

Tuesday July 16th

Lord, we remember the almost 110,000 children in the UK who are in care, many having experienced abuse, neglect or other trauma. We pray too for the 11,000 young people aged 16, 17 or 18 leaving the care system every year with little support to find work and accommodation and to manage their finances. In Your mercy. Amen.

Pray for Lucy Shellam & family

Wednesday July 17th

Father, we continue to pray about both the amazing opportunities and the risks that young people face online. May the Online Safety Bill be robust and effective in protecting them from accessing harmful material: pornography, encouragement to self-harm, online bullying, radicalisation and other toxic content. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pray for Stephen & Felicia Shirto

Thursday July 18th

Lord, we pray for the success of initiatives that seek to protect and rescue vulnerable young people, especially children in care and those excluded from school, who have been caught up in knife crime, criminal gangs, drugs, sexual exploitation and other dangers. Please help them to escape and recover their lives. In Your mercy. Amen.

Pray for Peter & Brenda Simpson

Friday July 19th

Thank You, Father, for all who work with pre-school children and in schools, colleges and universities. Please give them all they need to inspire and support those under their care to gain vital life skills, grow in resilience and character, and develop understanding, knowledge and insight through their learning. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Pray for Andy & Leanda Theedom & family

Saturday July 20th

Life continues to be tough in the Borena region of Ethiopia, with the climate crisis exacerbating the drought. According to UNICEF, 3.3 million livestock died in that region alone because of drought last year. Lift up in prayer the livestock farmers who have lost their cattle and are desperate for new sources of income.

Pray for David & Joy Thorburn & family

Monday July 1st

God, our rock of safety, we pray for those involved in security around Election Day. May they work together vigilantly and be alert to any attempts to interfere with our democratic process. Please especially help them to prevent any cyber attacks and voter fraud. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pray for Don & Sue Goold

Tuesday July 2nd

Lord, please help men with addictions to pornography, who abuse women and children and pay for sex, unwilling or unable to break free. We pray too for traffickers, pimps and others who make money from the misery and degradation of victims to cease what they are doing and repent. By Your transforming power. Amen.

Pray for Sophie Goold & Peter Guns

Wednesday July 3rd

Father, please bless the 150,000 people working to make polling day run smoothly: setting up the 40,000 polling stations, preparing ballot papers, helping voters and acting as Returning Officers, Supervisors and Counters to make sure the Election is fair. By Your grace. Amen.

Pray for Flossie Hollis & Lesley Lamb

Thursday July 4th**ELECTION DAY**

Dear God of mercy and grace, please help each of us today to vote according to our conscience and with wisdom. We pray that everyone who wants to will be able to get to their local polling station and fill in their ballot paper in privacy. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Pray for Peter & Mary Jones

Friday July 5th

God of justice, we pray about the estimated 56,000 UK students who are resorting to sex work to cover their bills, partly due to the lack of part-time jobs. We ask for better statutory funding so no one feels they have to make this choice and those involved would quit, many turning to You in their troubles. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pray for John & Val McKie

Saturday July 6th

Pray that Greece and Cyprus, and other countries on the edge of Europe, will be able to balance the needs of their citizens with providing welcome and refuge to those in need.

Pray for Keith Mead & Richard Opio

Sunday July 7th

Heavenly Father, we lift up to You our sisters in Christ who as women are especially vulnerable to persecution. We pray for Christian women who are left without support and protection for themselves and their children, because they are widows or their husbands have been imprisoned for their faith or they are Christian converts who have been abandoned by their families. We ask that You will shelter our sisters from harm under the shadow of Your wings, and that they will know the protection of the Good Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. (Psalm 17:8-10; John 10:11)

Pray for Derek & Jenny Palmer

Monday July 8th

Thousands of young people will attend TeenStreet events in a few weeks. Pray that many will hear God's clear call to go deeper with Him. Pray for those journeying to a long life of Christian service, even if they don't know it yet!

Pray for John & Jenny Palmer

Tuesday July 9th

God of grace and truth, we intercede for tighter controls and tougher penalties in relation to abusive online messages sent to public figures. Please help the police to convict offenders, and social media platforms to block toxic material which attacks individuals and undermines our democracy and freedoms. In Your mercy. Amen.

Pray for Kerry Pearson & family

Wednesday July 10th

Pray that Christian perspectives and values will break through the veil of Sinicisation and censorship, enforced by the Chinese Communist Party. Ask the Lord to bless and protect those who are endeavouring to live faithfully, despite constant pressure and surveillance. Ask that the Holy Spirit will be a Teacher (John 14:26) to any Christians struggling to learn online, as well as church leaders in shepherding Christ's flock.

Pray for Brian & Barbara Rainbow

Thursday July 11th

Pray that Christians in Pakistan will be protected from spurious allegations of blasphemy, that believers will hold onto their identity as children of God, in a society that often demeans them, and for protection for women and girls.

Pray for Doreen Rose & Pauline Sprason

Friday July 12th

Lord thank You for creating opportunities for CARE and other Christian organisations and individuals to demonstrate conviction and civility in the public square. Continue to encourage politicians and others to respond to rudeness and abuse by listening, before firmly sharing their opinions courteously. By Your grace. Amen.

Pray for Karen Rossiter & family

Saturday July 13th

Jesus our Saviour, we intercede for many more children to come to know You. Send Your Spirit to guard their hearts and minds from the temptations, snares and emptiness of the secular culture in which they are growing up in and reveal to them the Father's steadfast love. In Your name. Amen.

Pray for Alan & Yvonne Rowland

Sunday July 14th

Heavenly Father, we bring before You our Christian family in Saudi Arabia. We ask You to sustain them in a land where they form a tiny minority in the birthplace of Islam. We give thanks that recent reforms have softened some of the country's harshest laws and pray that Your people will have greater freedom to exercise their faith. We ask You to build up our Saudi brothers and sisters, almost all converts from Islam and secret believers. We ask for Your Divine direction and discernment upon them so that they build confidently on the cornerstone of our faith, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose mighty Name we pray. (Ephesians 2:20)

Pray for Henning Schmitt & family

Monday July 15th**WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY**

God of Creation, we pray that young people will be equipped with skills for employment, entrepreneurship and personal development to prepare for adulthood. Please help governments to find solutions to high levels of youth unemployment, and inadequate education and training. Amen.

Pray for Robin & Mary Sealey

If you would like people to pray for you contact Gill Wyatt on
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Items for next month's prayer diary to Yvonne or Alan Rowland on
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The people included in the "Pray for" part of the prayers have been taken
from the latest church directory.
If you are not included in the church directory but would like to be included
in future please let Yvonne or Alan know.

Sunday July 21st

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your protection over all our brothers and sisters who are displaced within their own country, and all Christians who are refugees. Whether they are escaping war, poverty or persecution for their faith in You, help them to remember that You are their fortress. Stay with them, Lord, and comfort them as they leave their homes and seek refuge elsewhere. Send Your Holy Spirit to give them strength as they try to rebuild their lives and bring them out of danger and into safety.
Pray for Sue Tibbles & family

Monday July 22nd

Give thanks for the safe arrival in Jordan of a 400 foot container full of donated food from the US. The contents are being distributed to Christians in need, who are struggling to find enough to eat due to the country's economic crisis. Pray that Christians in Jordan will recognise the love and provision of God, and be encouraged in their faith. (Psalm 107:1-9)
Pray for John Twining & Sylvia Walpole-Brown

Tuesday July 23rd

In Rwanda, the local church is the beating heart of the community. Tearfund church partners across the country are helping thousands of people realise their God-given potential and the resources they already have to build a better future. Pray for more churches to discover how they can reach out and support vulnerable people around them.
Pray for Chris & Yvette Willett

Wednesday July 24th

"Your organisation has been an answer to prayers," wrote Barnabas Aid church partners in Romania who run a relief centre for Christians fleeing the conflict in neighbouring Ukraine. Barnabas Aid's funding for food and hygiene parcels to sustain 400 Ukrainian families for six months arrived at a time of great financial challenge for the church following a cut in funding for relief centres by the authorities. Give thanks for the help and care their partners have given to thousands of refugees since the war started in 2022. Ask God, the Father of compassion (2 Corinthians 1:3), to provide the means for them to continue their work.
Pray for Simon Woodley & Adrian Young

Thursday July 25th

Pray for an end to the violence in Sudan and for lasting stability.
Pray for Barrie & Gill Wyatt

Friday July 26th

Pray that the Iranian government would allow freedom for all religions.
Pray for Colin & Anne Yeneralski

Saturday July 27th

Pray for Afghan refugees to receive relief and opportunities to work, attend school and worship freely.
Pray for Paul & Pam Adams

Sunday July 28th

Ask that, if it is God's will, jihadi violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo will come to an end.
Pray for Steve & Anne Austin

Monday July 29th

Give thanks for the support of Christians in Egypt by President al-Sisi and pray that society in general will also become more positive towards Christians.
Pray for Colin & Anne Ayrton

Tuesday July 30th

Pray for protection of all children of persecuted Christian families. Pray that they will receive opportunities to learn and develop as they grow strong in their faith.
Pray for Rosemary Bayliss & Anne Berry

Wednesday July 31st

Pray for grace, strength, hope and endurance for all Christians in Eritrea, particularly those in prison. Pray that they may be a source of comfort and strength to those around them.
Pray for Ian & Sarah Chad & family



Prayer Diary

July 2024

Worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.

1 Peter 3:15,16 (NLT)
