

## Prayers for August 2024

**Gracious Lord, we thank You for August, the month of holidays and rest for many, especially for families and those tied to termly timetables. We pray for Your blessing and restoration for all.**

1. *Do not base your judgements on outward appearances, but upon the truth. [Jn 7:24]*  
We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Risden, 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, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble. [1 Pet 5:5b]* We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all. [Mk 9:35b]*  
We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingam and Hurst Green.
4. **Tenth Sunday after Trinity.** *Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859. 'There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.'* [J-B Vianney] We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. *Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642. Almighty God, when the future seems unclear, help us to be faithful in prayer and to trust what You have already revealed to us.* Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work at Benenden Hospital and the Hawkhurst Community Hospital. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
6. **The Transfiguration of Our Lord.** *'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; Listen to him' [Lk 9:35b]* 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. *John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866. Art thou weary, art thou languid, Art thou sore distrest? 'Come to me,' saith One, 'and coming Be at Rest!' (English Hymnal 366)*  
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, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221. 'Arm yourself with prayer instead of a sword; be clothed with humility instead of fine raiment.'* We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.

- 9 *Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921. All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen. [Mary Sumner].* We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.
- 10 **Lawrence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258.** *O Generous patron of the Church's poor, St. Lawrence, 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 families living in Barretts Road and Hartenoak Road. 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.
11. **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.** *Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253. John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890.* Today we celebrate our Patronal Festival and give thanks for all who contribute to the life and work of St. Lawrence Church. We pray for Fr. Rodney and all clergy who have supported our worship during his sabbatical.
12. *This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength." [Isa 30:15]* 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 *Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667. Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910. Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912. 'We all need space; unless we have it we cannot reach that sense of quiet in which whispers of better things come to us.' [Octavia Hill].* 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. *Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941. 'A single act of love makes the soul return to life.' [Maximillian Kobe]* 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. **The Blessed Virgin Mary.** *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; he has looked with favour on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.* We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and for Father Ethelbert Ukpabi. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street.

16. *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. {Eph 4:4-6}* We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartnokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell during their interregnum.
17. *God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." [Heb 13:5b].* 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. **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.** *I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. [Jn 6:51a].* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill.
19. *[Jesus] made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross! [Phil 2:7-8].* We pray for all the schools in our village during their summer break, for the Headteachers, Staff and pupils and in particular for the Hawkhurst Church of England Primary School and the Headteacher Jodi Hacker. We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.
20. *Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153. William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890. God will either give us what we ask, or what He knows to be better for us. [Bernard of Clairvaux].* We pray for all living on Slipmill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sopers Lane. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam and the Rector Canon Christopher Irvine.
21. *Sovereign God, open my heart afresh to the wonder of your presence, the awesomeness of your power, the breadth of your love and the extent of your purpose, and so may I live each day to the glory of your name. Amen.* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. *If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you. [Ps 130:3-4a].* We pray today for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. *Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name. [Ps 97:12].* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
24. **Bartholomew the Apostle.** *O Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word: Grant, we beseech*

*thee, unto thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.** *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. [Jn 6:56].* We pray today for all who are alone, for the homeless and those for whom life is, for whatever reason, anything but joyful.
26. *[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—<sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. [Jn 10:14-15].* We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
27. *Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387. Saint Monica, pray for us, that we may, like your son, turn from our sin and become great saints for the glory of God.* We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.
28. *Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430. Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy. [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 Area Dean of the Weald Deanery and also for Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners.
29. *The Beheading of John the Baptist. [John said:] The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less. [Jn 3:29-30].* 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. *John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688. When you pray, rather let your heart be without words than your words without heart. [John Bunyan].* We pray for Justin Welby, our Archbishop, Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover and Stephen, Archdeacon and acting Diocesan Secretary and Andrew, Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.
31. *Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651. Leave me alone with God as much as may be. As the tide draws the waters close in upon the shore, Make me an island, set apart, alone with you, God, holy to you. [St Aidan].* We pray for our Vicar, Fr Rodney Dreyer as he completes his sabbatical and for 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.

**Feed us, Lord, by Your Word; revive us by Your Holy Spirit; encourage us by Your indwelling presence, so that we might naturally reflect Your love to all we meet, on holiday or at home or at work.**  
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