



PARISH OF ST PAUL'S, SALE PRAYER DIARY

MAY 2026

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 - 10 May

Meditation: Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23

Thanksgiving: For our faith

We pray for: Community Choir
Tuesday Group
Local Care Homes and their Staff
Hospitals and Hospices and all
who work in them



Streets: Dudley Road, Marford Crescent, Walton Road

World: For all who are suffering because of war or persecution.

Christian Aid
We believe in life before death

Week: 11 – 17 May

Meditation: Christian Aid Week's Theme
– 7 days to make a difference

Thanksgiving: For all whose life has been transformed as a result of Christian Aid projects

We pray for: All those working alongside people in the developing world to implement projects for Aid Agencies
All involved in House-to-house collections and other initiatives in support of Aid projects
The managerial staff of Christian Aid to ensure that funds continue to be wisely used.

Streets: Eastway, Market Walk, Washway Road

World: For international support of The United Nations

Week: 18 - 24 May

Meditation: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

Thanksgiving: The gift of the Holy Spirit

Streets: Albion Grove, Eaton Road, Marsland Road, Waverley Road

We pray for: All who are part of St Paul's Church Community
For Churches Together in Sale
For all who work for unity among
Christians

World: Pray for the breaking down of barriers of language and culture that people may have a greater understanding of one another.



Week: 25 – 31 May

Meditation: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28. 19*

Thanksgiving: For all those who have shown us the love of Jesus through their words or actions.

We pray for: All on holiday from school
Those who find school holidays a challenge
Food banks
Those who are struggling financially

Streets: Albion Street, Egerton Drive, Marton Place, Wellington Close

World: Those struggling with the consequences of global warming.



Other prayers for this month

Almighty Father, in my times of weakness, I turn to you, knowing that You are my source of strength. I believe that with You, all things are possible. Grant me the endurance and resilience to face challenges with faith and confidence. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, so that I may rise above difficulties and find peace in Your promises. I trust that Your strength will sustain me and that Your love will carry me through. Thank You for being my rock and my fortress. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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### A Christian Aid Prayer

Almighty God, we love one another because you first loved us. Send us out to act in loving service, strengthened by the knowledge that the one who calls us is faithful. We give thanks for the vital work of Christian Aid and for all those who pour themselves out for the cause of justice. May our actions and offerings plant seeds of change that grow and flourish. Guide us as we seek a world where every person can live a full life, free from poverty. Amen.

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O God, we are one with you. You have made us one with you. You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us.

Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts. Help us to realize that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection.

O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely, we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you, and we love you with our whole being, because our being is your being, our spirit is rooted in your spirit. Fill us then with love, and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world, and which makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love. Love has overcome. Love is victorious.

- Thomas Merton (1915-1968)



The Spirit came
and your Church was born,
in wind and fire
and words of power.

The Spirit came
blowing fear aside,
and in its place
weak hearts were stronger.

The Spirit came
as your word foretold,
with dreams and signs,
visions and wonders.

The Spirit came
and is here today,
to feed the hearts
of a world that hungers.



Lord Jesus, as God's Spirit came down and rested upon you,
May the same Spirit rest on us,
Bestowing his sevenfold gifts.
First, grant us the gift of understanding,
By which your precepts may enlighten our minds.
Second, grant us counsel, by which we may follow
in your footsteps on the path of righteousness.
Third, grant us courage,
by which we may ward off the enemy's attacks.
Fourth, grant us knowledge,
by which we can distinguish good from evil.
Fifth, grant us piety,
by which we may acquire compassionate hearts.
Sixth, grant us fear,
by which we may draw back from evil
and submit to what is good.
Seventh, grant us wisdom,
that we may taste fully the life-giving sweetness of your love.

(Prayer of St. Bonaventure to the Holy Spirit)