

COVENTRY PRAYER DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

For this month the prayers are not all dated, so that you can read through the month and focus on areas each day or on your heart.

Sometimes our prayers flow and sometime we find our praying difficult - thinking that we are not being listened to - but let's try and remember that our Heavenly Father always listens - we then have to have faith for answers to our prayers in His timing.

Isaiah 41: 10 & 13

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.

As summer turns to autumn, we give thanks for the beauty of God's creation. For time spent with family and friends whether this has been at home or away on holiday. For times spent on the beach by the seaside (giving thanks for those who have had the experience of the seaside for the very first time via the AFIA initiative in MU). For walks in the countryside, for light evenings. And we remember those who during this time have found it difficult for whatever situation they find themselves in.

We pray for all our children and young people, starting for the first time, or returning to school, college and university. We pray that they will not feel too anxious, but will look forward to the new year with confidence.

The theme for September in our yearly MU diary is -
' The Power of Reconciliation '. As a Partner in CCN (Community of the Cross of Nails) may we reflect on the Litany read each day in our Coventry Cathedral and across our Country and World, praying for one another and worshipping our God of Peace and Reconciliation.

There are so many areas of our world and society under threat, anxiety and war zones focus on an area for some time

10th September ...Is our Trustees Awayday. May this be a blessed day for them to be together and also enjoy time in each others company with fun and laughter too. We give thanks for their faith and trust in God and for all their prayerful commitment in all they do in His name for the future of MU in Coventry Diocese, and we as members, uphold them, as they make decisions and plan.

We pray for those coping with illness or bereavement ...for comfort in difficult times. Pray for medical teams using their expertise to support those who are unwell and in

need of a diagnosis that results can be processed so that treatments can begin as soon as possible. And also for those bereaved that they may know your peace Lord in their time of need, be with family and friends who support them at this difficult time, with all that has to be arranged at these times, and grief and tiredness making things more stressful.

Pray for the churches in our Diocese (and beyond) our Cathedral website has a lovely list of their welcome...for all and more!

Pray for special welcomes to our church

Pray for those who might find it difficult to even enter

Pray for the 'welcomers ' their friendly face special to us in times of happiness, celebration and especially when trials and sadness come.

Pray and remember all the 'people of prayer' whose prayers soak up in the stones of the building over the years, some who were known to us and remembered with a smile.

Pray for the clergy in churches for wisdom, caring and building faith.

Pray for our new Bishop Sophie as she continues to settle in Coventry.

Pray for the new Archbishop of Canterbury to be announced very soon for this new chapter in the Church of England.

Pray for people of all ages searching for and seeking The Lord Jesus Christ that new hope and faith in their lives maybe a transforming encounter for them and society too.

27th September (Saturday) is the Canterbury Provincial Gathering in Oxford.

Pray for a time of celebration and bringing together so many in the name of Jesus Christ and Mothers' Union.

A prayer from the C of E Everyday faith App to conclude the September prayers

Loving God, thank you that you call us to be your beloved children, to know you, and share our lives with you. Help us find our home, our rest, in you.

Amen.