

May 2022:

We pray for Peace and Safety

In God and through the gift of his Son, we have been given the perfect model of forgiveness, healing, reconciliation and sanctuary.

1. At the start of a new month, we draw near to the God of peace with thanks for our reconciliation, through the works of the cross. Amen. We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Risdén, Foxhole Lane. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Suttons, and for the Vicar, Revd Fiona Haskett.
2. We pray that we can offer ourselves as peacemakers in a world that cries out to live in peace and safety. Amen. We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *We give thanks for the compassion, generosity and hospitality offered to Ukrainians fleeing the war in their country. Amen.* We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.
4. *May we all have the kindness of spirit needed to bring peace to this world of disorder and unrest. Amen.* We pray for the ministry in and from the St Laurence Parish Office. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. *Father, we remember with gratitude the soldiers, the police, the medical staff and all the civilian agents who have died while seeking to bring peace and comfort in war-torn areas around the world. Amen.* Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work at Benenden Hospital and the Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
6. *God creator of all, we pray for all refugees, for people who are displaced, may they find a safe refuge. Amen.* We pray for all shops and businesses in the High Street, and in our village. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.
7. *We bring to mind, people who live in fear. May they be given a strong fortress. Amen.* We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road. Bless and guide the Queen and all members of the Royal family
8. *We pray for people who have lost control of their lives, may they know a sure foundation. Amen.* We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
9. *We hold to you dear Lord, people who are disillusioned, may they have hope in a future. Amen.* We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.
10. *Loving Father in these times of crisis, sorrow and uncertainty, we ask that you draw near. Amen.* We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.

11. *We give thanks for all who strive to bring peace and harmony to the many diverse communities in our country, where a sense of national and local identity has been lost. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane and for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, and the Vicar Revd. Rachel Robertson.
12. *Loving Father, please guide nations to understand the differences of other countries and to grow in love, respect and tolerance for others. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages. We pray for the parish of St Dunstons, Cranbrook in an interregnum.
13. *We pray that races will be reconciled together as your one creation over all the earth. Amen.* Bless and guide those living in Fairview and Northgrove Road. We pray for all who worship in the Parish of Marden and the Vicar, Revd. Nicola Harvey.
14. *Lord God, we are all made in your image, help us to see your presence in each other. Amen.* We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgebury. We pray for all members of the Methodist Fellowship in Hawkhurst.
15. ***Start of Christian Aid Week.*** *This year the focus is on the plight of drought which numerous countries around the world face. It is recognised that droughts have become more intense and more common because of the changing climate.* We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and for Father Patrice. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street.
16. *We pray for the impact on the world population of climate change. Millions of people around the world struggle to get the food and water they need. Lord in Your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.* We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartnokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell and the Vicar Rev Ashley Evans.
17. *Tears fall on cracked earth, as plants wither, cattle weaken, and with loving arms, mothers cling to their children. Move us, Holy Spirit, to be with our sisters and brothers in their hour of need. Amen.* We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk. We pray for all who worship in the Baptist Church in our village, and for the Minister Revd. Ben Gotts and his family.
18. *Lord Jesus you fed the hungry, you shared your bread with all. Your people hunger now, and we are called to share your bread. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place.
19. *May we share the blessings you give us, and bring comfort to those in need. May we show love through our actions so all have enough to eat. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.* We pray for all the schools in our village, for the Headteachers, Staff and pupils and in particular for the Hawkhurst Church of England Primary School. We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.
20. *In the parched lands and failed harvests, we see you hungry. May the shadow of that hunger be broken by the light of your hope. Amen.* We pray for all living on Slip-mill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sobers Lane. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam and the Rector Canon Christopher Irvine.

21. *In our hearts we hold a vision of a better world. May we, by our actions bear witness to your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen. We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.*
22. *We pray that we can get rid of all bitterness, passion and anger. No more shouting or insults, no more hateful feelings of any sort. Instead be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ. Ephesians 4:31-32. We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.*
23. *Almighty God, please pour out your reconciling Spirit on all people, so that the world can be delivered from hate and conflict. Amen. We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.*
24. *Lord, our great peacemaker, may we remember that we are your hands and feet on earth. In times of conflict, may we show your presence and your peace to the world. Amen. We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close. We pray for the parish of Staplehurst, and the Vicar Revd Silke Tezlaff.*
25. *Gracious Saviour, help us to view every situation with compassion and look to understand one another during conflict. Amen. We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates.*
26. **Ascension Day.** *Alleluia. Christ ascends into heaven as Lord. Come, let us adore him. Alleluia. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.*
27. **Novena Day 1.** *To be a Christian is to be marked out as 'different'. We pray fervently for others to turn their hearts and minds to Christ. Amen. We keep in prayer those living in, Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.*
28. **Novena Day 2.** *Every person seeks meaning for their life. 'You have made us O Lord for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You' - St Augustine. We pray for all living in Attwater Lane and Potters Lane. We pray for Revd. David Commander, Rector of the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst, and Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners.*
29. **Novena Day 3.** *When we come to Christ, we are born again. We begin a new life as children of God. We feed and grow on the word of God and through scripture, and the call of the Holy Spirit on our hearts. Amen. We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village. We keep in prayer the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.*
30. **Novena Day 4.** *In a building each and every brick is essential. Christ says that each and every one of us is a living stone of His church, dependent on one another and an essential part of the structure. Amen. We pray for Justin Welby, our Archbishop, Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover and Stephen, Archdeacon and acting Diocesan Secretary, Andrew, Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.*

31. **Novena Day 5.** *Because of God's work for us in Christ we are called worthy, loved, chosen. You are called worthy, loved, and chosen in the eyes of God. Amen. We pray for our Vicar and Area Dean of the Weald Deanery, Fr Rodney Dreyer and his family. We also pray for our Churchwardens, and all the members of our PCC. We remember all the members of our fellowship who live outside the parish.*

***Let us continue to prayer "Thy Kingdom Come" until it does.
Come Holy Spirit: gift us with yourself***