

Tuesday, 25
August

Loving God, we ask your blessing upon those for whom the holiday season may be a reminder of holidays and summers of long ago. We ask your blessing upon those exercising a ministry of pastoral care, especially to the elderly; may they be inspired by the sharing of stories and cherished memories.

Wednesday,
26 August

Generous God, you grant us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom.

Thursday, 27
August

Father God, inspire all those discerning a call into local commissioned lay ministry. May they find encouragement on their journey and discover your gifts to equip them for the task ahead.

Friday, 28
August

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose, so that nothing may hinder us from knowing and doing your will.

Saturday, 29
August

God of rest, we hold in prayer those that struggle with attending school or are home schooled. May all young people feel supported to learn and thrive and may their teachers and carers be inspired and refreshed to learn alongside them this school year.

Sunday, 30
August

Creator God, we humbly ask that you continue to inspire the spiritual writers of our modern world; may they bring new insights to our current era as we seek to serve you in changing and challenging times.

Monday, 31
August

As summer draws to a close, we give thanks for the cereal harvest and the harvest of fruit and vegetables that we anticipate over the coming month. We recognise and celebrate the hard work and dedication of those who care for our land and provide our food.

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Prayer Calendar

August 2026

**Saturday, 1
August**

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for Readers across our diocese. During the summer, may each enjoy a time of peace, reflection and be blessed and refreshed for the journey to serve you in joy and peace.

**Sunday, 2
August**

Blessed are you, creator of all. As your dawn renews the face of the earth bringing light and life to all creation, may we rejoice in this day you have made.

**Monday, 3
August**

Creator God, we give thanks for the work of farmers in Zambia and across the world producing the wonderful diversity of food that we are privileged to enjoy.

**Tuesday, 4
August**

Open our eyes to behold your presence, and strengthen our hands to do your will, that the world may rejoice and give you praise. Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

**Wednesday, 5
August**

Heavenly Father, we ask that you bless and protect all who live in our Magnificat* benefices. As the summer rolls on, may they be truly blessed by the light and warmth of the 'Son' shine.

**Thursday, 6
August**
The Transfiguration
of Our Lord

Lord of life, we thank you for the youth camps and residential run by Christian organisations throughout the summer and for the thousands of young people who will take part. May they be places of fun, friendship and growing faith.

**Friday, 7
August**

Lord bless our church musicians, and all granted the gift of music through voice, instruments and composing in music and lyrics. May every note and lyric reflect your glory and sing your praise.

**Saturday,
8 August**

We lift to you all who are called into a ministry of preaching, may they faithfully declare your word, your love and your truth by careful study and in response to your inspiration.

Sunday, 9
August

Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as they seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer, worship, love and service.

Monday, 10
August

Creator God, on World Lion Day we give thanks for all creation. Bless conservation efforts across the world, especially those of our friends in Zambia. Protect these majestic animals, guide those who safeguard them, and inspire us to cherish your world.

Tuesday, 11
August

Loving God, we give thanks for all who are called into the religious life and have taken vows of obedience living in community. May their work, often amongst the marginalised of our society, continue to challenge us and bring comfort to those they serve.

Wednesday,
12 August

Lord of life, on International Youth Day, we pray for young people around the world. That education and opportunity would enable this generation to reach their God-given potential and that many would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Thursday, 13
August

God of love, as students receive A Level and Level 3 results today, may they be reassured that you hold a purpose for each of their lives. Whether they are celebrating or feeling disappointed, may they know they are seen, valued, and loved by you.

Friday, 14
August

We ask your blessing upon the many visitors to our county during this tourist season; may they find welcome in our churches and nourishment for their souls alongside the rest and refreshment they may crave for their bodies.

Saturday, 15
August
The Blessed Virgin
Mary

We lift to you Loving God, all churches dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May they continue to be inspired by her faithfulness and dedication as we give thanks and seek your blessing upon their ministry and service.

Sunday, 16
August

God of compassion and love, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to dedicate ourselves to bring your Good News to those we meet through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Monday, 17
August

Eternal God, whose love is unceasing and whose kingdom unending; grant to your people at this time of change and uncertainty in Ivelchester Deanery such a sense of your presence that they may rest secure in the knowledge of your unchanging love, and look to the future with confidence and untroubled minds.

Tuesday, 18
August

God of mission, we pray for the work that is being developed to support our parishes to thrive missionally, and to become more financially sustainable. May these plans enable us to faithfully serve you in our local communities.

Wednesday,
19 August

Loving God, on the eve of World Mosquito Day, we pray for all who work to prevent mosquito-borne diseases. Protect communities in Zambia and throughout the world who are at risk. Bless researchers and healthcare workers with wisdom and perseverance, and bring healing, hope, and health to all.

Thursday, 20
August

Infinite God, we remember students getting their GCSE results today. In both joy and disappointment, may they experience the assurance of being known and held in your love.

Friday, 21
August

Father God, through your Spirit reveal your heart's desire for our parishes and your calling of all in the service of your Gospel. May we have courage to follow, commitment to one another and faith to see your kingdom come through Jesus Christ your Son.

Saturday, 22
August

Lord, we ask you to bless Axbridge Deanery as they explore the new vision of drawing the deanery into a greater sense of community. Help them to continue to trust in you as they deal with vacancies and the ups and downs of deanery life.

Sunday, 23
August

We give thanks for ecumenical partnerships across and with our local communities, especially during the season of shared holidays clubs and activities; may these partnerships enable the support of families throughout this holiday season.

Monday, 24
August
Bartholomew the
Apostle

Lord, bless our curates as they are further equipped to lead and guide your church. Give them grace, courage and humility and fill them with joy for the task ahead.