

Prayers for September 2025

Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I may love what is holy.

A prayer of St Augustine.

1. *Prayer for New Beginnings This September. Dear God, as we step into September, we ask for Your guidance and blessing over new beginnings. Help us embrace change with faith and optimism. May Your presence lead us through every transition and challenge. Grant us the strength to pursue our goals and the wisdom to make the right decisions. Bless our efforts and help us to honor You in everything we do. 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 during their interregnum.
2. *A Prayer for Joy and Gratitude. Dear Lord, fill our hearts with joy and gratitude for Your endless blessings. Help us to recognize the beauty in each day and to express thanks for every moment. May our joy be a reflection of Your love and our gratitude be evident in our actions. Let us celebrate each day with a spirit of thankfulness. Amen.* We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *A Prayer for Strength and Endurance. Dear God, grant us the strength and endurance to face challenges. Empower us with resilience to overcome obstacles and to persevere through difficulties. May Your strength be our foundation, and may we rely on You for support and courage. Help us remain steadfast in our faith as we navigate this month. Amen.* We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingam and Hurst Green.
4. *A Prayer for Peace and Calm. Dear Lord, we seek Your peace and calm. Amid our busy lives and any stress that may arise, help us find tranquility in Your presence. Let Your peace guard our hearts and minds, calming any fears or anxieties. Fill us with Your serene grace each day. Amen.* We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. *A Prayer for Wisdom and Guidance. Dear God, we ask for Your wisdom and guidance. Illuminate our paths and help us make decisions that align with Your will. Grant us clarity and understanding in all that we do. Lead us by Your Holy Spirit and help us to follow the path You have set before us. Amen.* 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. *A Prayer for Family Blessings. Dear Lord, bless our families this September with Your love and protection. Strengthen our bonds and fill our homes with harmony and joy. Help us to support and uplift one another, and grant us unity in our relationships. May Your blessings be upon each member of our family. Amen.* Bless and guide the King and all members of the Royal family. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.
7. *A Prayer for Career and Work Success. Dear God, we seek Your favour in our careers and work endeavors. Bless our efforts and grant us success in our professional lives. Help us to work diligently and with integrity, and may our work bring glory to Your name. Guide us in our career decisions and opportunities. Amen.*

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, as they return from a restful summer break, 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 ***A Prayer for Healing and Restoration.*** *Dear Lord, we ask for Your healing touch and restoration in our lives. Heal any physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds and bring wholeness to those in need. Restore us to full health and vitality, and let Your grace bring comfort and renewal. We place our trust in Your healing power. Amen.* 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 ***A Prayer for Financial Blessings.*** *Dear God, we seek Your financial blessings and provision. Help us manage our resources wisely and provide for our needs. Grant us financial stability and abundance, and help us to use our resources for Your purposes. May Your blessings overflow in our finances and guide us towards prosperity. Amen.* We remember the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.
10. ***A Prayer for Strengthening Relationships.*** *Dear Lord, strengthen our relationships with Your love and grace. Help us to build deeper connections and to resolve any conflicts with understanding and forgiveness. May our relationships reflect Your love and bring us closer together in unity and harmony. Bless our interactions and guide our hearts. Amen.* 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 ***A Prayer for Personal Growth and Development.*** *Dear God, guide our personal growth and development. Help us to pursue self-improvement and to grow in character and faith. Grant us the motivation to achieve our personal goals and the wisdom to learn from our experiences. May we become more like You in every aspect of our lives? Amen.* We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane.
12. ***A Prayer for Safety and Protection.*** *Dear Lord, we ask for Your protection and safety. Shield us from harm and danger, and keep us safe in all our travels and activities. Surround us with Your protective presence and help us to trust in Your safety and care. Guard our hearts and minds with Your peace. Amen* 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 ***A Prayer for Success in Education and Learning.*** *Dear God, bless our educational endeavors and learning experiences. Guide students and educators alike in their pursuit of knowledge and wisdom. Grant success in studies and growth in understanding. Help us to use our learning to honor You and to contribute positively to the world. Amen.* 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. ***HOLY CROSS DAY.*** *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world, Amen.* 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. *A Prayer for Peaceful Family Gatherings. Dear God, bless our family gatherings with Your peace and joy. May our time together be filled with love, understanding, and harmony. Help us to cherish these moments and strengthen our family bonds. Let Your peace reign in our hearts and homes during these gatherings. Amen.* 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. *A Prayer for Guidance in Major Life Decisions. Dear Lord, as we face major decisions, we seek Your guidance and wisdom. Illuminate our paths and help us make choices that align with Your will. Provide us with clarity and confidence, and guide us towards decisions that honor You and benefit others. Amen.* 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. *A Prayer for Strength in Adversity. Dear God, in times of adversity, we seek Your strength and comfort. Help us to remain steadfast in faith and find hope even in difficult circumstances. Empower us with Your strength to endure and overcome challenges, and let Your presence be our source of support. 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 their Minister Revd. Ben Gotts and his family.
18. *A Prayer for Healthy Living. Dear Lord, bless us with the commitment and discipline to live healthily. Guide us in making choices that promote physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Help us to honour our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit and to maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill.
19. *A Prayer for Positive Relationships at Work. Dear God, we seek Your blessing on our professional relationships. Help us to build positive and supportive connections with our colleagues. Grant us the ability to work together harmoniously and to contribute positively to our work environment. May Your love guide our interactions and foster teamwork. Amen.* We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.
20. *A Prayer for Effective Communication. Dear Lord, grant us the ability to communicate effectively. Help us to speak with clarity, compassion, and understanding. May our words build up and encourage others, and may we listen with open hearts. Guide our conversations and interactions to reflect Your grace and truth. Amen.* 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. *There is a CALL FOR A DAY OF PRAYER TODAY, for the Middle East to coincide with the United Nations' International Day of Peace. This initiative is being led by groups like the Church of England and Churches Together in England, urging us and Christian agencies to pray for peace, reconciliation, and the dignity of all people in the region. Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. *A Prayer for Encouragement and Hope. Dear Lord, fill our hearts with encouragement and hope. Help us to see Your hand at work in our lives and to remain hopeful despite any challenges we may face. May Your promises inspire us and Your presence give us courage and optimism. Amen.* We pray today for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.

23. *A Prayer for Gratitude for Daily Blessings. Dear God, we thank You for the daily blessings we receive each day. Help us to recognize and appreciate Your goodness in our lives. May our hearts be filled with gratitude, and may we always remember to give thanks for every blessing You bestow upon us. Amen.* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
24. *A Prayer for Wisdom in Financial Decisions. Dear Lord, grant us wisdom in our financial decisions. Help us to manage our resources wisely and to make choices that honor You. Guide us in budgeting, spending, and saving, and grant us the ability to use our finances in ways that align with Your will. Amen.* We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close.
25. *Prayer for Patience and Understanding. Dear God, grant us patience and understanding. Help us to be slow to anger and quick to listen, and to approach each situation with empathy and grace. May Your Spirit cultivate in us a heart that is patient and understanding towards others. Amen.* We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road. We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.
26. *Prayer for Hope in Times of Uncertainty. Dear Lord, in times of uncertainty, we place our hope in You. Help us to trust in Your plans and promises, even when the future seems unclear. May Your hope sustain us and guide us through any doubts or fears we may encounter. Strengthen our faith and trust in Your perfect timing. Amen.* 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.
27. *Prayer for Building Stronger Community Connections. Dear God, help us to build stronger connections within our community. Foster relationships that are supportive, caring, and reflective of Your love. Guide us in our interactions and encourage us to actively contribute to the well-being of those around us. Amen.* We remember today all those in care in the village. We pray for the staff and residents of Bowles Lodge and Hawkhurst House.
28. *A Prayer for Protection Over Our Homes. Dear Lord, we ask for Your protection over our homes. Keep our homes safe from harm and danger, and fill them with Your peace and love. Protect our loved ones and guard our dwelling places, ensuring that Your presence is ever-present in our households. Amen.* We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village.
29. *ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS. Everlasting God, grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.* 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.
30. *We give thanks for ST JEROME, a great scholar and for translating the Bible into Latin.* 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.

Unfailing love surrounds those who trust the LORD. So rejoice in the LORD and be glad, all you who obey him! Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!

Psalms 32: 10b - 11