

## GREAT MALVERN PRIORY PRAYER DIARY MAY 2024

1. Pray for Mothers' Union members in our church and worldwide supporting women in diverse circumstances  
The people of Yemen show incredible resilience and have an unwavering hope for change. Pray for the support groups run by one of Tearfund's local partners, which are equipping communities with strategies for conflict resolution and dealing with trauma.
2. Keep up prayers for Lifepath preparations as they gather pace  
In Brazil, Tearfund works with the Christian environmental and rights movement, campaigning for indigenous rights. Give thanks for the new Ministry of Indigenous Peoples, for the re-establishment of the National Council for Food and Nutritional Security, and for revoking the law that allowed illegal mining on indigenous lands.
3. Pray that a Mission Accompanier may soon join us to help us with our mission to children and families  
'Living and working in a post-genocide Rwanda is challenging,' says Emmanuel Murangira, who leads Tearfund's work there. 'But it is humbling to see what God is able to do in situations that are humanly impossible.' Pray for the 7,000 churches in Rwanda to become places of transformation.
4. Pray for just a Cuppa servers and recipients alike and for all serving at and visiting the Arts and Crafts Market in the churchyard  
If the weather is kind, pray for protection for all who climb the tower today; if not, that visitors will not be too disappointed and enjoy a guided tour.
5. Sunday May 7th will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the first women priests to be ordained in Worcester cathedral. Among them was Marje, sponsored by Malvern Priory. Give thanks for their ministry, that of all who have joined them since, and our ordinands Gilly and Philippa. Pray too for Becky Elliott, Diocesan Dean of Women's Ministry.
6. Pray for all PCC members, including the recently elected, as they settle into their roles  
St Katharina's Wolmirstedt: Pray for the renewing power of the Holy Spirit to inspire afresh God's people in Wolmirstedt. Uphold Stephanie Schneider in her ministry as organist and Gospel Choir leader at St Katharina's.
7. Pray for safety and an enjoyable day for all on the Friends of Malvern Priory outing to Gloucester Cathedral and Nature in Art  
We give thanks for the Friends' engagement with the wider community of people who love and support the Priory building and its activities, and pray for continued growth in numbers of those people.
8. Give thanks for the good work done by Buildings and Grounds committee, and pray about their future projects  
Pray that the weekly football and multi-sports club on Fir Vale estate in Sheffield run by Holly Phipps, Scripture Union Sports Mission Pioneer, will help young people to learn more about how sport and faith connect and that they will find out more about Jesus through the annual SU Easter camp.
9. Ascension Day: pray for safety for all climbing the tower to worship at 9.00am.  
Families Inc. (which starts this month) is a new SU holiday for families with children who have additional needs. Please pray for Helen Vinter and the team as they lead it, that it will be a place of welcome for everyone and that the families who attend will be refreshed and inspired.
10. Pray for guidance for Rod, caring for us while planning his future. Pray for Adam in his role as Curate alongside teaching  
Pray for Supporter Care Assistant Debbie Edge as she communicates with those who support Scripture Union generously, both in prayer and through donations. Give thanks for those who subscribe to Bible Reading Guides; pray that God will continue to encourage them.
11. Pray for Peter King and all who attend his organ recital today  
CARE's role in guiding politicians in Parliament and other public bodies is immense; pray for everyone involved. Issues such as assisted dying, the consequences of gambling, abortion law etc take up a lot of time. Pray for all who receive CARE's guidance and use it to form their approaches to issues facing them.
12. Sunday Pray this Christian Aid Week that people pushed to the brink of poverty find the strength and opportunity to push back harder and fulfil their hopes and ambitions. The theme of C A's service materials is Extraordinary Love, reflecting on God's love and the call to love our neighbours. See more at [christian-aid.org](http://christian-aid.org)
13. Pray for our Treasurer, Finance Committee and collection counters handling our money and balancing the books  
Mosaic Middle East (MME). Pray for safety for the 400+ families who are either sheltering in or seeking emergency aid each day at St. Porphyrios Church in Gaza City.
14. Give thanks for the hard work of our Custos, his deputy and the volunteer support team whose work can be taken for granted  
MME. Pray for safety for the congregation of St. George's, Baghdad, as they travel to and from the church despite roadblocks, demonstrations and the threat of violence.
15. Pray for our retired clergy and LLMs who will take on additional work during the Vacancy. Pray for stamina and guidance.  
MME. The majority of those who attend St. George's live below the poverty line. Pray for the poor who are suffering so much in Iraq now due to the weakness of their currency and give thanks for the support that St. George's is able to give.

16. Join the prayers of all who worship in Holy Communion this morning

Marsabit: In the past few months there have been 6 new church plants in Marsabit diocese. For the present they are meeting in temporary buildings (e.g. corrugated iron). In the longer term more permanent church buildings will be built. Pray for these new congregations of Christians, that they may grow in faith and in numbers,

17. Remember Priory members unable to leave their homes to come to church, but join in worship as best they can

New church plants in Marsabit diocese mean more church leaders, more buildings, more maintenance, more administration. Pray that the necessary finance may be forthcoming, in a community that is very poor.

18. Pray for everyone at the Farmers' Market, and for Malvern Festival Chorus singing Spirituals and Psalms in the Priory this evening

The Marsabit Mothers' Union has had a conference on the theme "Wholesome health for a Wholesome family." Pray that the impact of the Christian faith of wives and mothers will affect for good every aspect of family and community life.

19. Pentecost: we celebrate this Feast together, including the Messy Church attendees this afternoon

John and Gillian Robinson, from the Place of Grace in Bangkok, Thailand, will visit the Priory June 22nd/23rd. Pray that we will take every opportunity to hear from them what God is doing in the Place of Grace, and that our prayer and financial support will be strengthened.

20. Give thanks for our Pastoral Care Team and PALs who are so helpful to us all when we are in need

Pray for John and Gillian as, from May to July, they travel around their supporting churches in England. Pray for stamina, and increased support. And for staff, back in Thailand, running the Place of Grace in their absence.

21. Pray for our Worship Committee considering future worship, with the vacancy in mind

Open Doors partners in Afghanistan ask us to pray for parents of young girls who want to send their daughters to school to receive an education but face government restriction. Pray for a change of heart for the Taliban government so they are able to see women as equal contributors to society in every way.

22. Pray for Anne and Catherine in their busy administrative roles

Open Doors: Pray for all caught up in ongoing violence in Israel and Gaza. Pray for the churches in both Gaza and Israel to be protected strengthened and enabled to comfort those around them showing the love of God.

23. Pray for our website producer and Magazine editor showing the Priory to our neighbours near and far

In Ethiopia, a new wall was recently built by a church with support from Open Doors. During Ramadan Christians from the church encouraged Muslims to be given priority when collecting water. This kindness surprised Muslims and eased hostility between the two groups. Give thanks to God for this and pray for continued good relations.

24. Pray for all who lead the music in our worship, and our bell ringers calling all to worship

Continue to pray for all who are involved locally in Christians Against Poverty, helping people who are in debt to budget effectively and giving practical help (e.g. filling in forms etc) to try to prevent debt. Give thanks for all whose despair has turned to joy as they have emerged from debt dominating their lives. Pray for stamina as more people seek help.

25. Pray that the Shop volunteers will be kept busy serving the many visitors to our church

Care for the Family always wants to be on the front foot on the developments impacting our children, so is starting to create content on the concerns that arise due to the growth of AI and virtual reality. Pray for this initiative.

26. Trinity Sunday Pray for our Mission Committee highlighting our support of missions around the world as well as our role locally

Bible Society believes the Bible is God's gift to the world, so wants everyone to discover its message for themselves. It translates the Bible, makes it accessible, brings it into public spaces encouraging people who have never thought it was for them to explore it and see life through a different lens. Pray for everyone involved in this work.

27. Pray for guidance for all our Home Group members meeting together for study and fellowship

Remember Christians in Parliament and in all spheres of political life in this country. Pray with them as they seek to make The Lord's voice heard in debates and policy forming and that God's will is done by all who execute the laws of the land.

28. Give thanks for the hard work of our churchwardens

Pray for CARE's Leadership programme in which recent graduates are placed in Parliament and NGOs to learn the role of Christians in the workplace. Previous trainees now occupy positions of influence behind the scenes, advising and providing material to help front-line politicians and government officials.

29. Pray for vision for our Leadership Team

Pray for the Lyttelton Well and plans for Town Chaplains to be appointed

30 Pray that our visitors will appreciate our Welcomers, Tour Guides and all whom they meet in our church

Pray for the Food Bank as more and more people seek help. Pray for a steady flow of donations.

31. Remember our flower arrangers, brass cleaners, linen launderers and all "behind the scenes" contributors to our church

Loving God, We believe that you want peace, offer peace, bring peace, call us to find peace in you, and live in peace with each other. For if there is to be peace at all there must be peace for all. Please keep showing us the way and give us the humble boldness to walk in it. Don't let us give up. In the name of Jesus the peacemaker we pray. Amen. (Adapted from CMS)

*Please send contributions for June by 10 May*