

Prayers for July 2024

O God, throughout this month of July, our daily prayer is of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving for the General Election; the school year ending; the start of the holiday season; a time of rest and refreshment. Amen.

1. *We turn to you in prayer, Father God, as we approach the General Election. We pray for our nation and our world. 'Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven'. Amen. 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. *We pray for all who offer themselves to public office. We pray for a spirit of integrity, humility and strength for those in public life to whom we entrust the leadership of our society. Psalm 15.1-2 'O Lord, who may abide in your tent?..... We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.*
3. *We remember **St Thomas – Apostle** today. We pray today for all candidates who are standing in the election. To stand for election takes courage and generosity. As we pray for the candidates, let us pray for our good practice in political engagement. Hear us, good Lord. We pray today for all ordinands and those in training for Licensed Lay Ministry. We pray for the people living in Delmond Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.*
4. *We pray for GOOD GOVERNMENT today. We pray for both government and opposition parties in the coming days and for the whole life of the nation. Read Romans 13.1. 'Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God.....' We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.*
5. *God grant to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting. Amen. We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and for Father Ethelbert Ukpabi. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.*
6. *Give wisdom, courage and insight to the media, defend us from deception; and help us all to engage with truth and kindness. Hear us, good Lord. We pray for all who work in the shops, pubs, restaurants and businesses in the High Street, and in our village. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.*
7. ***The Sixth Sunday after Trinity.** We pray for Family Life. Love matters and families matter in our society, may it be a place of mutual care, learning and support for all. Hear us, good Lord. 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. *Give to all who work in Healthcare your compassion, skill and wisdom. Be their strength and their shield as they give of themselves in the care of others. Hear us, good Lord. We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.*

9. *We pray for all who work in Social Care. Read Acts 4.32-37 'There was not a needy person among them for as many as owned lands or houses sold them...and it was distributed to each as any had need'. We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.*
10. *We pray for all places of conflict and war in our world today, and for all people who suffer from it. Hear us, good Lord. We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Hartenoak Road.*
11. **St Benedict.** *'Prefer nothing whatever to Christ'. The Rule of Holy Father Saint Benedict. We pray for all who live in Tongwood Drive and Whites Lane and for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, and the Vicar Revd. Rachel Robertson.*
12. *We pray today for Housing, a basic human need. We pray that everyone has a home, and everyone can flourish, and everyone belong. Grant to all safe and affordable housing, so that we can build communities to flourish. Hear us, good Lord. We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages. We pray for the parish of Cranbrook and their Vicar Revd. Richard King.*
13. *We pray today for Overseas Aid. Read Philippians 2.4-7. 'Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus....' All the world belongs to God. 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. **The Seventh Sunday after Trinity.** *Guide the leaders of the world with wisdom and compassion, bring relief to those who suffer, and lead us towards a world without hunger. Hear us, good Lord. 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. *We pray for Education. Read Proverbs 3.1-8 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight'. Give wisdom and compassion to those who teach, strength to those who lead our schools, and guidance to those who set policy. 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 and the Headteacher Jodi Hacker. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street.*
16. *Give rest and refreshment to all school pupils, college and university students, and teachers during the approaching summer holiday, so that they may return to school with a new spirit and a new energy. We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartenokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell during their interregnum.*
17. *We give thanks for Community Food Banks and organisations that will feed those who will go hungry without school meals during the long summer holidays. Lord in your*

mercy, hear our prayer. 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 as he begins his sabbatical, and his family.

18. *God of all people and nations, we praise you for the wonderful differences of colour and culture, of creeds and clans, of multi-generations that make up the human race. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place.
19. *Lord God, we praise you that you love and accept us as we are, but love us too much to leave us that way; instead, you send the Holy Spirit to transform us bit by bit into the likeness of Christ.* Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work at Benenden Hospital and the Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital. We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.
20. *Love one another. 1 John 4:7 'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God'.* We pray for all living on Slip-mill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sobers Lane. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam during their interregnum.
21. ***The Eighth Sunday after Trinity.*** *Read Deuteronomy 5.13-14 'for six days you shall labour and do all your work.....'. We pray for a right ordering of work in time of technological change; for all creating and those seeking new jobs. Hear us, good Lord.* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. *Today we remember **St Mary Magdalene**, may we like her, bear witness to the Risen Christ in the world.* We pray today for all refugees from conflict and persecution. In our own community we pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. *Lord, let your face shed its light upon us. May all people come to acknowledge Jesus as the Christ, through the work of the Church. Amen.* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
24. *Let Love be your highest goal! Thank you Lord for the gifts that you have given to your Church. 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. ***St James - Apostle*** *'At once they left their nets and followed Jesus' - Lord God, help us to follow the example of St James and be willing to answer your Son when he calls.* We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
26. *'Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done'. Phillipians 4:6.* We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.

27. *'Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever.'* Psalm 107:1 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 Area Dean of the Weald Deanery and also for Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners.
28. ***The Ninth Sunday after Trinity.*** *On this last Sabbath of July, O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.* We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village.
29. *'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 We keep in prayer the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.
30. We pray for Justin Welby, our Archbishop, Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover, Iain Blythe the Diocesan Secretary and Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.
31. We pray for our Vicar, Revd. Canon Fr Rodney Dreyer during his sabbatical and also for his family. We pray for our churchwardens and all the members of our fellowship who live outside the parish.

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.