

PARISH OF ST PAUL'S SALE
PRAYER DIARY
AUGUST 2025



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: 4 August – 10 August

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

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

We pray for:

People with dementia and their carers
Those who are housebound
The lonely
All with mental health problems

Streets: Broadoaks Road, Haddon Grove, Roebuck Lane.

World: Asylum seekers and refugees.

Week: 11 - 17 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 the gift of sport and all who compete and support it.

We pray for:

Churches Together in Sale
Holiday Clubs
All away on holiday at this time
Our local Councillors

Streets: Broadoaks Road, Haddon Grove, Roebuck Lane.

World: For all working to bring peace in war-torn countries, including Gaza and Ukraine.

Week: 18 - 24 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 our families and friends.

We pray for:

Children who will shortly be moving School
Local Industry and Commerce
Local Retailers
Local Food Banks

Streets: Brogden Grove, Hampden Road, Roselands Avenue.

World: A greater sharing of the world's resources.

Week: 25 - 31 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:

Eco-church and organisations working to care for our world
The Fairtrade Movement
School Teachers and Teaching Assistants.
Young people preparing to go to College or University.



Streets: Brogden Terrace, Harley Road, Sale Heys Road

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



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 (1379|1471))



Celtic Prayer – Self-deception

To others I am always honest; myself I sometimes deceive.

To others I say what I believe to be true; myself I can make believe a lie.

To others my smile is intended to be sincere; myself I can fool into hiding my anger.

To others I always wish to do good; myself I can blind to my evil motives.

Lord, let me be as honest with myself as I am with others.



A Blessing

I arise today

Through a mighty strength:

God's power to guide me,

God's might to uphold me,

God's eyes to watch over me;

God's ear to hear me,

God's word to give me speech,

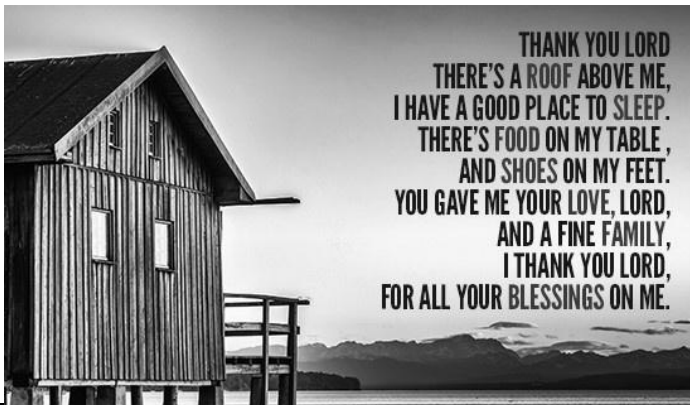
God's hand to guard me,

God's way to lie before me,

God's shield to shelter me,

God's host to secure me.

(Brigid of Gael)



THANK YOU LORD
THERE'S A ROOF ABOVE ME,
I HAVE A GOOD PLACE TO SLEEP.
THERE'S FOOD ON MY TABLE,
AND SHOES ON MY FEET.
YOU GAVE ME YOUR LOVE, LORD,
AND A FINE FAMILY,
I THANK YOU LORD,
FOR ALL YOUR BLESSINGS ON ME.