



Prayer Diary
September 2026

KEY:

Weekly Theme

Feast, Festival & Holy
Days

World Church



Feast, Festival & Holy Day Prayers for September 2026

6 September - Creation in Christ

Holy and eternal God, you are the Maker of heaven and earth, you are the Word through whom all things were made, and you are the Spirit, the giver of life: draw us into the mystery of your love, that with all creation we may proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

14 September - Holy Cross

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

15 September - Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258

Holy God, who brought Cyprian to faith in Christ, made him a bishop in the Church and crowned his witness with a martyr's death: grant that, after his example, we may love the Church and her teachings, find your forgiveness within her fellowship and so come to share the heavenly banquet you have prepared for us; 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

16 September - Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432

Almighty and everlasting God, who called your servant Ninian to preach the gospel to the people of northern Britain: raise up in this and every land heralds and evangelists of your kingdom, that your Church may make known the immeasurable riches of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

17 September - Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179

Most glorious and holy God, whose servant Hildegard, strong in the faith, was caught up in the vision of your heavenly courts: by the breath of your Spirit open our eyes to glimpse your glory and our lips to sing your praises with all the angels; 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

21 September - Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

27 September - Harvest Festival

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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

29 September - Michael & All Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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

September 6 – 12

Season of Creation

Sunday 6 September – Creation in Christ

As the Church of England observes the Season of Creation this month (1 Sept–4 Oct) our prayers for the next fortnight come from Mia Messenger, Net Zero Carbon Officer for Carlisle Diocese.

Holy and eternal God, you are the Maker of heaven and earth, you are the Word through whom all things were made, and you are the Spirit, the giver of life: draw us into the mystery of your love, that with all creation we may proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. **Collect for Creation in Christ**

As Bishop Rob joins the Biker Breakfast at St Luke's Torver, we give great thanks and pray for those gathering today.

Mon 7 Loving God, we give thanks for all that you have created, help us to cherish and care for our world well. We thank you for all our Eco Churches and their environmental journeys. We pray for the BLT which meets today with Bishop Rob and Bishop Michael. We pray for Rev Becca Gilbert as she is licensed today at Kirkby Stephen Parish Church, for Bishop Michael and all those attending.

Tues 8
Faithful God, we give you great thanks for all those unseen but essential ways of caring for creation such as recording and monitoring energy use with the EFT, giving thanks for all those who undertake these tasks patiently and diligently. We pray for Bishop Michael and all those attending the South Calder Mission Community event at Gosforth Church.

Wed 9
Loving God, we thank you for our diocesan partnership with the Hazelnut Network. For opportunities to learn through the potting shed training, peer & network support, and resources helping our churches to connect Creator, Creation and Community. www.hazelnutcommunityfarm.com. We pray for Bishop Michael and the DBE board meeting today.

Thur 10
Loving God, we give you thanks for our Eco Champions across the diocese and all their efforts to inspire and encourage our congregations. Continue to equip, strengthen and inspire them, as they seek to invite more to join with them in caring for creation in their local areas. We pray for Bishop Rob and those attending the curates and spouses' supper tonight.

Fri 11
Gracious God, we give you thanks for the places in which we gather to worship you. We pray that the energy efficiency measures that we have will make our older churches warmer, more inviting and minimise impacts on the environment on into the future. We pray for Bishop Rob as he visits Arnside National CofE Primary School today.

Sat 12
Loving God, we thank you for the efforts to decarbonise clergy housing and continue to pray that this work will continue to be successful.
We pray for Rev Alfred Jennings as he is licensed today at St James's Barrow, for Bishop Michael and all those attending.

Sun 6 The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

Mon 7 Diocese of Bermuda

Tues 8 Diocese of Bethlehem, The Episcopal Church

Wed 9 Diocese of Bhopal, The Church of North India (United)

Thurs 10 Diocese of Bida, Church of Nigeria (AC)

Fri 11 Diocese of Biharamulo, Anglican Church of Tanzania

Sat 12 Diocese of Birmingham, Church of England

September 13 – 19

Season of Creation

Sunday 13 September – 15th Sunday after Trinity

Loving God, through this Season of Creation, we ask that you would inspire our hearts, creativity and imagination as we seek to serve you and cherish what you have given us. Give us wisdom to use our gifts, skills and experience generously as we work together for the flourishing of our communities and landscape where we live and work.

We give thanks and pray for all those who will be confirmed today by Bishop Michael at Kendal Parish Church, and at St Barnabas, Carlisle by Bishop Rob. We pray for all the candidates, and communities and churches represented as they gather to worship today.

Mon 14

Loving God we give you thanks for the success of projects which are installing solar panels, batteries and heat pumps across our churches. Encourage all those who are working hard on these projects, may they inspire others to join in. We pray for Bishop Rob and Bishop Michael as they attend the College of Bishops which meets today until Thursday.

Thurs 17

Holy God, as we seek to explore new ways of being church across the diocese and carefully steward the gifts you have given us, we give thanks and pray for those who are planning to use their churchyards to grow food and invite their local communities to join them. Bless these opportunities for friendship and flourishing in the places where they gather.

Tues 15

Faithful God, we give thanks for all those across our churches who dedicate their time to careful and gentle stewardship of their churchyards and land connected to their communities. Continue to strengthen and inspire each one as they serve you in this way.

Fri 18

Loving God, we thank you for the partnerships we have as we seek to care for creation, including the shared learning and encouragement we can enjoy. We pray for our partners in the diocese of Zululand who are taking action for the environment by focusing on reducing plastic use.

Wed 16

Compassionate God, we thank you for those planning to rewild their churchyards and provide a haven for biodiversity through gentler management. May others be inspired to join in and work together in these places.

Sat 19

Loving God, we thank you for Mia Messenger our Net Zero Carbon Officer. Thank you for her passion, encouragement and wisdom that she brings to her role. We pray that you would continue to inspire and strengthen her as she serves our churches across the diocese. We pray for the Festival of Pilgrimage today, for Bishop Michael and all those who will join together celebrating the heritage, stories and spiritual life of Cumbria.

Sun 13 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia

Mon 14 Diocese of Blackburn, Church of England.

Tues 15 Diocese of Bo, Church of Province of W. Africa

Wed 16 Diocese of Bona, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Thurs 17 Diocese of Bolivia, Anglican Church of S. America

Fri 18 Diocese of Bondo, Anglican Church of Kenya

Sat 19 Diocese of Bor, Province of Episcopal Church of S. Sudan

September 20 – 26

Barrow Mission Community & Deanery

Sunday 20 September – 16th Sunday after Trinity

Loving and gracious God, we thank you for Barrow Mission Community & Deanery, and its mission and ministry. We pray for the churches of Barrow to be united in the gospel of Jesus Christ as we put our town-wide Rising Faith Barrow vision into action and for God to generously grow his kingdom.

We pray for Bishop Rob as he attends the Consecration of the new Bishop of Stavanger, Norway. We thank God for Tor Magne Nesvik and pray your blessing upon him and the church in Stavanger.

Mon 21

Faithful God, we pray for the Lord Jesus to raise up workers for his harvestfield, especially for these vacancies: Vicar, St Mark's; Planting Curate/Associate, St Paul's/St Aidan's; Growing Younger Enabler (St James/St Mark's).

Thurs 24

Faithful God, we pray for God's Spirit to be at work through a new church planting initiative, Tea-time Church, based out of St Aidan's Newbarns and led by Sarah Richardson, as well as future plans to plant a family-friendly worshipping community out of St James' Hindpool, with new Revitalisation Priest, Alfred Jennings

Tues 22

Loving God, we give great thanks and pray for our new Growing Younger Enabler (St Paul's/St Aidan's), Peter Bloxham, and our new Barrow Network Youth Leader, Wes Tudor, as they begin their roles this month. We pray for Bishop Rob and all those attending the clergy supper at Bishop's House this evening, and Bishop Michael at Flourishing CYPF Mission and Ministry day at Lambeth Palace.

Fri 25

Loving God, we pray for our new Operations & Support Manager, James Simpson, as he works behind the scenes' with operational support to enable the planting and revitalisation of church communities.

Wed 23

Compassionate God, we pray for Opa Geibel as he transitions to a new role, Church Planting & Evangelism Enabler, and particularly seeks to train up new leaders for some of the informal and formal chaplaincy roles he held in his previous role. We pray for Bishops Rob & Michael and all those at the Finance Committee, Portfolio Board and Bishop's Council meetings today.

Sat 26

Loving God, unless the Lord builds the house, the labourers labour in vain' (Psalm 127:1). We pray that God would grow us in our prayerfulness as we look to the Lord in all things. We pray for the Readers' Licensing service at Carlisle Cathedral today, for those being licensed, for Bishop Rob and all those attending.

Sun 20 Anglican Church of Australia

Mon 21 Diocese of Botswana, Church of Province of C. Africa

Tues 22 Diocese of Brandon, Anglican Church of Canada

Wed 23 Diocese of Brechin, Scottish Episcopal Church

Thurs 24 Diocese of Brisbane, Anglican Church of Australia

Fri 25 Diocese of Bristol, Church of England

Sat 26 Diocese of British Columbia, Anglican Church of Canada

Sept 27 – Oct 2

Harvest

Sunday 27 September – 17th Sunday after Trinity

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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. **Harvest Collect**

We pray for Bishop Rob and all those who will gather today for the 300th anniversary celebration at St Hohn’s Helsington, and for Bishop Michael today as he joins with all those worshipping at St John’s Flookburgh.

Mon 28

We thank God for all the harvest festivals that have been and will be, celebrated in our churches and parishes over this month and on into the next. We especially remember Cumbrian farmers, and those who work on the land with the challenges they face.

Thurs 1

We pray for Bishop Rob, Bishop Michael and all those who will attend the DBF and Bishop’s House staff away day. We pray for Bishop Rob as he attends the Cartmel Priory’s PCC meeting in the evening.

Tues 29

Faithful God, as we celebrate the seasons of life and give thanks for your goodness this harvest time, we thank you for our local schools and their harvest celebrations, giving thanks for our children’s generosity and joy, their concern for the environment and care of creation.

Fri 2

Compassionate God, as we gather to celebrate your goodness and bounty, we pray for all those struggling this harvest time. We pray for those who do not have enough to eat and those who are lonely. May our churches be beacons of hope and help, care and compassion.

Wed 30

We pray for the Bishops Harvest Appeal. We give thanks for the money raised in previous years and the projects that have been supported. We ask that you would bless the harvests and celebrations at the given time across our link dioceses in Northern Argentina, Stavanger & Zululand.

Sat 3

Loving God, we thank you for all those who work hard to provide our food from field to fork, and those who care for the land across Cumbria. We thank you for all those who work hard to provide for us locally and further afield.

Sun 27 The Church of Bangladesh
Mon 28 Diocese of Central Buganda, Church of the Province of Uganda
Tues 29 Diocese of West Buganda, Church of Province of Uganda
Wed 30 Diocese of Buhiga, Anglican Church of Burundi
Thurs 1 Diocese of Bujumbura, Anglican Church of Burundi
Fri 2 Diocese of Bukavu, Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
Sat 3 Diocese of Bukedi, Church of the Province of Uganda



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