

FRIDAY 19th

'I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!'

Mark 9:24

Lord, we believe in You and in Your goodness. We believe that You love us and care for us day by day. Help us in our unbelief.

HOMELESSNESS

SATURDAY 20th

Dear Lord, we pray for those who are homeless. Bless the charities that are working to protect them from the elements and to bring them the comforts of food and clothing. May renewed Government funding give the vulnerable hope for a safe future.

SUNDAY 21st

Loving Lord Jesus, help us to see Your face in the eyes of every homeless person we meet so that we may be empowered through all the means we have, to bring justice and peace to those who are homeless. We pray that those of us with warm houses are not lulled into complacency and forgetfulness.

MONDAY 22nd

Father God, hear our prayer today for all women and men, boys and girls who are homeless this day. We pray for families broken because they could not afford to pay the rent and for those who have no relatives or friends who can take them in. For all these people, we pray that You will provide shelter, security and hope.

TUESDAY 23rd

God of Hope, we lift before you all who are living in fear of losing their homes because of unemployment, redundancy, debt or broken relationships. Help people to know the safety and peace of dwelling in You, even amidst desperate circumstances. We ask that you would protect them and bring them safe to a new home.

WEDNESDAY 24th

Lord, we pray that You will always give us a heart for those who have less than we do, so that we always feel a need to do Your work here. We pray that we are able to touch lives that need us.

THURSDAY 25th

Father, we pray for all the poor and neglected people in the world. You taught us to speak out for what is right. Make us content with nothing less than a world that is transformed into the shape of love and where poverty shall be no more.

FRIDAY 26th

Dear God, for those who have nowhere to sleep and nothing to eat, guide them we pray to safe shelter and to food banks. Bless the churches that have ministries that seek out the homeless and give them hope and the knowledge of Your precious love.

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

SATURDAY 27th

Dear Lord, teach us to be good neighbours, not just to the people who live nearby but to everyone that we meet, to see the best in and want the best for all your precious children.

SUNDAY 28th

God of Love, in this time of uncertainty, we thank You for the love of friends and neighbours. For those who have been in touch regularly and have demonstrated love and compassion in many ways. We pray that these loving bonds will continue to strengthen our community in love and grace.

MONDAY 29th

Father, we pray for the health of our friends and neighbours and ask You to bless them and keep them safe in Your loving arms.

TUESDAY 30th

Caring Father, we give thanks for the extended family of local communities assisting with the needs of friends and neighbours who have been confined to their homes over the past weeks. May every gift of love, every encouraging word bring hope into lonely lives and a blessing to the giver.

WEDNESDAY 31st

Merciful God, we lift up to You our friends and neighbours and pray that Your Holy Spirit is working in them right now to strengthen them and to use them powerfully in serving You.



**The Parish of Ewhurst
with Okewood & Forest Green**

JULY Prayer Diary



'Lord, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you. May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry.'
Psalm 88:1-2

THANKFULNESS

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

MONDAY 1st

Loving Father, we thank You for Your unconditional love for us. When things that seem challenging, unfair or complicated threaten to overwhelm us, may we remember that You are close to us.

TUESDAY 2nd

Thank You God for all Your blessings for us; for the beauty of Your creation, for our families, for the strength You give us each day and for all the people around us who make life more meaningful.

WEDNESDAY 3rd

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for Your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us that we don't thank You enough and help us to set our eyes and hearts on You afresh. Renew our spirits and fill us with Your peace and joy.

THURSDAY 4th

Heavenly Father, when we are overwhelmed with the challenges of life, sometimes we forget to stop and thank You for all that is good. Fill our hearts with gratitude, we pray, for the gift of life, for the ability to love and be loved and for the opportunity to see the everyday wonders of creation.

FRIDAY 5th

Lord, we thank You for the kind hearts of those who have been looking out for the needs of others during lockdown. We lift them up to You; show them how much they matter. May they be shown the same kindness they have provided to others.

SORRY

'Search me God and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts, see if there are any offensive ways in me and lead me in the way everlasting.'

Psalm 139: 23-24

SATURDAY 6th

Lord God, we ask that You give us the strength to forgive. We ask that You place on our hearts a spirit of forgiveness. We may never forget the wrongs that others do to us but help us to be rid of the burden of anger and hatred.

SUNDAY 7th

Lord, please forgive us for any wrongdoings. Help us to be aware of our mistakes that go against Your teaching. May we try to change and make every attempt not to give into temptation. We pray for a discerning ear and open heart to hear and feel where You are leading us.

MONDAY 8th

God of wisdom, please help us to be forgiving of our mistakes. When we feel overwhelmed by regret, please wash away this emotion with Your grace. We know You love us and understand our hearts. Please fill us with Your strength and courage as we resolve to live for You.

TUESDAY 9th

Dear Lord, we are sorry when we get so carried away with the busyness of each day, never stopping to dwell in Your love. We are sorry when we allow the stresses and demands of work or family to erode and wear away our hope.

WEDNESDAY 10th

Heavenly Father, we are sorry when we get caught up in conflict and frustration, when we harbour resentment, instead of giving out forgiveness. We are sorry when we seek to be fulfilled by food, drink or entertainment, yet fail to feast on Your truth.

THURSDAY 11th

Lord Jesus Christ, we are sorry when we desire the wrong things, blinded by the media, and forget to engage with the real treasures of love and justice. You are all love, all hope, all forgiveness, all truth and all we really need.

FRIDAY 12th

Dear Lord, You bring stillness to our turmoil, clarity to our confusion, wisdom to our worry, gentleness to our anger and hope to our suffering. Your Holy Spirit enables us to navigate a peaceful path and in You we find strength on our journey.

DOUBT

'Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, "Go, throw yourself into the sea," and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.'

Mark 11:23

SATURDAY 13th

Loving Father, help us to be pure in heart so that our prayers are not for selfish motives but for the fruitfulness of Your kingdom here on earth. Strengthen our faith in You every day, we pray.

SUNDAY 14th

Almighty God, You said; whatever we asked for in prayer we must believe that it will happen. But first, we must get rid of any grudge we hold against others. Father, help us to do this, we pray. Change our hearts to seek peace with others, to let go of hurts and to abandon grudges.

MONDAY 15th

Heavenly Father, whenever we doubt our belief, help us to look for answers through Your word and through the faithful love of other believers. May our questions lead us to deepen our faith as we continue our search for You.

TUESDAY 16th

Loving Father, when doubt fills our minds and when we feel confused, give us renewed hope and cheer. You are our Rock, our Strength, our Refuge, our Comforter and our Redeemer, may we never fall away.

WEDNESDAY 17th

God of Wisdom, we pray for Your encouragement and humbly ask for renewal of hope. Forgive us for our doubt and for getting caught up in self-pity, impatience, stress and anxiety. Help us to trust in You always.

THURSDAY 18th

Father God, we pray because we believe in the power of prayer. We pray because we have no doubt that You answer our prayers. We pray because we have woken up to another beautiful day in Your world. No matter what others think or say, we will pray.