

# Prayer Calendar

April 2024

- Monday, 1** Creator God, who rested on the seventh day, we pray for everyone who is enjoying a Bank Holiday and day of rest, and for all who will continue to work today. We thank you for both work and rest.
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- Tuesday, 2** On World Autism Awareness Day, Lord, we pray for all who are neurodiverse and for a greater understanding of neurodiversity. Help us all respect, value and celebrate each other's gifts and ways of thinking.
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- Wednesday, 3** Lord of the harvest, we pray for Zambia with too little rain in their rainy season and then the fear of flooding. Help us to see the impact of climate change on your world and to act for good. Bless farmers in Zambia and here as they adapt.
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- Thursday, 4** King of salvation, pour your loving Spirit over every member of our Magnificat parishes. Allow them to see the glory, power and love of the risen Christ. Guide them onwards in your amazing Holy Spirit.
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- Friday, 5** We pray for all Readers involved in the leadership of their parishes - some also being wardens, treasurers and PCC members. May their words and actions help to guide and encourage their congregations.
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- Saturday, 6** Healing God, as we are invited to reflect on the impact of stress on people's lives this Stress Awareness Month, may we be aware of the need to manage a healthy lifestyle and be supportive of those going through challenging times.
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- Sunday, 7** May we be generous with our resources and share the results of our efforts to tackle disease and to improve the health of all, praying for everyone working in health services and facilities across the globe.
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- Monday, 8** Envisioning God, we give thanks for new ways of learning and equipping for lay ministry. We pray for all meetings which will take place to explore the new lay ministry pathway and the possibilities which this offers.
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- Tuesday, 9** Generous God, we thank you for your beautiful planet. Help us to share your resources wisely, committing to reducing waste, so that we may nurture and care for our world for the good of all.
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- Wednesday, 10** We pray for Bruton and Cary deanery as they look to appoint a new Area Dean, and Assistant, Deanery Treasurer and Deanery Secretary. We ask you, Lord, to call the right people to these roles. Guide them to shape the future of mission and ministry in the deanery.
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- Thursday, 11** On World Parkinson's day we pray for all who are suffering with the physical and psychological effects of this disease. We pray for the work of Parkinsons UK and for their fundraising event 'Walk a 100 Miles in May'.
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- Friday, 12** Incarnate God, we pray for chaplains as they are present with their communities; as they offer spiritual care to all and listen, care, pray with and bless your people.
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- Saturday, 13** Life-giving God, we pray for the work of the Celebration of Lay Ministries worship and planning groups. Guide and inspire them as they create a service and event in June that will honour lay ministers across our diocese.
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- Sunday, 14** Loving God, thank you for the children, young people and families connected to our church communities. We ask that you will inspire us with creativity as we seek to live and tell the story of Jesus with them.
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- Monday, 15** As new training incumbents meet today, Lord, we pray for all engaged in discerning and equipping a call to ordained and lay ministry. Inspire us all to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and to encourage those around us.
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- Tuesday, 16** Jesus, Teacher, we pray for schools and colleges as term starts again after the holidays. We pray for children, young people and staff in all communities of learning in our Diocese of Bath and Wells.

**Wednesday, 17** God our Father, we pray for the deaneries of the Taunton Archdeaconry as their leaders meet today with their archdeacon. Bless their work and inspire their actions.

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**Thursday, 18** Loving God, we pray for all those who live and work in Tone Deanery and for those responsible for leading the deanery as they seek to offer a Christian presence in every community.

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**Friday, 19** God, we pray for parents, carers and grandparents as they seek to nurture their children in the Christian faith. We pray that you will equip them to support children through the highs and lows of life.

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**Saturday, 20** As Bishop Michael begins his visit to Zambia, we pray for safe travels and joyful encounters with the many people he will meet. We also pray that this visit will strengthen our companion link and encourage new connections.

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**Sunday, 21** On the day of the London Marathon, raising thousands of pounds for charity, we pray for all who give their time and talent in support of others. We pray for those engaged in Sports Ministry and all who communicate the gospel through their passion for sport.

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**Monday, 22** Loving God, on Earth Day 2024 we give thanks for this precious world that you have given us to live on. Help us care for it well and protect your creation from harm.

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**Tuesday, 23**  
George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304  
We give thanks for the invaluable work of Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral groups in our diocese. We pray especially for the Wells group as they meet today. May they be guided by your Holy Spirit in their thinking, speaking and decision-making.

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**Wednesday, 24** Lord of life, we pray for those who step out in faith to live and tell your story in places where they may face persecution. Surround them with your protection and uphold them in your love.

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**Thursday, 25**  
Mark the Evangelist  
Lord God, as Lay and ordained ministers meet today to look at ways in which we work in partnership with other organisations, we thank you for the opportunities to work together. We pray for our communities and for those with whom we seek to minister.

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**Friday, 26** Generous God, all that we have comes from you. Help us to realise the investment that you make in us by making wise decisions about the use of the resources entrusted to us. Align our desires with yours, we pray, that all creation may have life in abundance.

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**Saturday, 27** Creator God, we pray for the Exploring Outdoors Day taking place at Holy Trinity, Yeovil. As people gather to consider how they might use the outdoors for worship, community engagement and creation care, may they be inspired to share your love in new ways.

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**Sunday, 28** Jesus, we pray today for all who have responded to your call to make disciples of all nations, wherever they serve in the world. May they be mindful of the culture in which they are placed and serve your Gospel with sensitivity, commitment and love.

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**Monday, 29** Loving God, we thank you for the places of education across our diocese. We pray for Open the Book teams who visit their local schools regularly to share your good news through acting. Give them joy in what they do, that others may learn with joy.

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**Tuesday, 30** Creator God, we pray for the deaneries of the Bath Archdeaconry as their leaders meet today with their archdeacon. We ask you to call the right person to become the next Archdeacon of Bath and we ask your blessing on Adrian in this time of transition.

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