

Prayer Diary: May 2025

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1 May: We pray for those battling addiction and their loved ones and professionals who support their recovery

2 May: Pray for those finding life very hard to cope with and hope they can find support.

3 May: Saint James the Lesser's Day

4 May: International Dawn Chorus Day

Also International Firefighters Day - we pray for all those who put themselves at risk and give thanks to the Chaplains who support them

5 May: We pray for all the victims of natural disasters around the world

Also: The start of Red Cross Week and the beginning of Deaf Awareness Week and we Pray for all midwives on International Day of the Midwife and pray for all new mothers during maternal mental health awareness month

6 May: National Nurses Day - We pray for all the nurses that help us day to day in their jobs.

7 May: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - remember and celebrate who we are.

Also: National Childrens Mental Health Awareness Day

8 May: VE Day 80 (5th May - 8th May) - to honour veterans and commemorate the end of the Second World War

9 May: Military Spouse Appreciation Day - This day recognizes the sacrifices and resilience of military spouses, who support their families and communities through the unique challenges of military life

10 May: We pray for all those bereaved

11 May: We pray for those self employed and facing difficult decisions about their business

12 May: Buddhist: Vesak - Commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Buddha.

Also: ME awareness day - we pray for all those affected by this condition and the start of Christian Aid Week (12-18 May)

13 May: Mental Health Awareness Week

14 May: Pray for the maintenance of our mental health and that those who need interventions feel able to ask for help

15 May: International Day of Families - we pray for all families

16 May: Lag BaOmer - Jewish. A festive day marking the end of a plague during Rabbi Akiva's lifetime.

17 May: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia - This day promotes equality and fights against discrimination faced by the LGBTQ+ community globally. It's an opportunity to stand up for inclusivity, raise awareness, and foster a culture of acceptance.

18th May: National Children's Day. Pray for the nurture and care of children, especially those in difficult situations

19 May: Dementia awareness and action week

20 May: Pray for all those facing illness and their family and carers offering love and support

21 May: We pray for all educating our young people

22 May: Pray for all those working in the emergency services across our towns, cities, countryside and coastlines and give thanks to the Chaplains who support them

23 May: Pray for those struggling with the cost of living crisis

24 May: We pray for those who are homeless, we hope they find shelter and support, especially for 'The Light Project' in Peterborough

25 May: We pray for the generosity of communities and the power of volunteers

26 May: TRINITY SUNDAY Christian (Western Churches) and LAG B'OMER Jewish

27 May: Pray for Food Banks working to support vulnerable members of our communities.

28 May: Baha'i: Ascension of Baha'u'llah - Commemorates the passing of Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith

29 May: Ascension Day - Jesus Christ's ascension to heaven, observed 40 days after Easter

30 May: We pray for all workplace chaplains supporting others in different locations and industries

31 May: We pray for those who are carers and we pray for all those who are in care homes and those who look after them