

Prayers for August 2025

Whoever you are, you are human. Wherever you are you live in the world, which is just waiting for you to notice the holiness in it.

[Barbara Brown Taylor, 'An Altar in the World']

1. *The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? [Ps 27:1]* 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. *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. [Rom 15:13].* We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. ***Seventh Sunday after Trinity.*** *There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. [Eccl 3:1].* We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.
4. *Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. [1 Jn 4:16].* We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. *Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. [Ps 46:10].* We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
6. ***The Transfiguration of Our Lord.*** *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. [Isi 9:2].* Bless and guide the King and all members of the Royal family. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.
7. *John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert. [Isi 43:19].* 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, may they have a restful summer break and return refreshed for the new school year. We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road.
8. *Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. [Matt 11:30].* 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 *Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921. 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 they 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 the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.*
10. ***Eighth Sunday after Trinity. Laurence, 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 remember today the Food 4 Families food bank in Hawkhurst, for the volunteers and for all those who need its services. We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Hartenoak Road.*
- 11 *Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253. John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. [Ps 139:14]. We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane.*
12. *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. [Col 3:15]. We pray for all who work in and own shops, pubs, restaurants and businesses in the High Street, in our village. 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 *Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910. Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights. [Hab 3:19] 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. 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. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. [John 15:5]. 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.*** *Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.' [Luke 1:38]. 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. *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. [Eph 4:32].* We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartnokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell and their vicar the Reverend Canon Dr Jason Radcliff.
17. ***Ninth Sunday after Trinity.*** *You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. [Isi 26:3].* 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. *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. [1 Thess 4:16-18].* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill.
19. *You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. [Matt 5:14].* 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. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. [2 Cor 3:17].* 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. *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. [Ps 73:26].* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. *See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! [1 Jn 3:1].* We pray today for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. *For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. [Ps 30:5].* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
24. ***Tenth Sunday after Trinity. Bartholomew the Apostle.*** *O Glorious St. Bartholomew, teach us to discern the signs of the times that lead to Jesus on earth and will eventually unite us to him forever in heaven. We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close.*
25. *Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen. [Ps 72:18-19].* 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, God, know my folly; my guilt is not hidden from you. [Ps 69:5].* We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.

27. *Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387. Only one thing I ask of you: Remember me at the altar of the Lord. [Monica of Hippo].* 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. *Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430. To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement. [Augustine of Hippo].* We remember today all those in care in the village. We pray for the staff and residents of Bowles Lodge and Hawkhurst House.

29. *The Beheading of John the Baptist. John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus. When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. [Matt 14:12-13].* We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village.

30. *John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688. You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you. [John Bunyan].* 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. ***Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.*** *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. [Aidan].* 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.

***Welcome to your own priesthood, practiced at the altar of your own life.
The good news is that you have everything you need to begin.
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