

# 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 (*Psalm 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. (*Psalm 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.



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)*

