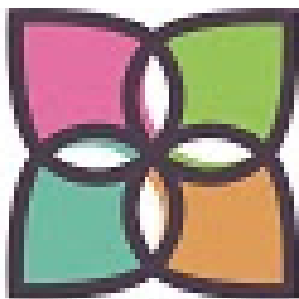


Cumbria Prayer Diary



Follow Daily Care Deeply
Speak Boldly Tread Gently

AUGUST 2025

*Praying with our fellow Christians in
Cumbria, together with our link dioceses of
Northern Argentina, Stavanger and Zululand*

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At the end of the prayer diary are the Vision Prayer, Peace in Ukraine and a Prayer for the Middle East

Week Thirty Theme – Evangelism
Sunday 27th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

Brooke Foss Westcott

A great Victorian Bishop, founder of Westcott House and one of the first to see the importance of clergy who were educated for the priesthood.

Evangelism - give thanks for the Celtic saints of the fifth to eighth century who faced many dangers in order to bring the good news of Jesus.

God for All - pray that we might care deeply, for the work of CTiC in many areas of social justice and give thanks for the Anna Chaplains and their work on behalf of those suffering from dementia.

World Church - The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Monday 28th July

Evangelism - for the presence of the prayerful communities rooted in the teachings of St Augustine and St Benedict, for the place of prayer in the lives of people in the county for the last sixteen centuries

World Church - The Diocese of Niassa – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Tuesday 29th July

Mary, Martha and Lazarus

The story of the raising of Lazarus is one of the most moving parts of scripture. The obvious love of Jesus for

the two sisters and their brother demonstrates the humanity of Jesus, but at the same time the miracle of bringing Lazarus back to life demonstrates his divinity.

Evangelism - for the Salvation Army, especially in Cumbria, and their witness to the faith among the most needy and hard pressed and the practical witness to the love of Jesus

World Church - The Diocese of Nicaragua – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Wednesday 30th July

William Wilberforce

William Wilberforce is remembered for his fight against the injustices of slavery and racism. He, with the members of the Clapham Sect, especially Thomas Clarkson, Hannah Moore and John Newton campaigned for the end to slavery. His life's work culminated in the passing of a law banning the transportation of slaves on any British ships in 1807.

Evangelism - for the faith of the Church of England in Cumbria and the establishment of parish churches, with the ethos of care for the whole community

World Church - The Diocese on the Niger – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 31st July

St Ignatius of Loyola

St Ignatius is one of the most influential spiritual teachers of the church. Injured as a soldier in the

sixteenth century, while convalescing he developed the spiritual exercises which are still widely followed. Ignatian Spirituality is a modern contemplative practice, and many value the Jesuit practice in their discipleship.

Evangelism - for the witness of John Wesley and the conference of preachers, for all who are rooted in evangelisation and praying for conversion

World Church - The Diocese of Niger Delta – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 1st August

Evangelism - for all churches in Cumbria and all Christian people that together we might pray for the conversion of our county to the faith.

World Church - The Diocese of Niger Delta North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 2nd August

Evangelism - for those who we know who are seeking a faith, that we might be faithful witnesses to the Gospel in thought, word and deed

World Church - The Diocese of Niger Delta West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Week Thirty One Theme – Whitehaven MC Sunday 3rd August – 7th Sunday after Trinity

MC – for Whitehaven URC, Hensingham Methodist Church, Salvation Army, St James' and St. Peter's

God for All - pray for the ecumenical strategy and that we might all speak boldly for the conversion of Cumbria and its communities to the Gospel

World Church - The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Monday 4th August

MC - for the Mission Community Steering Group which is made up of clergy and lay people giving thanks for their commitment to work together to share the love of God in our community.

World Church - The Diocese of Niger West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tuesday 5th August

St Oswald

Oswald was King of Northumbria from 634 until his death in battle and brought the Gospel to our county. Together with St Aidan he evangelised our ancestors, and for centuries provided the model of a wise Christian leader. Kirkoswald is said to be named after him as it is believed his body was taken there after his death.

MC – for all the work with children and young people that happens in our Mission Community, including Rock Flock, Toddler Church, Network Youth Church, and schools work.

World Church - The Diocese of Nike – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 6th August

The Feast of the Transfiguration

The story from the synoptic gospels is remembered twice in the church's calendar; on the last Sunday before Lent and on this day. The story reminds us of the true nature of Jesus, both fully human and yet expressing his divine eternal glory.

MC - please pray that our Wellbeing Cafes and drop ins continue to thrive and people continue to find a place of fellowship and love.

World Church - The Diocese of Nimule – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Thursday 7th August

MC - pray for our Dementia Friendly Tea Service which is led by different members of our Mission Community on the last Tuesday of every month. Remembering that even when we don't know who we are God still knows and loves us.

World Church - The Diocese of Nnewi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 8th August

MC - that God will raise up more workers for the harvest that is ripe.

World Church - The Diocese of Northern Izon – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 9th August

Mary Sumner

Mary Sumner founded the Mothers' Union and it is now a worldwide Anglican movement. She created the group for women that brought together rich and poor to build a network that would support mothers of all kinds as they brought up their children in the Christian faith. There are now four million members in 83 countries.

MC - pray for our outdoor songs of praise on Saturday 16th August in the town centre and our Mission Community Away Day on 27th September to Sillioth. Through these two events please pray that God will draw close and transform lives.

World Church - The Diocese of the Northern Territory – The Anglican Church of Australia

Week Thirty Two Theme – World Peace

Sunday 10th August – 8th Sunday after Trinity

St Laurence

Laurence was one of the seven deacons of Rome martyred under the Emperor Diocletian in 258. He was important for the church under Constantine as a martyr of the last great persecution of the church and is remembered as a significant saint for the Roman Catholic Church.

World Peace - for peace between nations, especially for Ukraine and the Middle East, for not simply an end to fighting but also for the rebuilding of communities and for justice for those who have lost their lives.

World Church - Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Monday 11th August

John Henry Newman

As the leader of the Oxford Movement John Henry Newman's writing and example are still highly influential in the modern church. The Church of England with its emphasis on the Eucharist is Newman's legacy but he eventually became a Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church. Canonised by pope Francis in 2019 he is a symbol of the ecumenical growing together of Anglicans and Roman Catholics.

World Peace - for the work of the United Nations and its agencies. For the Secretary General Antonio Guterres and the UK's UN Ambassador Mr Kumar Iyer

World Church - The Diocese of Norwich – The Church of England

Tuesday 12th August

World Peace - for international aid charities working for peaceful communities, especially UNICEF and its director Catherine Russell.

World Church - The Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island – The Anglican Church of Canada

Wednesday 13th August

Florence Nightingale

The Nightingale hospitals built in the first days of the Covid pandemic were a tribute to this no nonsense

Christian woman who inspired the development of modern nursing among the horrors of the Crimean War. A woman of courage and compassion, she is an example to us all.

World Peace - for veterans' organisations who assist the survivors of war: The Royal British Legion, Help for Heroes, and SSAFA

World Church - The Diocese of Nsukka – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 14th August

World Peace – for the International Court of Justice in The Hague and for those facing the challenges of pursuing those who have committed war crimes, and to bring them to justice

World Church - The Diocese of Nyahururu – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Friday 15th August

***World Peace* - 80th Anniversary of VJ Day and the end of the Second World War**

God of the nations,
our refuge and our dwelling place,
we remember with thanksgiving
those whose service achieved Allied victory in the Pacific,
and hold before you all those who suffered
from the devastation and trauma of war.
As we pray for those who suffer the atrocities of war,

strengthen our resolve to pursue what makes for peace, through the one in whom we are reconciled and made one, even Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

World Church - The Diocese of Nyamlel – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Saturday 16th August

World Peace - for those who build international church friendships, for the PiWM group, our diocesan links, the work of CMS and USPG, and for local parish links

World Church - The Diocese of Nyang – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Week Thirty Three Theme – Kirkby Lonsdale MC Sunday 17th August – 9th Sunday after Trinity

MC - give thanks for all those who work tirelessly to sustain their local churches and be a Christian presence in their community.

God for All – for this time of holiday that we might be refreshed, rested and renewed.

World Church - The Scottish Episcopal Church

Monday 18th August

MC - for Lol, Richard, Anne, Becca, and Wendy, for health, strength, wisdom & lots of fun!

World Church - The Diocese of Southern Nyanza – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Tuesday 19th August

MC - for all the families who are connected with Messy Church, Foresty, our Schools, Craft days and See & Know.

World Church - The Diocese of Nzara – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Wednesday 20th August

William and Catherine Booth

As the founders of the Salvation Army the example of William and Catherine challenges all Christians. Placing 'salvation' as their priority, working among the poorest and seeing all life as sacramental, the Salvation Army has a great deal to teach all churches. Catherine was also an advocate for women's ministry and social reform and better conditions and pay for women workers in London.

MC - for the work of kl.community CIO and all our folk who support the work of the Cupboard, lunches and food club and for Meet2Eat.

World Church - The Diocese of Del Occidental – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Thursday 21st August

MC - for Messy Vintage, that the pilot event is a blessing to our older residents.

World Church - The Diocese of Offa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 22nd August

MC - pray against fear, anxiety, and financial insufficiency. For Nay-sayers to catch the vision, and to choose partnership over sabotage.

World Church - The Diocese of Ogbaru – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 23rd August

MC - for the Big Vision, Events Team, and all those involved in the development work. For discussions and mission reviews and Workshops in the near future. For the new Community.

World Church - The Diocese of Ogbia – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Week Thirty Four Theme – Coast to Fells MC
Sunday 24th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity

St Bartholomew

There is no St Nathanael's day as Nathanael and Bartholomew are regarded as the same person. Today we celebrate one of the disciples of Jesus who was true of heart and in mission founded the church.

MC - that building on the work of the past, the MC churches would continue to proclaim God's Presence in the hearts of their communities

God for All – for Holiday Clubs being held this month and for all those leading them, for all those young people attending and their families

World Church - Church of the Province of South East Asia

Monday 25th August

MC - that faced with a world of change the pilgrimages of faith of the clergy and lay leadership would continue to call their communities to Christ.

World Church - The Diocese of Ogbomoso – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tuesday 26th August

MC – pray that young and old would come together to joyfully celebrate Christ's presence and that our NYC work continues to flourish in Schools and community.

World Church - The Diocese of Ogoni – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 27th August

MC – pray that our churches continue to comfort the hurt, the broken and the lonely in our changing world, sharing friendship and faith in our many groups and clubs and in welcoming those seeking baptism, marriage or comfort in loss.

World Church - The Diocese of Ogorimagongo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 28th August

St Augustine of Hippo

Augustine wrote to many disciples about the spiritual disciplines and his followers later created the Augustinian rule. The foundation of Carlisle Cathedral is Augustinian as well as over twenty other foundations in the county.

MC - may we rejoice when Christ welcomes our arrival in work he has already begun in our communities and leads us into new experiences.

World Church - The Diocese of Ohaji / Egbema – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 29th August

MC – pray that we would not stop listening to others, because we have much to say, and that we would not be blinded to the needs of others.

World Church - The Diocese of Ohio – The Episcopal Church

Saturday 30th August

MC - may your church walk with the lonely and open our hearts to the broken peoples of a world consumed by conflict. May we continue to reach out to refugees seeking safety and work for peace in warring lands.

World Church - The Diocese of Southern Ohio – The Episcopal Church

Week Thirty Five Theme – Schools
Sunday 31st August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

St Aidan

Aidan is often referred to as the 'Apostle of the English'. He founded the community at Lindisfarne, and his gentle witness to the faith inspired the conversion of most English-speaking peoples. A passionate opponent of slavery he freed many children and education was at the heart of his communities

Schools - for all children preparing to return to school during the coming weeks, especially for those who are moving schools and will be making new friends

Vision - pray that we might care deeply and that we may make our churches places of welcome and nurturing of one another, looking out for those who are isolated and alone and coming alongside those who are vulnerable and in need.

World Church - The Church of South India (United)

Monday 1st September

Schools - for all staff at our local schools, giving thanks for their dedication, service, skills and knowledge

World Church - The Diocese of Oji River – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tuesday 2nd September

Schools - for all governors and professionals supporting our schools, we give thanks for their willingness to give time and of themselves in support of our children

World Church – The Diocese of Okene – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 3rd September

Gregory the Great

'Not Angles but Angels', is a pun that works in both Latin and English. It is Pope Gregory's alleged words in Rome that prompted the mission of St Augustine of Canterbury in 597. St Gregory, a wise and kindly Bishop of Rome, is remembered fondly on this day.

Schools - for the DBE, for Andrew Towner as Chair, and Charlotte Tudway as Director and the Schools and Education team working at Church House

World Church – The Diocese of Oke-Ogun – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 4th September

St Birinus

The seventh century Birinus was one of the first English Bishops. His community was based on the banks of the river Thames and he laid the foundation for St Chad in converting Mercia and Wessex to faith. He is the first known follower of St Benedict's rule in England.

Schools - for families of children at our schools, for the support parents give to staff and for the community of our church schools

World Church – The Diocese of Oke-Osun – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 5th September

Schools - for the work of the National Society of Education, for its chair Nigel Genders and their support of the diocesan boards of education

World Church – The Diocese of Okigwe – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 6th September

Schools - for all volunteers who support local schools, through working in classes, fund raising and providing local meals for children

World Church – The Diocese of Okigwe South – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Vision Prayer

Living Lord, as we offer to you our common life,
refresh our vision that we may know your will and
seek to follow in all your ways.

May we follow daily as your disciples,
care deeply for one another in community,
speak boldly your gospel word of love,
and tread gently as faithful stewards of your
goodness.

We ask this in the power of your holy name,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
of our lives, today and for ever. Amen

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Lord Jesus you are the Prince of Peace,
look upon our divided world
to be with those who are victims of violence.

We pray for the people of Ukraine
and all who have been subjected to the cruelty of
others.

Help us to know the gift of your peace
in the power of your Spirit and we ask you to soften
the hearts of those who can stop the fighting.
Creator God we ask for your aid as your children of
light
living in the darkness of our world. Amen

Prayer for the Middle East

Dear God, we cry out to you on behalf of the people seriously affected by the conflict in Gaza and the Middle East. Our hearts break at the devastation and suffering that we see, and we know it breaks yours, too.

We ask that you stretch out your mighty hand to bring lasting peace.

We cry out for people who have been injured or traumatised, who have lost loved ones or their homes. Please provide everything they need and be their comfort, their hope, their healer, and their safe refuge.

We pray for your peace to reign. We look to you as our Saviour and the hope of the world.

Amen. (Tearfund)