

## Prayers for July 2025

***Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. [John 14:27]***

1. *Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be known as the children of God. [Matt 5:9]. 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 during their interregnum.*
2. *O God of Many Names. Lover of all people Give peace in our Hearts in our homes, in our world, in our universe: The peace of our need The peace of your will Amen. [George Appleton] We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.*
3. **Thomas the Apostle.** *Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." [Jn 20:26b-27]. We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.*
4. *Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love. [BCP]. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.*
5. *Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength is known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. Amen [BCP]. We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and for their Minister Father Ethelbert Ukpabi. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.*
6. **Third Sunday after Trinity.** *Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535. Kindness and good nature unite men more effectually and with greater strength than any agreements whatsoever, since thereby the engagements of men's hearts become stronger than the bond and obligation of words. [Thomas More]. Bless and guide the King and all members of the Royal family. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.*
7. *Peace cannot be achieved through violence; it can only be attained through understanding. [Albert Einstein]. We pray today for all the schools in our village, in particular for Hawkhurst Church of England Primary School, the Headteacher Jodi Hacker, the staff, governors, volunteers, and parents. We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road.*
8. *Only Christ can meet the deepest needs of our world and our hearts. Christ alone can bring lasting peace – peace with God, peace among men and nations, and peace within our hearts. [Billy Graham]. We pray today for all those being confirmed in the Deanery Confirmation service at Staplehurst Church today. We pray for the parish of Staplehurst, and the Vicar Revd Silke Tezlaff. We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.*
9. *Violence never again! War never again! Terrorism never again! In God's name, may all religions bring upon earth justice and peace, forgiveness, life and love! [John Paul II].*

Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work at Benenden Hospital and the Hawkhurst Community Hospital. We pray and give thanks for all who work in the emergency services. We remember the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.

10. *O God, make us children of quietness, and heirs of peace. [Clement of Rome].* We pray for all who work in and own shops, pubs, restaurants and businesses in the High Street, in our village, especially during the period of the road closures. We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Hartenoak Road.
11. *Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c.550. God saith to thee: 'If thou wilt have true and everlasting life ... seek after peace and pursue it.' [Benedict – The Rule: Prologue]* We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane.
12. *Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow men throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. [Mother Teresa].* We remember today the Food 4 Families food bank in Hawkhurst, for the volunteers and for all those who need its services. 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. **Fourth Sunday after Trinity.** *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. [Numbers 6:24-26]* 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. *John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. [Rom 5:1].* 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. *Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862. Bonaventure, Friar, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1274. Peace. Peace she says to me, Peace to your soul. I am the beauty in the leaf. I am the echo in a baby's laugh. I am your Mother. I am the joy in the heart that beats. I am the free woman. I am the one who breaks the shackles of oppression. You are my hands and feet. [Jason Clark]* We pray today for all ordinands and those in training for Licensed Lay Ministry. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street and for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, and the Vicar Revd. Rachel Robertson.
16. *Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099. O Lord God Almighty, may there be peace in celestial regions. May there be peace on Earth. May the waters be appeasing. May herbs be wholesome. And may trees and plants bring peace to all. [Hindu Prayer].* 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. *Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore [Isaiah 2:3-4].* 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 their Minister Revd. Ben Gotts and his family.
18. *Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of the Church of England, Founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883. May the blessing of peace unfold and infuse, embrace and intertwine all of Israel*

*and all the world. As we bless the source of life so we are blessed. {Jewish Prayer}. We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill.*

19. *Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379. Peace is defined as harmony among those who are divided. When, therefore, we end the civil war within our nature and cultivate peace within ourselves, we become at peace. [Gregory of Nyssa] We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.*
20. **Fifth Sunday after Trinity.** *Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century. Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566. Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin? The blood of Jesus whispers peace within. Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round? In Jesus' presence naught but calm is found. [Edward Henry Bickersteth] We pray for all living on Slipmill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sopers Lane. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam during their interregnum.*
21. *Let us know peace. For as long as the moon shall rise, For as long as the rivers shall flow, For as long as the sun shall shine, For as long as the grass shall grow. Let us know peace. [Cheyenne Prayer] We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.*
22. **Mary Magdalene.** *At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"* Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her. [John 20:14-18]. We pray today for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. *Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373. Peace to you. We bless you now in the name of the Lord. Peace to you. We bless you now in the name of the Prince of Peace. Peace to you. [Graham Kendrick]. We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.*
24. *If there is to be peace in the world, There must be peace in the nations. If there is to be peace in the nations, There must be peace in the cities. If there is to be peace in the cities, There must be peace between neighbours. If there is to be peace between neighbours, There must be peace in the home. If there is to be peace in the home, There must be peace in the heart. [Lao-Tse] We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close.*
25. **James the Apostle.** *But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. [James 3:17-18]. We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.*
26. *Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the infinite peace to you. [William Sharp] We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.*
27. **Sixth Sunday after Trinity.** *Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, Teacher of the Faith, 1901. Peace, perfect peace is the gift of Christ our Lord. [Kevin Mayhew]. 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. We keep in prayer the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.

28. *We must meet hate with creative love. Love is the most durable power in the world. Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend. [Dr Martin Luther King Jr.].* We remember today all those in care in the village. We pray for the staff and residents of Bowles Lodge and Hawkhurst House.
29. *Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord. O God, heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ enjoyed rest and refreshment in the home of Mary and Martha of Bethany: Give us the will to love you, open our hearts to hear you, and strengthen our hands to serve you in others for his sake; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.* We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village.
30. *William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery Campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846. 'Surely the principles of Christianity lead to action as well as meditation..' [William Wilberforce]* We pray for the Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover and Iain Blythe the Diocesan Secretary. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council and the work of the Crown Nominations Committee.
31. *Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556. Gracious God, you have promised through your prophets that Jerusalem will be home to many peoples, mothers to many nations. Hear our prayers that Jerusalem, the city of your visitation, may be for all – Jews, Christians and Muslims – a place to dwell with you and to encounter one another in peace. [Churches for Middle East Peace].* We pray for our Vicar, Canon Fr Rodney Dreyer and for his family. We pray for our churchwardens, all members of our PCC and also for those members of our fellowship who live outside the parish.

***Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."***  
***[John 20:21]***

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