

Prayers for September 2023

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. – Jer 29:11

- 1. *‘Mary turned to him and said to him in Hebrew “Rabbouni” (which means teacher)’ [Jn 20:16].*** We pray for all teachers and lecturers as they prepare for the new academic year. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst with St Mary’s Frittenden and their Vicar, Revd Pete Deaves. We remember all who live in Conghurst lane, Ridsen and Foxhole Lane.
- 2. *Lord Jesus Christ, take what we are and have been, and by your renewing, redeeming touch direct what we shall be, to the glory of your name, Amen.*** We remember those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
- 3. The Feast Day of St Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith (604).** We pray for all church musicians and liturgists, especially our own choir and the choirmaster, Charlotte O’Neill. We remember those living in Delmonden Lane and North Hill Road.
- 4. Today we pray for all school students as they return to school for the new academic year.** We pray for Hawkhurst Church of England Primary School, the Headteacher, Jodi Hacker, the staff, students, volunteers, governors and parents. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
- 5. *Sovereign God, for your blessings too many to number, and your goodness too wonderful for words, we give you our praise.*** We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts. We pray for all who worship in the Baptist Church in our village, and for the Minister Revd. Ben Gotts and his family.
- 6. *Gracious God, teach us that you value everyone not for what they might become but for what they are.*** We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Suttons, and the Vicar, Revd Fiona Haskett.
- 7. *Living God, whether your way is easy or hard, your word comforting or disturbing, your will welcome or hard to accept, teach us to listen, learn and follow faithfully, Amen.*** We pray for all living on Stream Lane and Hastings Road. We pray for all members of the Methodist Fellowship in Hawkhurst.
- 8. The birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** ‘As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.”’ [Lk 11:27], We pray for all parents, particularly those with children who have special needs. We pray for

all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and their priest Fr. Patrice Anyanwu.

9. ***Sovereign God, instead of seeing what we can't do, teach us to see what you can, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, Amen. We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam and the Rector Canon Christopher Irvine.***
10. ***[Christ erased] the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. [Col 2:14] Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work at Benenden Hospital and the Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital. We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Hartenoak Road.***
11. ***The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. [Ps145:8] We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane. We pray for all first responders, police, firefighters, ambulance workers and the coastguard. We pray for all who worship in the Parish of Marden and the Vicar, Revd. Nicola Harvey.***
12. ***[Paul said:] 'In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said "It is more blessed to give than to receive"' [Acts 20:35] We pray for all people who are struggling to cope during the current cost of living crisis. We pray for the work of the Trussell Trust and for the volunteers at Hawkhurst food bank in the Baptist Hall. We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages.***
13. ***Feast day of St John Crystostom, teacher of the faith (404). 'When you are weary of praying, and do not receive, consider how often you have heard a poor man calling, and have not listened to him.'* Bless and guide those living in Fairview and Northgrove Road.**
14. ***Holy Cross Day. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgbury.***
15. ***Battle of Britain Day. We pray for all our defence forces and those working to preserve peace and our democratic institutions. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street.***
16. ***He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. [Isi 40:11] We pray for all shops and businesses in the High Street, and in our village. We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartenokes and Basden Cottages,***

- 17. Hildegard of Bingen, Visionary and Composer (1179). We pray for all writers and composers of sacred music. We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.**
- 18. *We pray for all students starting college and university this month. We pray for them as they take this great step into the next stage of their lives and ask you to be with them. May they adjust well to their new surroundings, make friendships and enjoy all the opportunities that university life has to offer. Help them to study and embrace all the new learning they'll be doing.* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park, Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place.**
- 19. *Gracious God, we know that you are always ready to listen, but teach us first to hear what you would say.* We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds. We pray for the parish of Staplehurst, and the Vicar Revd Silke Tezlaff.**
- 20. If you, Lord, were to keep an account of our sins, who could lift up their head before you? In you, though, is forgiveness and so it is that you are worshipped. [Ps 103:3-4] We pray for all living on Slip-mill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sobers Lane. We pray for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, and the Vicar Revd. Rachel Robertson.**
- 21. Feast Day of Matthew, apostle and evangelist. We pray for all who work in finance and for the work of the HMRC. We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.**
- 22. *Lord Jesus Christ, though we deserve so little, teach us that you are always ready to give much, provided we are truly ready to seek.* We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.**
- 23. *Faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. [Rom 10:17]* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds. 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.**
- 24. *Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act. [Ps 37:5]* 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 Cranbrook during their interregnum.**
- 25. *Lord, you created the world from the formless void and made it good. May we strive to exercise responsible stewardship of the earth's resources.* We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.**

- 26. We pray for all those who work in the farming and fishing industries and for all those who labour to provide food for our tables. We keep in prayer those living in, Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close. We remember the parishes of Etchingam and Hurst Green.**
- 27. St Vincent de Paul. *If God is the centre of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts.* We pray for all living in Attwater Lane and Potters Lane.**
- 28. We pray for the work of all industrial chaplains throughout the UK. We pray today for all living in Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and in all new homes in our village. We keep in prayer also the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.**
- 29. St Michael and All Angels. We pray for Justin Welby, our Archbishop, The Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover, Stephen Taylor, Archdeacon and Diocesan Secretary; Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.**
- 30. St. Jerome, Translator of the scriptures, Teacher of the Faith (420). We pray for our Vicar, 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.**

When you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

Jer 29:12-13