

THE PARISH OF PRENTON

The Congregation of St Stephen & St Alban

We commit to Worship, Share and Care

Registered Charity number 1131998

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Daily Prayer Diary



Day 1 The Congregation of St Stephen's & St Alban's

We give thanks for the congregation here in Prenton. Let us rejoice in each others gifts and talents as part of the Body of Christ.

We pray for unity as we seek to grow closer to God and each other. We ask for God's vision as we work together to build up this congregation, and reach out to others in our area.

Day 2 Our Prayer Life

We pray that God would help us to find time, individually and corporately, to pray and to build up our spiritual life.

We pray that through dependence on God we may experience his love and guidance in our daily lives. May we be open to the influence of the Holy Spirit in prayer and Bible reading.

Day 3 Our community

We pray for those living in our parish, many of whom do not know the love of God in their lives. We pray that they may see Christ in our lives, and may know his presence through us.

We pray for our contacts through baptisms, weddings, and funerals, that we may be able to pastor and support them.

Day 4 The Neighbouring Churches

May we share with others who belong to our Christian family, in local churches, our faith in Jesus and His love for us all.

We thank God for the development of our ecumenical links with the 'Churches Together in Prenton and Woodchurch (CTPW) and ask for his help in deepening our commitment to growth.

Day 5 Our Diocese and Deanery

We pray for our Bishops and Archdeacons as they seek to further the work of God within our Diocese.

We pray too for our Deanery of Birkenhead and for our Rural Dean, that together we may build God's Kingdom here.

Day 6- Our Missionary Links & Christian Societies

We pray for all those Charitable Agencies that we support financially, both locally and abroad. We give thanks to God for the work that they do with those less fortunate than ourselves. (MANNA, The Children's Society; Christian Aid; C.M.S.; The Leprosy Mission; U.S.P.G, The ARK, Charles Thompson Mission etc) Help us support them in prayer, and ask God to bless them and give them wisdom as they seek His will.

Day 7 The Preaching, Teaching and Worship of the Church

We pray that God would inspire all those who preach and teach in our church with his Holy Spirit. We pray that God would build us up in truth, faith, love and understanding.

Day 8 Our Junior Church & the Young People

We pray for the children in our Junior Church. We pray especially for those who lead and teach our children. We ask for God's blessing on them so that they may present the gospel in such a way, that the children may come to know God and grow in understanding.

We pray too for all children and young people in our parish, that they may find a place for God in their lives.

Day 9 The Uniformed Organisations

We pray for our different groups, and for their leaders, giving thanks for the opportunities these organisations provide. We ask God to assist us in strengthening their bonds with our church.

Day 10 Mothers' Union

Father we pray for our M. U. here in Prenton. We pray for the members of the M. U. world-wide in their work of promoting family life. We pray for an increase in membership and commitment.

Day 11 The Local Schools

We pray for the local schools, especially Prenton Primary and Devonshire Park that we may continue to build on the links already there. We pray for the Headteachers and teachers, that they may have a positive influence in the children's lives and that God's love may be revealed.

Day 12 Faith: Belief

We pray that God would increase in each of us his gift of faith and trust, and that he would encourage us to be faithful in studying his word and following his commandments. We pray that we may we put our belief into practice so that God may be glorified in our lives.

Day 13 The Clergy & Readers

We pray for our Clergy and Readers as they serve our parish. May God give them the encouragement and support that they need in their lives that empowered with the Holy Spirit, that they may serve this parish in truth and holiness.

Day 14 The P.C.C. and it's sub-committees

We pray for all who make decisions regarding the life of our church, and ask for wisdom, discernment, vision and guidance. We give thanks to God for the faithfulness of past members and pray for vision and guidance for all church members as we seek God's will in developing this parish.

Day 15 Our Church Wardens and sidespeople

We thank God for all those who serve the parish so faithfully. We give thanks for the Wardens and pray that God will give them the necessary gifts to fulfil their tasks. We ask God to raise up more people to share in this important ministry in our Parish.

Day 16 The Parish Office, administration & publicity

We pray for those working and helping in the parish office, for its smooth running, and the witness in promoting the life and activities of the church.

We pray too for the editor, producers and distributors of our Parish Magazine, praying for its witness and service to those who receive it.

Day 17 Our Growth Action Planning (G.A.P.)

We pray that God may develop in each of us a sense of Vision.

We pray that we would be able to discern God's will for us as a parish as we seek to reach out to our community. We pray for us as individuals that God would deepen our commitment to him.

Day 18 Our Church Finances and the Offering of all we are.

We pray for all those involved with our finances in the parish.

We lift to God our financial serious position and pray that all in our congregation would offer their time and money, giving thankfully for the ongoing work of God in this community and the continuing of the life of this parish.

Day 19 Those who prepare the church for worship

We pray for the sacristans, those who organise sound and lighting systems, the cleaning team and the flower team.

We pray that God would move in the hearts of more people to share in these tasks and know the joy of serving him.

Day 20 The Churches' Music

We pray for those who minister through music in our services, especially Charles as he leads our music, our choir, and the music group. We ask that God would increase the number and musical strength of the choir.

Day 21 The Church Hall & its activities

We thank God for our halls, and pray for all who use our church halls for their meetings and social events that they may use the facilities wisely and safely. We pray for the committee and all involved with the booking, maintenance and cleaning of the halls.

Day 22 The maintenance of building & garden

We pray for wisdom for our committees as they work through plans for the future improvements of the church. We ask for safety during all work undertaken. As we thank God for our buildings, we pray that they may stand as a witness to him in this community.

Day 23 Faith: Action

We pray that our faith may lead to obedience and action for God. We pray that we may learn from the example of Jesus our Saviour, who came to serve, not to be served. We ask the Holy Spirit to empower us to do God's will, in all aspects of our life.

Day 24 Our Bible Studies; Prayer Meetings & other activities

We give thanks for the monthly Prayer group and Bible Study groups. We ask God to help us to know our Bible better so we have a deeper relationship with and commitment to God. We pray for all our 'Discipleship' courses, for the leaders and those who attend.

Day 25 Our baptisms, confirmations, funerals and weddings

We pray for all those who choose our church for their 'rites of passage'. Guide those who lead the interviews and teaching sessions and for those who visit the family or plan the service. We ask that God would give us wisdom and understanding so that these families may stay and become regular members of our church.

Day 26 Refreshments and social activities

We give thanks for and pray for all those who minister to our physical needs by serving refreshments after services, and on special occasions. We pray that these social occasions may build up our fellowship with each other.

Day 27 The ministry of Christian healing

We pray that we can continue to reach out, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to those who need God's healing touch in body, mind and spirit. We pray that we may all grow in faith and trust in God.

Day 28 Residential & Nursing homes

We pray for all those who live or work in the local homes for elderly people. We pray especially that each one may be strong in faith as they deal with the stressful times of community living and give the care, consideration and love that each needs.

Day 29 The Bereaved

We pray for the families and friends of those who have died recently. We pray for those involved in ministering to the bereaved, that they may share the love and compassion of God with those who are grieving.

Day 30 Those who are carers

We pray for those who care for relatives at home. We remember those who work in our hospitals and for the Home care services and support agencies in our community

Day 31 The faithfulness of previous generations

We thank God for all those who have shared in our worship in the past, and who have given of their time and talents for the ongoing work of the church. We pray that we may continue the work which they have begun, until we all share together in the Kingdom of God.

Prayers for General use.

THE GAP PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
you command and inspire your church to make disciples:
may our church become a joyful and vibrant
community of welcome, worship and service,
spreading hope to those around us
and attracting others to the fire of your love;
may your Spirit be at work through our Growth Action Planning,
helping us to catch a vision for your church
and to serve you faithfully, to your glory and honour. Amen

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Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

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Heavenly father, your Son cured by His healing touch and word.
We ask that you would heal the sick and bless those who minister to
them. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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