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Prayer Diary

July 2026

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Weekly Theme

Feast, Festival & Holy Days

World Church



Feast, Festival & Holy Day Prayers for July 2026

5 July - Thomas More

Eternal God, by whose grace your martyr Thomas More triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death: move us by his example to deeper devotion and perseverance in our Christian calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11 July - St Benedict of Nursia

Eternal God, who made Benedict a wise master in the school of your service and a guide to many called into community: grant that we may put your love before all else and walk with joy in the way of your commandments; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

14 July - John Keble

Grant, O God, that in all time of our testing we may know your presence and obey your will, that, following the example of your servant John Keble, we may accomplish with integrity and courage what you give us to do and endure what you give us to bear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

15 July - St Swithun

Almighty God, by whose grace we celebrate the feast of your servant Swithun: grant that, as he governed with gentleness the people committed to his care, so we, rejoicing in our Christian inheritance, may always seek to build up your Church in unity and love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.

22 July - Mary Magdalene

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

25 July - St James the Apostle

Merciful God, Whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and his mother and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son, Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

27 July - Brooke Fosse Westcott

God our redeemer, who inspired your bishop Brooke Foss Westcott to be a pastor to your people and a teacher of your truth: grant that we, following his example, may know Westcott the power of your love and ever grow in the knowledge of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

29 July - Mary, Martha & Lazarus

God our Father, whose Son enjoyed the love of his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, in learning, argument and hospitality: may we so rejoice in your word and serve you in our brothers and sisters that we may be joined at last with all your saints in heaven; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.

30 July - William Wilberforce

God our deliverer, who sent your Son Jesus Christ to set your people free from the slavery of sin: grant that, as your servant William Wilberforce toiled against the sin of slavery, so we may bring compassion to all and work for the freedom of all the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.

31 July - Ignatius of Loyola

‘Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.’ Ignatius of Loyola

July 5 – 11

**Brampton
Deanery**

**Sunday 5 July – 5th Sunday after Trinity
Thomas More**

Loving and gracious God, we thank you for **Brampton Deanery and its mission and ministry**. Today, we pray for all those who serve generously across the area as volunteers, wardens, organists and worship leaders enabling us to continue to offer regular services and gatherings for our communities.

We give thanks and pray for all those who will be **confirmed today at St Mary's Wigton and St John's Houghton**. We pray for Bishop Rob as he confirms the candidates and for the communities and churches who will support each person and be represented today.

Mon 6

We thank God for our Rural Dean Rev Ben Philips and all our lay and ordained leaders across Brampton Deanery. We give thanks for our dedicated retired clergy who without whom we could not manage as we do. We also pray for the ReSource Residential which meets today & tomorrow, and for Bishop Rob who is attending.

Tues 7

We give thanks for our ministry with young people across Brampton Deanery; for our Network Youth Church clubs and all those who serve to make them possible. We ask that more people may feel inspired to support this work and volunteer.

Wed 8

Loving God, we give you great thanks for pastoral work across the area. We thank you for Brampton Community Centre's new initiative to find volunteers to visit the lonely and isolated. We pray that this would be fruitful and enable connections to flourish.

Thurs 9

Faithful God, we thank you for all those who offer to serve you in ministry across our deanery in a variety of ways. Today, we give you thanks for those with a particular call to serve as Authorised Lay Worship Leaders locally, and ask that you would bless and strengthen them in their ministry. We pray for Bishop Michael as he preaches at the Carlisle Deanery social.

Fri 10

We thank you God for our all our churches and congregations praying particularly for those today in vacancy. We ask that you would inspire and draw ministers to serve you alongside us, and that we may welcome new members of clergy among us soon. We pray for General Synod which begins today until 14th July, and for Bishop Rob as he attends.

Sat 11

St Benedict of Nursia

We thank God for the opportunity to serve and minister across Brampton Deanery, and all the ways in which we connect with our communities. Loving God, we ask that many would come to know the love of Christ.

Sun 5 The Anglican Church of South America

Mon 6 Diocese of Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands, Church of North India

Tues 7 Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane, The Scottish Episcopal Church

Wed 8 Missionary Diocese of C. & S. Angola, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Thurs 9 Diocese of Ankole, Church of the Province of Uganda

Fri 10 Diocese of N. Ankole, Church of the Province of Uganda

Sat 11 Diocese of NW. Ankole, Church of the Province of Uganda

July 12 – 18

Carlisle Deanery

Sunday 12 July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

Loving and gracious God, we thank you for **Carlisle Deanery and its mission and ministry**. We pray for the Deanery Mission Communities; giving you grateful thanks for Carlisle Rural, Carlisle South, Carlisle East, Heart of the City, and the Two Rivers Mission and the communities in which they serve.

We pray for the **God for All vision**, that we may inspire and encourage one another to have the confidence to share our faith in Jesus in everyday ways with all people.

We pray for our **ecumenical partners and our link dioceses in Northern Argentina, Stavanger & Zululand**.

Mon 13

Faithful God, we give you thanks today for Carlisle Deanery's Rural Dean Rev Simon Bickersteth and Lay Chair, Tony Newgarth. Sustain them in all they do and who they are as they serve you in the many ways they are being called to at this time.

Thurs 16

Faithful God, we thank you for Rev Nina Orchard and the team working to revitalise St Luke's Morton, and pray for the appointment of a new mission priest for St Herbert's.

We pray for Bishop Michael and the Projects and Programmes Board which meets today.

Tues 14

John Keble

Loving God, we pray for the work with children and young people across Carlisle Deanery. We thank you for Samuel and Karla Coswig, and pray for them as they head up the work of Carlisle Network Youth Church, and the church revitalisation scheme taking place at St Luke's. We pray for Bishop Michael at the Cumbria University Graduation Ceremony.

Fri 17

Loving and Faithful God, we ask that that you will provide the people and resources to enable your Church in Carlisle Deanery to grow, and for churches to have a renewed excitement and passion for mission and outreach. We pray for the vacancies within the Deanery to be filled.

Wed 15

St Swithun

Compassionate God, we pray for the work of the Restore network of shops in Carlisle. We pray for Chris Harwood and Garry Ion who lead the work of the Community Shed.

We pray for Bishop Michael and the Bishop's Leadership Team which meets today.

Sat 18

Loving God, we pray for the Garden City Development on the south of Carlisle, which will see the building of thousands of new homes over the coming years. We pray for strategic planning as we consider how to reach these new communities.

We pray for the Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary weekend at Rydal Hall and for Bishop Rob attending.

Sun 12 Province of the Episcopal Church of S. Sudan

Mon 13 Diocese of S. Ankole, Church of the Province of Uganda

Tues 14 The Diocese of W. Ankole, Church of the Province of Uganda

Wed 15 Diocese of Antananarivo, Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Thurs 16 Diocese of Antsiranana, Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Fri 17 Te Pihopatanga, Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Sat 18 Diocese of Araucanía, Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

July 19 – 25

Youth

Sunday 19 July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

Our prayers this week come from **Growing Younger Enabler for Youth Hannah Burgess**. Loving God, we bring to you the children and young people of Cumbria. We pray for those that already know that they are your children. Please protect them, bless them and surround them with opportunities to deepen their faith in you. Amen

We give thanks for **Bishop Michael** and pray for all those gathering today at his Welcome Service. May it be a joyful and happy occasion.

Loving God **we give you thanks and pray for our Ecumenical Partners** today, that we may together witness to your love, joy, hope and peace as we seek to minister in Cumbria and share the good news of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Mon 20

Loving God, we thank you for all who volunteer in our youth groups, After School Clubs, cell groups and summer camps. Please help us to recruit new volunteers so that more young people can discover the transformation life you offer them.

We thank God for Rev Eleanor Hancock who is being licensed today at Holy Trinity, Rosley by Bishop Rob

Tues 21

Loving God, we pray for an increase of faith in our young people. For those who would like to find out more about you and those who know little or nothing about you. Please stir up curiosity in them to find out more and give them encounters with you.

Wed 22

Mary Magdalene

Loving God, we pray for Cat, Edward and David who have joined the team in the last twelve months. Inspire them as they lead and develop the work of NYC and teach them how to love & serve you in their deaneries. We pray for Bishop Rob at the Finance Committee, and for Rev Lindsay Gray who will be licensed at Kirkland Mission Church by Bishop Rob.

Thurs 23

We pray for all our young people going to Christian summer camps this year. May these camps be places of fun and safety, as young people enjoy a great holiday, make new friends and learn more about you.

We pray for Bishop Rob and Bishop Michael at the North West Bishops' meeting.

Fri 24

We pray for new people to join the Network Youth Church Team in Kendal, Appleby and Barrow Deaneries. Thank you for all those who are already working hard to share the Good News with young people in these places.

Sat 25

St James the Apostle

Loving God, we pray for the young adults within our communities. Help us to find creative ways to include them in the life of our churches and may they feel that they belong.

Loving God we thank you for all Churchwardens across the Diocese, and pray for the Churchwardens' tea at Keswick hosted by Bishop Rob.

Sun 19 Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Mon 20 Diocese of the Arctic, Anglican Church of Canada

Tues 21 Diocese of Argentina, Anglican Church of S. America

Wed 22 Diocese of N. Argentina, Anglican Church of S. America

Thurs 23 Diocese of Argyll & The Isles, Scottish Episcopal Church

Fri 24 Diocese of Arizona, The Episcopal Church

Sat 25 Diocese of Arkansas, The Episcopal Church

July 26 – 1 August

Carlisle West Mission Community

Sunday 26 July – 8th Sunday after Trinity

Loving and Gracious God, **we thank you for Carlisle West Mission Community**. We pray for the churches and communities of St Peter's Kingmoor, St John's Houghton, St Andrew's Botcherby, St John's London Road and 4LIFE. Blessed to welcome guests most weeks, we thank you God for them and pray for them.

Gracious God, we pray for **Bishop Rob as he preaches today at St John's Barrow and St Mary's Walney Island** and for all those who will gather together in worship .

Mon 27

Brooke Fosse Westcott

Loving God we give you thanks for Rev Andrew Towner, Mission Community leader with Kieran McKnight, Associate Vicar and Fraser Clarke, Lay Reader along with Rev Tudor Boddam Wetham and many lay leaders across our community. We pray for Bishop Rob and all those attending the Diocesan Safeguarding meeting today.

Thurs 30

William Wilberforce

Faithful God, we give you thanks for prayers answered in our new congregation at St Andrew's, and pray for wisdom on the next steps forward in Houghton and in continuing to grow younger. We give thanks for the Community Shed in Carlisle and pray for their day today as they welcome Bishop Rob and Bishop Michael.

Tues 28

Faithful God, we pray for our school assemblies in Brook Street, Norman Street, Houghton, Kingmoor Infant & Junior; after school clubs (Houghton & Kingmoor Junior); newly established chaplaincy by Grace Pearson at Kingmoor Infant & Junior and St Peter's Kingmoor Holiday Club at the end August.

Fri 31

Ignatius of Loyola

Loving God, we pray for wisdom in addressing some language barriers with Asylum seekers at St John's London Road, and also good cultural integration. We give you thanks for the opportunity to serve our community in this way.

Wed 29

Mary, Martha and Lazarus

Compassionate God, we give thanks and pray for our community cafés at St Andrew's and St John's London Road, that they may continue to be a blessing to all and a new connection point for some with Church families. For friendship and faith growth amongst the elderly at ReFresh (St Peter's) and in the Amicus club (St John London Road). We pray for Bishop Rob at the House of Bishops meeting today.

Sat 1

God of Wisdom, we pray for advance planning for 'A Community Christmas' at St John London Road (partnering with local schools, charities and musical groups) to go smoothly and enable all ages to have genuine engagement with Jesus and His people.

Sun 26 The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Mon 27 Diocese of Armagh, The Church of Ireland

Tues 28 Diocese of Armidale, Anglican Church of Australia

Wed 29 Diocese of Arochukwu/ Ohafia, Church of Nigeria (AC)

Thurs 30 Diocese of Aru, Province de L'Eglise Anglican du Congo

Fri 31 Diocese of Asaba, Church of Nigeria (AC)

Sat 1 Diocese of Asante-Mampong, Church of the Province of W. Africa



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