

# Prayer Calendar

January 2021

**Friday,  
1 January**  
The naming & circumcision of Jesus

As we begin a New Year, Loving God, help us to stay close to you in all that we do, all that we are and all that we say so that we reflect your immense love in our lives.

**Saturday,  
2 January**

Loving God, in a time of continuing uncertainty, we pray for hospitals and GP Surgeries, for Hospices and for Residential Care Homes and for all who serve within them.

**Sunday,  
3 January**

God of the Sabbath we give thanks for opportunities to rest and be refreshed. We pray for those whose work, health or life makes rest difficult and ask for your healing in their lives.

**Monday,  
4 January**

Loving God, on World Braille Day we pray for all who are visually impaired and have to see your world in a different way. Help us to ensure they have the tools they need to play their part in your world.

**Tuesday,  
5 January**

All-knowing God, we pray for work done with other dioceses and partners that enables us to share gifts and reflects the unity that you call us to. We ask for your wisdom and insight for all students, and for those who prepare and guide learning.

**Wednesday,  
6 January**  
Epiphany

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star, help us to notice your signs in the world and to follow you wherever that may lead.

**Thursday,  
7 January**

God of mission, we thank you for those who enable mission and pray for the Mission Enablers' training this month. We pray that their training will enable them to help others find their own joyful part in your mission.

**Friday,  
8 January**

Loving God, as some people look towards the weekend and the rest it will bring, we pray for those who have to continue to work. Help them to find the refreshment they need.

**Saturday,  
9 January**

We pray for chaplains as they offer spiritual care to people across the diocese, especially when the pressures on people are so great. We give thanks for Mike Haslam, our Chaplaincy Adviser in his enabling work.

**Sunday,  
10 January**

God of all, as we look forward to a week of exploring ways in which we can draw close to you in prayer, we give thanks that we can be close to you wherever and wherever we are.

**Monday,  
11 January**

Loving God, help us to pray to you in ways that honour the people you created us to be. Give us courage to explore what that might mean, particularly those who join us our week of online learning, Prayer – Everyone, Everywhere. #ArcheaconryDays

**Tuesday,  
12 January**

As we remember Aelred, Abbot of Rievault and Benedict, Abbot of Wearmouth, we pray for unity across our nation so that we can celebrate the variety of our contexts and history and live together in mutual understanding

**Wednesday,  
13 January**

We pray for the Youth and Children's Committee who meet today to discuss the work of the Go Team. Be with Wendi Davis as she chairs her first meeting. We give thanks for Tobie Osmond's years as Chair and for all those who seek to nurture children and young people.

**Thursday,  
14 January**

God of Creation, help us to enter your presence through all the glorious creativity that you have given us so that we can pray to you not just in words but in all that we are and do.

**Friday,  
15 January**

Loving God, we pray for all the younger children and families across the diocese, may they know something of God's love resting on them and their households today.

**Saturday, 16 January** God of the Trinity, we pray for those who will come together today from across Somerset to share together about ways of praying. Help us to listen and encourage each other so that we grow closer to you, the source of everything that is good.

**Sunday, 17 January** God of eternity, as we remember Antony of Egypt, Hermit, we remember all those who live alone, either through choice or circumstances. Sustain them in their solitude and give them company and contact where that is needed.

**Monday, 18 January** Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives, make known your heavenly glory.

**Tuesday, 19 January** Lord we give thanks for all those involved in the development and distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine for the benefit of us all.

**Wednesday, 20 January** God of all wisdom, we pray for our schools, their staff and students, who have had so much to endure during Covid-19. Sustain them in their uncertainty, strengthen them in their work and inspire others to support and encourage them.

**Thursday, 21 January** We pray for places where people have prepared the ground for mission and see no growth. In this winter season help us to trust that God is at work in the hidden places and that leaves, flowers and fruit will come in God's good way and time.

**Friday, 22 January** As we remember Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, first Martyr of Spain, we pray for people who live in situations where expressing their faith puts them in danger. Give them courage and we pray for a world where justice and truth reign.

**Saturday, 23 January** Loving God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, but we pray that your Spirit will help us in our weakness and intercede for us with sighs too deep for words.

**Sunday, 24 January** As we remember Francis de Sales, Teacher of the Faith, we give thanks for our Readers as they continue to minister in our parishes. Be with them as they lead in both church and society, teach the faith and are enablers of mission wherever they serve.

**Monday, 25 January** Forgiving God, as we remember the Conversion of St Paul we ask to be able to see your loving power and repent where we have failed to see Christ in your world.

**Tuesday, 26 January** God of the universe, help us to play our part in the world, respectful of the histories of others and mindful of our own so that we may live in harmony and freedom.

**Wednesday, 27 January** Loving God, on Holocaust Memorial Day, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust. Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish darkness, love prevail over hate and good triumph over evil.

**Thursday, 28 January** Lord be with all the paid youth and children's leaders across the diocese and for all do in serving children, young people and families. Be with them especially today as they gather together online.

**Friday, 29 January** God of mission, as people from benefices across the diocese gather to reflect on what challenges you are calling them as part of Partnership for Missional Church, be with them in their listening and their actions.

**Saturday, 30 January** God who calls all people, we pray for those who offer support in discerning your call: Spiritual Directors, Chaplains for Discerning Calling, Clergy, Readers, the Vocations Team and all those who offer spiritual accompaniment. Give them wisdom and insight in their work.

**Sunday, 31 January** We pray for chaplains serving in transport and industry, from Avonmouth Port to the railways to Hinkley Point C. May God bless them and their communities as they continue to find their way through Covid.

