

# Prayer Focus

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## Sunday 6th

*"Love your enemies.....why should God reward you if you love only the people who love you?"* (Matthew 5 vv 44 & 46)

We must even pray for those who want to harm us.

## Monday 7th

We pray for all workers in small and unnoticed tasks as well as in highly influential occupations, that they may make their contributions willingly for the good of all.

## Tuesday 8th

Open my eyes to the needs of my neighbour  
Open my ears to the cries of the stranger  
Open my heart to respond with prayerful action  
As I follow Christ's journey of selfless love.

## Wednesday 9th

*"Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you.*

*All things pass away. God never changes. He who has God finds he lacks nothing. God alone suffices."* (St. Teresa of Avila)

## Thursday 10th

## Ascension Day

Ascended, ever-living Lord, give us faith to trust the promise of your presence no matter where we are and no matter what may happen to us.

## Friday 11th

We ask God's blessing on our Toddler Groups. May the children be kept safe and the adults and children drawn nearer to God.

### **Saturday 12th**

Christian Aid Week starts tomorrow; pray for our Christian Aid partners working in many parts of the world and pray for those who will collect door to door this week that their efforts will help sustain the vital work carried out by Christian Aid.

### **Sunday 13th**

*“Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully”. (Matthew 5 v.6)*

### **Monday 14th**

May everything I say this day begin with your love and continue with your grace.

### **Tuesday 15th**

May everything I plan this day begin with your inspiration and continue with your help.

### **Wednesday 16th**

May all that I begin in you be happily ended and all that I fail to do, may, by you, be mercifully mended.

### **Thursday 17th**

God our Father, I believe that your Presence is my strength, my hope, my purpose. I believe that you are here with me, Lord, beside me.

### **Friday 18th**

May the leaders of our Pilots Company be given wisdom, kindness, a sense of humour and patience as they work with the children and may the children grow up with a love of God and a strong desire to follow Jesus.

### **Saturday 19th**

Thank you God for our friends and all those who help us in our daily lives.

## **Sunday 20th      Pentecost**

Come, Holy Spirit, and breathe on me, that I might grasp something of the eternal truth of God and that I might feel the infinite love of God for me – as I am – now.

## **Monday 21st**

God of law and love, wake us up from the sleep of apathy, from the drowsiness of giving up and not caring any more.

## **Tuesday 22nd**

Show us that we really can grow in love and in goodness towards you and our neighbours.

## **Wednesday 23rd**

Lead us into your light, that we may love you and love our neighbours with all our heart and mind and strength.

## **Thursday 24th**

Show us how to have compassion for the needy, strength for the weak and a listening ear for those who need to share their fears and worries.

## **Friday 25th**

Thank you God for the privilege of living in a Christian country where laws, ethics and culture have been laid down by Christian beliefs.

## **Saturday 26th**

Thank you God that we have roofs over our heads, sufficient food to eat and opportunities for communal Christian worship.

## **Sunday 27th      Trinity Sunday**

*“And God’s peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.”*

(Philippians 4 v.7)

### **Monday 28th**

We pray for your help and guidance as we try to live our lives following the example of Jesus Christ.

### **Tuesday 29th**

Loving God, help us to be Christ to all those who touch our lives. May we see others with eyes of compassion.

### **Wednesday 30th**

May we see some goodness in everyone we meet and treat them as if they were Jesus.

### **Thursday 31st**

May we serve others as Jesus did with no strings attached.

### **Friday June 1st**

We ask for God's blessing on our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. May their leaders encourage their growth as good citizens and true Christians.

### **Saturday 2nd**

We thank you, loving Father, for all the beauty of the world around us as summer comes in.