

As we prepare and consult about the choice of a new Bishop of Chelmsford, we are asked to pray for:

- The life of our diverse diocese, and for all the communities we serve in Essex and East London
- for all involved in the appointment process of the next Bishop of Chelmsford
- For those God is preparing to hear to that call

God of provision and care,
discernment and knowledge:
 lead us in your love,
 empower us by your Spirit,
 and equip us with your gifts;
give us hearts full of love for all people,
minds open to the signs of the times,
and wisdom to know how to respond
to the voice of your calling;
 We ask this through him
 whose coming is certain,
 whose day draws near,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Parishes of Hullbridge, Rawreth and Rettendon

Intercessions for Daily Prayer



We invite you to use these intercessions with us daily as we pray for our world, our church, and our community. They are prompts for prayer and can be used selectively or adapted as seems appropriate.

They will be used as the basis of our prayers at Morning Prayer and Compline. Please let us know if there are particular concerns you would like us to include in our daily prayers so that we can join with you in praying.

We invite you take time to pray slowly, allowing time for silence and reflection and to listen to God's voice

Sunday Morning

<i>We pray to the Lord saying, Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.</i>
The Church of Christ
Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority
The local community
Those who suffer
The communion of saints
Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
<i>The Morning Collect</i> God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Morning Collect

Grant, Lord,
that we who are baptized into the death
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
may continually put to death our evil desires
and be buried with him;
and that through the grave and gate of death
we may pass to our joyful resurrection;
through his merits,
who died and was buried and rose again for us,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saturday Evening

<i>The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.</i>
We pray for members of our congregations, that we may serve Christ and share the good news of your love with others.
We pray for our sister Christians at Hullbridge and Battlesbridge Free Churches. for those involved in leading worship, and for all who will take part in our worship tomorrow.
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We remember those who are sick and in particular need of our prayer, those who mourn and those who have died. May they rest in Peace, and rise in Glory
<i>The Evening Collect</i> O God our protector, by whose mercy the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light: we give into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes; for you alone are our sure defence and bring us lasting peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saturday Morning

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.
<i>We pray to the Father, saying Jesus, Lord of Life, In your mercy, hear us.</i>
We pray for the Church and for our leaders, especially Archbishop Justin, for Bishop Stephen as he prepares to move to York, for the General Synod, and for the leaders of churches around the world.
We pray for our Diocese, for Bishop Peter (acting Diocesan Bishop) Bishop John and Archdeacon Mike, and for our Diocesan Synod and the staff of our Diocesan office. We pray for those responsible for discerning a new Bishop of Chelmsford.
We pray for our Deanery, especially Linda, our Lay Chair and Nick our Area Dean, and for our sister parishes in the deanery as we discover new ways working more closely together.
We pray for our own group of churches in Hullbridge, Rawreth and Rettendon. We ask your blessing on our Churchwardens, church councils, ministers and clergy, that we may be strengthened in unity and service.
We pray for the Church (using the diocesan cycle of prayer)
We pray for the day before us
Merciful Father Accept these prayers for the sake of your son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday Evening

We give thanks as we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection and the hope that it brings.
We give thanks that Jesus is the Bread of Life in whom all our deepest needs are satisfied.
We give thanks for the new wine of the Gospel, the Good News that we are loved by God.
We pray that during the coming week we may live in the light of the Resurrection, trust in the provision of God and share the Good News of God's love by prayer, word and action.
The Evening Collect Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Monday Morning

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.
<i>We pray for to the Lord, saying</i> <i>Lord, hear us</i> Lord, graciously hear us
We give thanks for the rich and beautiful creation entrusted by God to our care. Help us to care for your creation and take responsibility for the welfare of the earth and its people.
We give thanks for those working to create a more sustainable environment. Give us grace to heed their warnings and rise to their challenges and so work together to fulfil our calling.
We ask God's blessing on all who work on the seas and those working to preserve the health and cleanliness of our oceans and waterways.
We pray for those around the world whose lives are scarred by pollution and the destruction of natural resources.
We pray for those who lack the basic necessities of life; food and clean water to drink, cook and wash medical provision, work and freedom from fear.
We pray for justice and generosity in the management of the world's rich resources, and for the Aid Agencies that fight for the needs of those in greatest need.
We pray for the Church (using the diocesan cycle of prayer)
We prayer for the day before us
God of mercy, You know us and love us and hear our prayer; Keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen
The Morning Collect Lord our God, as with all creation we offer you the life of this new day, give us grace to love and serve you to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Morning Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Friday Evening

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
We give thanks for the opportunities to learn about God's world and his love
We thank God for the scriptures and the writings of people who enrich our minds
We pray for the Church (using the diocesan cycle of prayer)
The Evening Collect Heal us, O God, from all our afflictions and keep us steadfast in your love; bind up our wounds, raise us from death, and lead us to fullness of life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Friday Morning

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

We pray to the Father, saying

Jesus, Lord of Life,

In your mercy, hear us.

We pray for our local schools; Hullbridge Riverside, Rettendon Primary, St. Nicholas and Canewdon, for our nurseries and pre-schools, and for local secondary schools and colleges which serve our villages. We ask your blessing on all staff, teaching and non-teaching, for students, and for parents and governors.

We pray for those who are in hospital or respite care; for those who suffer from mental ill health; for the disabled and disempowered.

We remember those who have been bereaved recently, those who have lost hope, and all who are anxious and fearful for the future, and those who are close to death.

We remember those who are sick and in particular need of our prayer, those who mourn and those who have died.
May they rest in Peace, **and rise in Glory.**

We prayer for the day before us

Lord of the Church,

Hear our prayer,

And make us one in heart and mind

To serve you with joy for ever. Amen

Monday Evening

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

We thank God for the beauty around us and pray for grace to appreciate it and turn it to praise.

We thank God for the blessing of all that we receive, our food and homes.

We pray for those who live with need, hunger and debt.
Give us the resolve, wisdom and courage to work for a more just society, that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done.

We remember those who are sick and in particular need of our prayer, those who mourn and those who have died.
May they rest in Peace, **and rise in Glory.**

The Evening Collect

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love which never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.
May we shine for ever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light,
even your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our Redeemer.

Tuesday Morning

The second commandment is this; Love your neighbour as yourself.
<i>We pray to the Father, saying</i> <i>Jesus, Lord of Life,</i> In your mercy, hear us.
We pray for those who lead our local community; for our parish councillors and for those who lead organisations and groups that contribute to the life of our community.
We pray for those who serve our community, keeping our environment clean and streets safe. We remember those in the emergency services serving who take risks in keeping us safe. We pray for the doctors, health care workers and social services who help us when in particular need. We thank God for those who are simply good neighbours and friends who enrich our lives.
We pray for local businesses and shops who provide for us. We pray that they may also provide fulfilling employment and work fairly with those who supply them.
We pray for those who are in care homes or sheltered housing, that they may find companionship and support.
We remember those who are sick and in particular need of our prayer, those who mourn and those who have died. May they rest in Peace, and rise in Glory.
We prayer for the day before us
Lord of the Church, Hear our prayer, And make us one in heart and mind To serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

The Morning Collect

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thursday Evening

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! ... It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

We give thanks for those who serve our communities and particularly those in need: Those who visit the housebound or serve those in residential care, those nurse the sick or protect the vulnerable

We remember those who are sick and in particular need of our prayer, those who mourn and those who have died.
May they rest in Peace, **and rise in Glory.**

The Evening Collect

O God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that, freed from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thursday Morning

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

We pray for to the Lord, saying

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

We pray for places in your world which are devastated by violence and natural disaster, war and civil strife, famine, greed and oppression. We pray that your peace and justice may prevail in the hearts of politicians and world leaders, and ask your blessing on all who work for peace and reconciliation.

We pray for the injustices and inequalities in our own nation and pray that our government may have the wisdom, will and courage to serve our whole nation that all may have the ability to thrive and be free from poverty and prejudice.

We pray for all those working in our criminal justice system; for lawyers and police officers, courts and prison staff. We pray justice and equality within our systems, and ask your blessing on victims of injustice, on prisoners, and on prison service chaplains and probation services.

We pray for the leaders of our armed forces and our government as it directs them, that they may work for justice, peace and prosperity of the countries in which they operate.

We pray for the Church (using the diocesan cycle of prayer)

We prayer for the day before us

God of mercy,

You know us and love us and hear our prayer;

Keep us in the eternal fellowship

of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

The Morning Collect

Eternal God and Father,
you create and redeem us by the power of your love:
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves in love and service
to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tuesday Evening

Jesus said, 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

We thank God for the glimpses of his love that we see in those around us today.

We thank God for family and friends, near and far.

We thank God for those who take risks to serve our communities and to keep us safe.

We pray for the Church (using the diocesan cycle of prayer)

The Evening Collect

Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and day is drawing to a close.
Abide with us and with your whole Church,
in the evening of the day,
in the evening of life,
in the evening of the world;
abide with us and with all your faithful ones, O Lord,
in time and in eternity.

Wednesday Morning

They brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons.
<i>Let us pray to the Father, saying</i> <i>Lord, hear your people</i> <i>And answer our prayer</i>
We pray for those who are housebound through age, infirmity or disability; for the lonely, for those facing the challenges of dementia, and all for whom daily life is a struggle.
We ask God's blessing on victims of abuse or domestic violence, those who suffer through intolerance and prejudice, and for those who seek to care for them.
We pray for those in our world who lack food, shelter and work; for refugees, and those who are displaced or dispossessed, and all who risk their lives seeking freedom and a new beginning.
We pray for those who are facing uncertainty about their health, for those recovering from injuries and accidents, those awaiting the outcome of tests or undergoing treatment, those with incurable and life-limiting conditions.
We remember those who mourn and those who have died. May they rest in Peace, and rise in Glory.
We prayer for the day before us
Merciful Father Accept these prayers for the sake of your son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Morning Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin
or running into danger,
order us in all our doings
and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wednesday Evening

<i>These all look to you to give them their food in due season</i>
We thank God for the abundance of creation, that provides enough for all of us. We pray that justice might overcome strife and generosity overcome greed that all may enjoy the blessings of the world.
We thank God for all the physical blessings we have received today, for our food, the shelter and security of our homes and the activities we have enjoyed.
We give thanks for those who have worked for the things that provide our wellbeing.
We pray for the Church (using the diocesan cycle of prayer)

The Evening Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.