

## Prayers for August 2023

**Elizabeth said to Mary: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'**

1. **Lammass Day.** *As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. (Gen 8:22).* We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Ridsen, Foxhole Lane. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Suttons, and the Vicar, Revd Fiona Haskett.
2. *All of you, be subject to one another, and clothe yourselves in humility, for God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. ( 1 Pet 5:5).* We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *Whoever wishes to be first, will be the last of all and the servant of all. (Mk 9:35).* We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.
4. *Thus says the Lord God, see I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation. (Isaiah 28:16).* We pray for the ministry in and from the St Laurence Parish Office. We give thanks for the loving and faithful ministry of our Churchwardens, Alison and Liz. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. *I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, for your faith is spoken of throughout the world. (Rom 1:8).* We pray for Revd. David Commander, Rector of the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst, and Area Dean of the Weald Deanery and also for Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
6. **The Transfiguration of our Lord.** *Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save.* 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. **John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer and Translator.** *Good Christians all rejoice, with heart and soul and voice.* We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road. Bless and guide the King and all members of the Royal family.
8. **Dominic, Founder of the order of Preachers.** *O God, you have enlightened your Church by the eminent virtues and preaching of St. Dominic, your confessor. Mercifully grant that by his prayers we may be protected against temporal necessities and daily improve in all that is spiritually good.* We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.
9. **Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers Union.** *Loving Lord, We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we 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 and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.* We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.

10. **St Laurence, Deacon at Rome.** *O Generous patron of the Church's poor, St. Laurence, pray to the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that all the poor of the Church in need in every corner of the world may feel the effect of the love of their brothers and sisters who seek to help them. We pray for the work of the Hawkhurst food bank, for the volunteers who run it, those whose generosity contributes to the items for distribution and for those whose circumstances dictate that they need its services. We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Hartenoak Road.*
11. **St Clare of Assisi.** *God of peace, who in the poverty of the blessed Clare gave us a clear light to shine in the darkness of this world: give us grace so to follow in her footsteps that we may, at the last, rejoice with her in your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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. *Lord Jesus Christ, for the victory you have won over sin and death, and the victories you continue to win in our lives, receive our praise. We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages. We pray for the parish of Cranbrook and for their search for a new Vicar.*
13. **Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, Medical Statistician.** *O God, who gave grace to your servant Florence Nightingale to bear your healing love into the shadow of death: Grant to all who heal the same virtues of patience, mercy, and steadfast love, that your saving health may be revealed to all; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work in our local doctors' surgeries and at Benenden Hospital and the Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital. Bless and guide those living in Fairview and Northgrove Road.*
14. *It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. (Ps 92.1-2). We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgbury. We pray for all members of the Methodist Fellowship in Hawkhurst.*
15. **The Blessed Virgin Mary.** *Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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. *Living God, teach us that we need others just as they need us, and so may we discharge our responsibilities faithfully within the great company of your people, to the glory of your name. Amen. 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. *Living God, help us in this uncertain and fleeting world to keep our eyes fixed on you, knowing that though all else may change, you will not. 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 Christ, help us always to remember that you are able to change not just other people's lives but ours too, and so renew us day by day through your redeeming love. We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place*
19. *We pray that children and young people will enjoy the blessings of the summer holiday. Let this summer break, be one that is productive for children, young people, teachers and parents. 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. *Living God, grant that not only our words but everything that we are and do may be offered to you as a living prayer. 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. *(International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism). O Giver of life, we pray to You for all those who have died as victims of brutal terrorist attacks. Grant them their eternal reward. May they intercede for the world that is torn apart by conflicts and disagreements. (Pope Francis). We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.*
22. *If you, Lord, should keep account of our sins, which of us could hold up our head before you? In you, though, is forgiveness, and consequently we worship you. (Ps 130:3-4). We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.*
23. *(International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition). God of compassion and mercy, just as you helped Aaron and Moses as they spoke boldly to Pharaoh on behalf of the Hebrew slaves in Egypt, help us speak up for modern slaves around the world and even in our own back yards. Please bring liberty and freedom to all whose lives are entangled in slavery and trafficking in our world today. We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.*
24. **Bartholomew the Apostle.** *Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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. *Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (2 Pet 3:18) We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.*
26. *You know my folly, O God; there can be no hiding my wrongs from you. (Ps 69:5). We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close. We pray for all who worship in the Parish of Marden and the Vicar, Revd. Nicola Harvey.*
27. **Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo.** *Exemplary Mother of the Great Augustine, you perseveringly pursued your wayward son, not with threats, but with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for all mothers in our day so that they may learn to draw their children to God. We pray for all living in Attwater Lane and Potters Lane.*

28. **St Augustine, Bishop of Hippo.** *Great art thou, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is Thy power, and Thy wisdom infinite. (Confessions, Book 1).* 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.
29. **The Beheading of St John the Baptist** *Almighty God, who called your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of your Son in birth and death: strengthen us by your grace that, as he suffered for the truth, so we may boldly resist corruption and vice and receive with him the unfading crown of glory.* We pray for Justin Welby, our Archbishop, The Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover, Stephen Taylor, Archdeacon and Diocesan Secretary and Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.
30. **John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer.** *Hobgoblin, nor foul fiend, shall daunt his spirit, he knows he at the end, shall life inherit. Then fancies flee away, he'll fear not what men say, he'll labour night and day, to be a pilgrim.* We pray for our Vicar, Fr Rodney Dreyer and his family. We continue to pray for our Churchwardens, and all the members of our PCC. We remember all the members of our fellowship who live outside the parish.
- 31 **Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary.** *Everlasting God, you sent the gentle bishop Aidan to proclaim the gospel in this land: grant us to live as he taught in simplicity, humility and love for the poor; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

**My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has  
looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.**