

MONDAY 19th

Loving Lord, we pray for all families during this time, especially those who have been finding the holiday period particularly difficult. Bring Your loving peace to all members and fill them with a spirit of understanding, love and respect for one another.

TUESDAY 20th

Father, we ask that You fill us with Your joy and peace. We ask that Your perfect wisdom would guide us to the right decisions. We ask that You would help us to show others the way into Your presence.

WEDNESDAY 21st

Lord, we pray for Your Spirit to meet us and sustain us. Rest can be hard to find as we face our daily routine, so we ask that You would help us to hand over our cares, worries and problems to You. As we trust in You so we rest.

THURSDAY 22nd

Heavenly Father, we ask You to teach us how to choose rest. Teach our minds to rest in Your truth, teach our hearts to rest in Your love, and teach our bodies to rest in Your peace.

FRIDAY 23rd

Lord of all, it's been a long week. We need you now more than ever. We ask that you would direct our hearts and minds towards you, and fill us with your Spirit, bringing renewal, peace, and joy.

CHARITIES

SATURDAY 24th

Loving Father, You taught us the importance of service through the many examples of Your precious Son, Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit and by Your grace we thank You for the many people who hear Your call to help others.

SUNDAY 25th

Loving and Almighty God, we pray for all who are working to combat the food crisis: for international aid agencies and local community organisations. We pray for those in positions of power; may the leaders of the nations act with wisdom and compassion bringing relief to those who suffer now.

MONDAY 26th

Thank You Lord for the many graces and blessings you have placed in our lives. We offer You our thanks for Your countless gifts each day. Help us to be aware of the needs of others and to respond to those who are poor and less fortunate with generous expressions of charity, kindness and caring.

TUESDAY 27th

Everlasting God, strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our churches, that with patience and understanding they may love and care for Your people and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to You their gifts and talents.

WEDNESDAY 28th

Loving Father, we thank you for charities that provide for protection against sickness and disease. We pray that every daily need will be met for those who are suffering and that there would be no fear for their health now and in the future.

THURSDAY 29th

Merciful Lord, we thank you for charities that provide education for a child who would otherwise be without this important part of their lives. We pray that every child will be empowered to make their dreams for the future a reality.

FRIDAY 30th

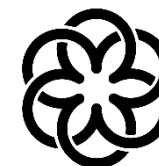
Loving God, help us to see clearly in this time of fast-paced change, help us to respond to suffering and poverty as they unfold. Help us to see the injustices made manifest by this crisis and to discern in what ways to give, encourage and serve.

MENTAL HEALTH

'And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.'
Philippians 4:19

SATURDAY 31st

Loving Father, have mercy on all who suffer from mental illness. Bring comfort during the darkest hours and free them from confusion and emptiness. May they come to You, Lord, when symptoms take over and may Your Holy Spirit provide comfort.



The Parish of Ewhurst
with Okewood & Forest Green

AUGUST Prayer Diary



*'He will yet fill your mouth with laughter
and your lips with shouts of joy.'*
Job 8:21

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

*'I always thank my God as I remember you
in my prayers, because I hear about your
love for all his holy people and your faith in
the Lord Jesus.'*
Philemon 1:4

THURSDAY 1st

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will help our friends and neighbours with the struggles they are going through during this time. You know exactly what they need. Draw near to them and let them feel your presence. Open their eyes, ears, and hearts to You. Help them have the discernment to hear Your voice as You lead them in their next steps.

FRIDAY 2nd

Lord, we thank You for the blessing of the gift of friendship. We thank You for friends who love us and who share our sorrows and celebrations. We thank You for friends who bear our pain and need us as we need them. Bless our friends with health, life and love.

GRIEF

'Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you will restore my life again;'
Psalms 71:20

SATURDAY 3rd

God of Love and Mercy, embrace today those whose hearts overflow with grief, unanswered questions and a sense of loss. Grant them space to express their fears and hold them close through the coming days.

SUNDAY 4th

God of Love, we pray for families who are grieving the loss of someone they love. Lord, heal the hurting and be with the person who is alone after losing their loved one. Give them the strength to go on.

MONDAY 5th

Merciful Father, we lift up to You the children who have lost a parent. Heal their broken lives and hearts and provide comfort and nurture through others.

TUESDAY 6th

God of Mercy, be with the parents who have lost a child. Help them to feel Your loving arms of comfort around them always. We pray that they would have a strong sense of Your presence in the midst of their pain.

WEDNESDAY 7th

Dear Lord, thank You that You are here for us. Show us how to minister to others who are grieving. May we be guided by Your love, Your compassion and Your healing comfort.

THURSDAY 8th

God, our Father, this pandemic is affecting so much of our lives including how we manage grief or the loss of a loved one. Bring to those who mourn the consolation that comes from a loving friend or family member.

FRIDAY 9th

God of Love, we call on You to comfort all those living in fear during these uncertain times. Keep us in mind of Your promise; that nothing will separate us from Your love, demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ. Help us to turn our eyes, hearts and minds to You.

COURAGE AND STRENGTH

'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'
Joshua 1:9

SATURDAY 10th

Almighty God, sometimes the cares of the day seem to multiply while the blessings fade away. When our bodies and minds grow tired, gives us the strength as promised in Your Word. We know that in our weaknesses, Your strength is revealed.

SUNDAY 11th

Almighty Father, give us the strength to face the day, we pray, and to see the many blessings it contains. Guide our thoughts so that we may control our fears and put our trust in You.

MONDAY 12th

Heavenly Father, help us to remember that You are a faithful God. We claim Your promises to Your people over the trials of our lives. We hand our daily battles over to You and trust that You will go before us and win the battle.

TUESDAY 13th

God of compassion, fill us with Your strength and courage to face the difficult times ahead. We allow You to work in us to strengthen our hearts, our bodies, our minds and our spirits.

WEDNESDAY 14th

Loving Father, You came into the world as one of us and suffered as we do. As we go through this difficult time, help us to remember that You are with us always and in all things; that we have no secrets from You and that Your loving grace enfolds us for eternity.

THURSDAY 15th

Merciful Father, we pray that You will fill our family with peace and strength. Reveal Yourself to them in marvellous ways. We pray that any barriers that separate us be let down, and that we would live as a team for You.

FRIDAY 16th

Heavenly Father, we come to You today giving thanks. Thank you for keeping and protecting us. Thank you for Your guidance and direction. Thank you for picking us up when we are at our lowest. We choose to live and walk with You.

REST

'There remains then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his.'
Hebrews 4:9-10

SATURDAY 17th

God of the heavens and the earth, we thank You for the promise of rest in You. We pray for our daily rest from the troubles of the world and the difficulties we face and humbly put our trust in Your power to complete Your good and perfect work in us.

SUNDAY 18th

Creator God, we pray for all the teachers, assistants, carers and volunteers who teach, nurture and care for children and young adults. We pray that Your peace will be with them as they take a rest from their duties for a while.