

Prayer Calendar

May 2026

Friday, 1
May

Philip and
James, Apostles

Lord, on this Labour Day in Zambia, we give thanks for the hardworking people of the nation and pray for fair wages, safe conditions, and dignity for every worker. Bless Zambia's efforts toward economic development, that opportunities may grow, and all may share in prosperity and hope.

Saturday, 2
May

Equipping God, we pray for all those who are called to teach, baptise and nurture new believers. May they do so with grace and clarity so that faith is strengthened and brings growth to your church and transformation to communities.

Sunday, 3
May

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Monday, 4
May

Loving God, we bring before you all who live with dementia, and those who care for them. In moments of confusion grant comfort, and in times of fear grant peace. Strengthen families and carers with patience and love now and forever. May your light shine where the mind feels dark.

Tuesday, 5
May

God of all, as Bishop's Staff meets today, we give thanks for their dedication and ask you guide their discussions and inspire their words with your wisdom.

Wednesday, 6
May

Lord, we pray for those who tirelessly work to maintain the fabric of our places of worship. Thank you for their dedication, their skills and commitment to the task, and may our churches and buildings be places of welcome and comfort for your glory and in your name.

Thursday, 7
May

God of hope, as we welcome members of USPG* to a study day at Flourish House, help us think missionally and in partnership with others, globally and in our own communities. May we, as your people seek to transform our communities and live out the hope you call us to be.

Friday, 8
May

Father God, you hold us in the palm of your hand; you made us and you love us. Thank you for the precious gift of life, and for the unexpected grace of being loved.

Saturday, 9
May

Loving God, as we give thanks for the beauty of creation, we ask for wisdom and hope for farmers coping with the challenge of uncharacteristic weather patterns. Inspire us to play our part in acting to safeguard your creation and supporting those who grow our food.

Sunday, 10
May

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Monday, 11
May

Loving God, on this Somerset Day we give you thanks for the beauty of this part of your world and all the people who live and work in it. Give us grateful and peaceful hearts so that we may live well together.

Tuesday, 12
May

Sending God, we pray for the ministry of those called to go beyond the walls of your church to grow your Kingdom and transform communities. Bless pioneer priest Sally Taylor and those who join the 'Beyond the Walls' webinar today as they explore the life you call them to.

Wednesday, 13
May

Lord of peace and light we lift to you all who are struggling in mind and spirit. Grant comfort to those weighed down or troubled and light to the darkness of loneliness. Give compassion to us all, so that we may break stigma and offer kindness without judgement.

Thursday, 14
May

Ascension Day
and Matthias
the Apostle

As we remember Jesus being raised up on Ascension Day, we pray that all those in our Magnificat Parishes** are raised up: raised up in the Holy Spirit, raised up in the love of God, raised up in peace and raised up in hope.

Friday, 15
May

Loving God, as we celebrate International Day of Families, we thank you for families in Bath and Wells, Zambia, and across the world. Bless every home with unity, patience, and joy. Strengthen bonds of love and guide us in kindness.

*USPG is the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel

**Our Magnificat parishes are those which are high on the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

**Saturday,
16 May**

God of justice, as we remember Caroline Chisholm today, and her work with vulnerable immigrants and employment justice, we pray for all those who are victims of modern-day slavery, forced to work unfairly and living in inadequate conditions. We pray also for those taking action against modern day slavery.

**Sunday, 17
May**

Grant, O Lord, that those who are appointed to ring the bells do it worthily and to your glory; and that those who are called this day by the ringing of bells to worship may enter into your gates with thanksgiving, and into thy courts with praise.

**Monday, 18
May**

Compassionate God, thank you for those who lead our School Multi Academy Trusts across the region. As their Chief Executive Officers gather with Bishop Fiona today, we pray that they might be united in purpose, strengthened in wisdom, and encouraged in hope.

**Tuesday,
19 May**

Loving Father, we ask for your blessing on all Readers in our diocese as they use their different gifts in the benefices they support. Give them grace as they share your Word with others. Thank you, Lord, for all that they do in your name.

**Wednesday,
20 May**

Creator God, we thank you on World Bee Day for the gift of bees, so vital to life, pollination, and our shared future. Bless and protect them. We give thanks for the care beekeepers provide in Zambia and across the globe. Inspire us to cherish and safeguard all creation.

**Thursday,
21 May**

Peaceful Lord, as unrest around us can bring uncertainty into our lives, may we remember your truth, and your promise of peace when we rest our yoke upon you.

**Friday, 22
May**

Creator of wondrous variety, we offer thanks for diversity and for the skills and gifts that diversity brings to our lives and communities.

**Saturday, 23
May**

God of justice, we ask for your strength and wisdom for all who are struggling for justice where human greed and selfishness has meant that the most vulnerable suffer the effects. Inspire us all with a passion for justice.

**Sunday, 24
May**

Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Monday, 25
May**

Loving God, we thank You on Africa Day as Zambia celebrates the founding of the African Union. Bless this nation and the whole continent with unity, peace, and hope. Strengthen leaders and communities to work together for justice, dignity, and a flourishing future for all.

**Tuesday, 26
May**

Missionary God, equip your people to share their faith in word and action. Bless the development of the Faith Empowered resource in the diocese and call workers to the harvest fields in which we live.

**Wednesday,
27 May**

Loving God, bless all children, young people, families and teachers this half-term. Give them rest, joy, and safety in all they do. Be close to those who feel lonely or worried and renew everyone with peace and hope.

**Thursday, 28
May**

Creator God, we thank you for all who serve you in ministry across our diocese, lay and ordained. Help us each to respond to your call even if we feel inadequate and bless us abundantly through your equipping.

**Friday, 29
May**

Dear Lord, we bring before you all within Somerset South Deanery, giving thanks for all the gifts and graces you bestow upon these wonderful living parishes and communities. Grant that we may continue to grow together in love and praise for all that is good in these places and people.

**Saturday, 30
May**

Beloved God, help us to have courage to stand against injustice, to protect the weak, and raise up those who society has cast down, in imitation of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Sunday, 31
May**

**The Visit of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary to
Elizabeth**

Compassionate God, be with all who feel stressed, overwhelmed, or discouraged by exams. Calm their minds, steady their hearts, and remind them of their worth. Give them courage, peace, and moments of rest as they return to school or college this week.

