

PARISH OF ST PAUL'S, SALE PRAYER DIARY

JULY 2024



Thank you for using this Prayer Diary. Each week we suggest a prayer of Meditation to focus on as we start our prayers. Please also pray the thanksgiving prayer, for particular events or organisations, for the streets and for the World. On pages 3 and 4 there are some further prayers to use.

Week: 1 - 7 July

Meditation: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. (*Hebrews 12. 1b-2a*)

Thanksgiving: For those whose example and encouragement have helped us on our journey of faith.

We pray for:

Everyone involved with the General Election
Babes and Tots
St Paul's Choir
Churches Together in Sale

Streets: Roebuck Gardens, Broadoaks Road, Haddon Grove, Roebuck Lane

World: Persecuted Christians and their courage in keeping the faith.

Week: 8 - 14 July

Meditation: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (*Matthew 11. 28-29*)

Thanksgiving: For families and friends

We pray for:

The Parochial Church Council
Kids Rock



People in local Nursing Homes
Carers

Streets: Brogden Grove, Hampden Road, Roselands Avenue

World: For organisations working to bring children in the developing world a nutritious meal each day.

Week: 15 - 21 July

Meditation: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth (*Psalms 124. 8*)

Thanksgiving: For the beauty of creation

We pray for:

Food Banks
People living alone
Youth groups and their leaders
Springfield School

Streets: Brogden Terrace, Harley Road, Sale Heys Road

World: The World Health Organisation and its work

Week: 22 - 28 July

Meditation: The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced. (*Psalms 126. 3*)

Thanksgiving: Those responding to God's call to serve him in mission contexts.

We pray for:

The housebound
People on holiday
Those who will struggle to adequately feed their children during the school holidays
Local retailers

Streets: Bryndale Grove, Holly Drive, School Road

World: Projects bringing clean water and better sanitation to those living in the poorest countries of the world.





Other prayers for this month

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love,

Where there is injury, pardon

Where there is doubt, faith,

Where there is despair, hope,

Where there is darkness, light,

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much

seek to be consoled as to console,

not so much to be understood as to understand,

not so much to be loved, as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

(St Francis of Assisi)



The Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back,

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields and,

Until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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God, help us as individuals and as a world to hear it now before it is too late: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and God's justice and all these other things shall be added unto you." *(Martin Luther King)*

## Disturb Us, Lord



Disturb us, Lord, when we are too  
well pleased with ourselves,  
When our dreams have come true  
Because we have dreamed too little,  
When we arrived safely  
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when  
With the abundance of things we possess  
We have lost our thirst  
For the waters of life;  
Having fallen in love with life,  
We have ceased to dream of eternity  
And in our efforts to build a new earth,  
We have allowed our vision  
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,  
To venture on wider seas  
Where storms will show Your mastery;  
Where losing sight of land,  
We shall find the stars.  
We ask You to push back  
The horizons of our hopes;  
And to push into the future  
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

*(attributed to Sir Francis Drake -1577)*

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Govern everything by your wisdom, O Lord, so that my
soul may always be serving you
in the way you will and not as I choose.

Let me die to myself so that I may serve you;
let me live to you who is life itself. Amen.

(St Teresa of Avila)

