

**PARISH OF ST PAUL'S, SALE
PRAYER DIARY
AUGUST 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: 29 July – 4 August

Meditation: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. (*Psalm 105. 4*)

Thanksgiving: For the gift of music and its therapeutic effects.

We pray for:

St Paul's Choir
Sale Brass Band
Sale Chamber Orchestra
Community Choir

Streets: Burford Grove, Homelands Close, Sefton Crescent

World: Everyone involved in the Olympic Games

Week: 5 - 11 August

Meditation: His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. (*2 Peter 1. 3*)

Thanksgiving: For our families and friends

We pray for:

Those on holiday
Those for whom the school holidays are a challenge
Those who are ill - at home, in Care Homes or in hospital.
The unknown lonely in our community

Streets: Campbell Road, Homelands Road, Sefton Road

World: All those suffering in Gaza and Ukraine

Week: 13 - 19 August

Meditation: God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. (I Corinthians 10. 13b)



Thanksgiving: For the beauty of creation

We pray for:

Washway Road Medical Centre
Churches Together in Sale
Kids Rock
Springfield School

Streets: Carnforth Drive, Hyde Grove, Shawbury Grove

World: Ongoing action to deal with pollution in all its forms

Week: 20 - 26 August

Meditation: The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. (*Philippians 4. 5b-6*)

Thanksgiving: For the Police and Emergency Services.

We pray for:

Local Retailers.
The housebound
People on holiday
Those struggling to adequately feed their children during the school holidays

Streets: Chapel Road, Joynson Street, Sibson Road

World: Fair, responsible and unbiased reporting by the world's Press.

Week: 27 August - 2 September

Meditation: Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. (*Philippians 4. 9*)

Thanksgiving: For the gift of friendship.

We pray for:

Staff and pupils at local Primary and High Schools,
especially those starting in new schools

Food Banks

The Homeless

Streets: Cherry Court, Langdale Road, Springfield Road

World: For world leaders to find peaceful solutions to threats
and wars.



Other prayers for this month

For the Leaders of the Nations

Sovereign Lord of peoples and nations,
we pray for all who are called to leadership among their
fellows;

give them the vision to see far into the issues of their
time, courage to uphold what they believe to be right,
and integrity in their words and motives;
and may their service to their peoples promote the
welfare and peace of the whole human race;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. me sow love,

(Basil Naylor 1911- 1988)

The Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father,
almighty and everlasting God,
who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day;
defend us in the same with thy mighty power;
and grant that this day we fall into no sin,
neither run into any kind of danger;
but that all our doings may be ordered by thy
governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Collect for Grace – Book of Common Prayer)

Grant us O Lord, to know that which is worth knowing, to love that which is worth loving, to praise that which is pleasing to thee, to value that which is most precious to thee, and to hate whatever is evil in thy sight.

Suffer us not to judge according to our senses, but to discern with true judgement between things spiritual and temporal, and above all to search out and to do what is well-pleasing unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Thomas a Kempis)

A Blessing

On the day when the weight deadens on your shoulders and you stumble, may the clay dance to balance you.

And when your eyes freeze behind the grey window and the ghost of loss gets into you, may a flock of colours, indigo, red, green and azure blue, come to awaken in you a meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays in the curragh* of thought, and a stain of ocean blackens beneath you, may there come across the waters a path of yellow moonlight to bring you safely home.

(John O'Donohue)

*a small boat of wooden slats covered with hide and tarred

