans on our streets.

Mon 15

Guyana
Gabon

God of love, help us to oppose all forms of bullying, following your Son's commandment to love our neighbour. Give us grace to comfort, support and empower those who are bullied. Give us courage to pray for those (including ourselves) who bully, that we all may learn to walk in the ways of kindness.

Tue 16

Guinea
Papua New Guinea
Tanzania

Loving Father, as Alcohol Awareness Week continues, we think about the many ways that alcohol can affect our relationships. We pray for people whose drinking is having a negative impact on themselves and or others, remembering especially those who have found themselves drinking more to deal with the loneliness or other pressures caused by the pandemic. May they know there is always help available.

Wed 17

Togo
Belize

Thirty years after the release from captivity in Lebanon of Terry Waite and Thomas Sutherland, we pray for all hostages. 'Holy Spirit, strong dove of comfort, you go where we cannot. Fly straight to imprisoned and imprisoning hearts with a message of love.' (©Carol Penner. Full prayer at www.leadinginworship.com)

Thu 18

Benin

On World Pancreatic Cancer Day we pray that the campaign to increase awareness of the **symptoms** of pancreatic cancer will lead many more people to earlier diagnosis and treatment, that survival rates for this toughest of cancers may be raised.

Fri 19

Haiti

As Pudsey asks us to support Children in Need this year, we thank you that every donation, large or small, makes a difference. We ask your blessing on ramblers, bakers, entertainers and all who are raising funds to help brighten the lives of children and families across the country.

Sat 20

Bahamas
Seychelles
Lesotho
Somalia

Gracious God, we pray for people starting a prison sentence, that it may be a time for reflection, repentance and renewal. Be with those who feel lonely or fearful, resentful, hopeless or resigned. May they know that you see them, you hear them and that you care. Give them strength to accept responsibility for their actions and courage to trust that you will give them the help they need to change if they ask. Bless their loved ones and keep them safe, until they meet again.

Sun 21

Christ the King
Mayotte
Burundi

On the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, we remember all who have lost their lives, their loved ones or their way of life as the result of a road accident. Comfort those who grieve as they face a future reshaped by the savage suddenness of their loss. Bless the vital work of those involved in the aftermath of a crash, including emergency service teams, medics and counsellors.

Mon 22

St Cecilia
Timor-Leste
Mauritius
Tajikistan
Curaçao

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of music and for all who compose, perform and participate in any type of music making. Bless all who teach music and inspire students to use their gifts. Thank you that music lifts our hearts and souls to a higher plane as we worship you. We pray for all church musicians, and at St. Mary's, think especially of Oliver, Mark, our organ scholar Matthew and the boys, girls, men and St Mary's Scholars who use their musical gifts to lead our worship.

Tue 23

Congo
Taiwan
Nicaragua
Mali

We pray for all who carry the responsibilities of leadership and ask for your grace and mercy to strengthen them when the task threatens to overwhelm them, especially those in government and our public services. Lord, send us leaders with prophetic vision who act with integrity and wear the mantle of humility as they seek the common good. May they draw inspiration and wisdom from Jesus' example of servant-leadership.

Wed 24

Aruba
Barbados
Andorra

Heavenly Father, giver and sustainer of life, as we give thanks for the **CMM Sisters** in Tanzania and Zambia, we remember their need for light, steady rain to water their newly planted fields. We pray that green shoots may flourish, that weeds may be easily removed, and that the harvest of their fields will sustain them both as a source of food and a source of income.

Thu 25

Burkina Faso
Djibouti
Equatorial Guinea
Iceland

Lord, as Warwick gathers for the Victorian Evening and the opening of the 2021 Christmas Tree Festival, we pray that your simple but life-changing message of love will be at the heart of all our celebrations. At Christmas we proclaim with joy that Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, is God with us. Through him we have life, and have it abundantly. Help us to focus our activities and traditions on Jesus' birth. In his name we pray, Amen.

Fri 26

Channel Islands
Saint Lucia
Brunei

May the shelter of your loving arms be open when home is not a safe place to be. We pray for all who suffer in a world of domestic abuse and give thanks for those who offer support, when others turn a blind eye. We pray for local refuges, safe spaces in our shops, notices in public loos, and the Helping Hands Esther Project. May all who need support to move on from abusive situations find it.

Sat 27

Hong Kong
South Sudan
Central African
Republic

As the winter shadows deepen, we pray for the safety of those who are lost or injured. While they wait in their time of uncertainty and darkness, may they hear your voice with the reassurance that they are never out of your sight. We thank you for the grant from the Morrisons Foundation, helping the Warwickshire Search and Rescue Team to form a Drone Team, to make them more effective in their rescue missions.

Sun 28

**First Sunday
of Advent**

This Advent-tide, anoint us to bear the life of Christ. In this dark time of the year, we are reminded of our need for light. Stir up your power Lord and with great might come amongst us. Restore to us what has been eaten away and bring into being what is yet to be. We ask this in your son's name. Amen.

Mon 29

We pray for all who live and work in Antelope Gardens, Saltisford Gardens, St Michael's Road, Birmingham Road, Welton Road and Rothwell Road. Lord draw them closer to your heart every day.

Tue 30

St Andrew
the Apostle

As the charity, Evelyn's Gift, remembers children and young people who have died by lighting candles for them in St Mary's tomorrow, we pray for all families that have been bereaved of their child in the hope that they can cherish the love and joy that their child brought to their lives, and the lives of others.