

Prayers for the 20th of July 2025

Dear Lord, we worship you this morning.

Help us to fix our eyes on you.

It is a privilege to call You Lord and we bow before Your throne of grace. We declare your presence and power over our lives now in Jesus' name.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father, regardless of our circumstances, we give You thanks for all You have done in our lives. Whatever season we are in, we thank You. In the middle of a struggle, we thank You. In the mountain of blessing and abundance, we thank You. When we don't know which way to turn, we Thank You.

We thank You for being able to turn our feelings of unworthiness into value, our thoughts of insecurity into confidence, feelings of bitterness into overwhelming gratitude.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick and grieving. We pray that You stand with those whose load feels too heavy to bear. Holy Lord, we pray for everyone affected by the coach crash that happened last week in Somerset. Lord, please heal the injured and comfort the family of the child who died.

Father Lord, take control as we spend a few moments in silence bringing forward names of people and other circumstances on our minds, where Your spirit needs to be felt.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Make a way where there seems to be no way Lord, in all the parts of the world where there is unrest. We know that as a God of miracles, you have the power to bring peace and understanding, wherever there is conflict. Father God, we ask for your intervention, your guidance and Lord, we ask You to do what only You can do, in terms of conflict resolution and peace.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

As we start the summer holidays, Father God, I ask for wonderful memories, rest and relaxation for our clergy, church team and all who attend St Paul's.

The costs and logistics of planning the summer break can be tricky, Lord and so I ask You to make a way where there seems to be no way. Father, I pray for the holiday club and all that is done to support local families over the summer break. Let the children and leaders leave the time enriched because You are part of their experience, in Jesus' name.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

I thank You for the time we have spent with You this morning. Infiltrate our lives in ways that we cannot imagine. Open our eyes so that we stand firmly, knowing that we are never on our own. Whatever our week holds, Lord, and in all our interactions, help us to choose gentleness and grace.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ.