

## Prayer diary and readings for June

### *Themes to pray for every day*

- The mission and evangelism at St George's church
- The Leadership and Vision
- Those who are struggling with ill health, bereavement or life
- Our Community Annexe project
- Our regular activities & the volunteers who serve

### *Choices*

O LORD,

I marvel that thou shouldst become incarnate, be crucified, dead, and buried.  
The sepulchre calls forth my adoring wonder, for it is empty and thou art risen;  
the four-fold gospel attests it, the living witnesses prove it,  
my heart's experience knows it.

Give me to die with thee that I may rise to new life,  
for I wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world;  
that I might not hear the voice of the charmer,  
and might be delivered from his lusts.

O Lord, there is much ill about me—crucify it, much flesh within me—mortify it.  
Purge me from selfishness, the fear of man, the love of approbation,  
the shame of being thought old-fashioned, the desire to be cultivated or modern.

Let me reckon my old life dead because of crucifixion,  
and never feed it as a living thing.

Grant me to stand with my dying Saviour, to be content to be rejected,  
to be willing to take up unpopular truths,  
and to hold fast despised teachings until death.

Help me to be resolute and Christ-contained.

Never let me wander from the path of obedience to thy will.

Strengthen me for the battles ahead.

Give me courage for all the trials, and grace for all the joys.

Help me to be a holy, happy person, free from every wrong desire,  
from everything contrary to thy mind.

Grant me more and more of the resurrection life:

may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence.

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – 1 Chronicles 19-21**

Pray for our Church Warden, Chris as she undergoes treatment for cancer and for Colin her husband as he supports her. Pray for those covering her duties including John, Eileen and Terry. Pray for a second church warden to formally help with the role.

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1 Chronicles 22-24**

Pray for those who have fallen out with church in the past or people in church, that they might understand that no church is perfect, nor are they, and that grace and forgiveness would win out and draw them back, even if it was decades ago.

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1 Chronicles 25-27**

Pray for Our Jubilee Garden Party. Gave thanks for those running it. Pray that there would be both many people and good weather. Pray that everyone would enjoy themselves, but that it would

also lead to gospel opportunities with guests and visitors.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> - 1 Chronicles 28-30**

Pray for Ukraine, where Russia continues to take land little by little. Pray that somehow things would reverse and Russians would go home and leave that nation in peace to rebuild. Pray that those who have committed war crimes or abuse would get justice, and rapidly.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> - 1 Chronicles 31-33**

Pray for our new annexe project, especially grant applications that have gone in to give us funding. Pray for the applications going to Virgin Money North East (formerly Northern Rock), the Community Foundation & Community lottery Fund and ask we would continue to find many more sources of funding. Give thanks for grants received and wisdom as we seek the next funding sources.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - 1 Chronicles 34-36**

Pray for 'cuppa cake and company' this morning. Give thank for the team that work faithfully. Pray that others join the team when needed. Pray for good conversations about Jesus and it would lead to people coming to faith. Pray new people to come along regularly.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Ezra 1-3**

Pray for the work of Washington Community Food Project and those volunteering there. Pray for the PCC meeting tonight and those who are new on it to quickly find their feet and bless us with additional wisdom.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Ezra 4-6**

Pray for our Wednesday morning services and those who preach and lead at them. Pray that many would be blessed by this simple and quiet communion/prayer service.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> - Ezra 7-10**

Pray for teachers and pupils back in school after the half-term. Pray especially for those sitting exams and leaving school. Pray for those who are going on to apprenticeships and university, that they would use their long summer holidays well.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Nehemiah 1-3**

Pray for 'cuppa, cake and company'. Give thanks that it has blessed many and continues to do so. Pray for good gospel opportunities to be had with visitors.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> - Nehemiah 4-6**

Pray for the nations hosting hundreds of thousands of refugees from Ukraine, that people would be overwhelming in their welcome and generosity. Pray that Russians might go home and peace would return. Pray that those bent on vengeance would repent.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> - Nehemiah 7-9**

Pray for our family service this morning, that the young people would be blessed and connect with the Lord as well as have fun. Pray for the 'tea and toast' fellowship too.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Nehemiah 10-13**

Pray for the assembly in Fatfield primary school this afternoon. Pray we would make ever growing connections with young people in the area and see many families come to faith.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Esther 1-3**

Pray for the toddler group this morning. Give thanks it is popular and well loved. Pray for more help when it is needed and that many who come would come to faith.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Esther 4-6**

Pray for young leaders to emerge to help lead, pray, read and preach in our church family and that others would join. Pray our discipleship would be faithful and effective.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Esther 7-10**

Pray for our office and those who work with Lorraine as volunteers. Pray for wisdom when we handle conflict with people complaining about issues.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Job 1-3**

Pray for President Zelensky of Ukraine and all those with authority in that nation. Pray that the Russian soldiers would refuse to fight, surrender/lose their equipment, or go home. Pray for the project in Moldova where Nic Bianchi is serving.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – Job 4-6**

Pray for Open Doors: According to the United Nations, there are over 26 million refugees around the world – of which many hundreds of thousands are Christians displaced by persecution. Please pray for Open Doors partners as they continue to meet the growing needs of displaced believers with emergency relief aid and spiritual support.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – Job 7-9**

Pray for Lucy and Nick as they plan their Sabbatical. Pray they would find the right things to do during the first month where the details are still unclear.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Job 10-12**

Pray for the Architect and Engineers designing the heating system for the new annexe, that they come up with a good affordable and effective eco-friendly solution.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Job 13-15**

Give thanks for answered prayer. Pray for those who are new to the church. Pray for those who have been Christians many years too, that they would find their first love again and re-energise their passion for Christ and His mission.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Job 16-18**

Pray for the young people in the church. Pray for leaders to help them grow in faith Pray for our work with young people, and that more would be able to start. Give thanks Assemblies are restarting in Fatfield on a regular basis.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Job 19-21**

Pray for our local councillors and the work they do to improve the area. Pray for other local organisations serving those in need, including Wearside Women in Need.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Job 22-24**

Pray for other mission partners funded through our world giving. Pray for wisdom as we consider the future ways of distributing the world giving money.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> – Job 25-27**

Pray for those who are still fearful of COVID or have developed a very insular way of life in the past couple of years. Pray that the Lord would help them step out in faith and recognise that it is nowhere near as dangerous as some people still imagine.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – Job 28-30**

Pray for those in Leadership in the diocese, especially Bishop Paul. Pray for parishes without a Vicar at the moment. Pray for those parishes struggling for finance. Pray for renewal and a growing vision of gospel ministry everywhere.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Job 31-33**

Pray for our pastoral team and their ministry. Pray for those struggling with mental health.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Job 34-36**

Pray for the issue of rising heating bills. Pray for the church as we face a significant gas price rise in October and a vision to make ourselves more environmentally friendly.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – Job 37-39**

Lebanon: “The trees of the Lord are watered well, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted” (Psalm 104:16). The Bible speaks highly of Lebanon, but the current political and economic outlook for the country is bleak. Pray for Christians to remain hopeful and churches to continue to be beacons of light. Pray also for peace in the Middle East.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> – Job 40-42**

Pray for areas of the world struggling with drought and deforestation. Pray that in the midst of the global chaos, leaders would continue to work to regrow forests and become ‘green’.

**Additional Prayers**

Dear God, cleanse me from anything that is blocking me from walking in victory. Fill me with peace and joy. Renew my strength so that I can sow like an eagle. May I run and not grow weary, may I walk in your ways and not fall. Help me to handle the challenges of life with boldness because I am more than a conqueror through Christ Jesus. Keep my lamp burning and turn my darkness into light. Lord, your ways are perfect, and your word is flawless. I love and adore you. In Jesus’ name, I believe and pray, Amen.

My Righteous God, we thank You for Your presence as a church and for our continuous growth. We pray that You will continue to illuminate and transform the Word in our lives, giving us divine authority over the power of darkness that wants to resist the growth of Your church. We plead the blood of Jesus Christ over Your church and believe by faith that there will be supernatural expansion, according to Your will. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Dear God, let your Spirit speak words of wisdom and guidance over my life today. You promised a Comforter who will be with me every step of the way to guide me and supply what I need. Be with me, Father. Help me speak the right words, make the right choices, and choose the right opportunities. Making decisions can be confusing. Holy Spirit, don’t allow me to make mistakes. Help me determine which direction will open the right doors and cause productive relationships to flourish. Amen.