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THANKSGIVING

Sunday 16 June

Father's Day
Loving God,
Thank you for dads and children and for all the joy of family life.
Be with those who are grieving because they have no father;
Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children;
Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.
Let your love be present in every home.
Amen

MON 17

This week is Learning Disability Week, Sarah Smith invites us to pray,
Lord God, our divine creator,
Guide us, O God, to create environments of inclusivity and acceptance where every child feels valued and supported.
Help us break down barriers and foster a community where differences are celebrated as opportunities for growth and understanding.
In Your holy name, we pray, Amen

All these CofEB Praying Together prayers can be found on our website www.dio.org.uk/CofEB-PT
To submit your expression of prayer go to www.dio.org.uk/PTprayer or by post - Comms Team, John Cadbury House, 190 Corporation St, Birmingham B4 6QD

TUE 18

The Parish of St Matthew with St Chad invites us to pray,
Lord, we thank you that you call us to serve your world in many and various ways. Help us to fulfil your calling by loving and serving all those who turn to your Church, and all who the Church reaches out to in this Parish. Amen



WED 19

Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of our CofEB community - spiritually, socially, and economically. May we work together to create a place where all are valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met. Amen

THU 20

Today is World Refugee Day,
Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



FRI 21

Owyn Powell, invites us to pray,
As this month of the school term brings us towards the end of the school year, we pray for our teachers at Water Orton Primary School and Park Hall Academy as they ensure the safety of pupils surrounding the work associated with HS2. Amen

SAT 22

Dele Sotonwa, invites us to pray,
Dear Lord, As we commemorate Windrush today, we pray that you help us to learn to look beyond ourselves and our interest only. Give us the grace to be gracious, kind and generous to everyone particularly those who are different from us. To constantly remember that we have all been created in your image, to dwell in love and unity so that your glory can be revealed in all the earth. We ask for your blessings on all creation this day and let our nation continue to be a place of welcome, peace and tolerance where people of diverse race and background can always find fulfilment and rest. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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Sunday 23 June

Lord, we give thanks to all farming communities across the world. Guide them and bless them, O God of Abundance. We pray for favorable weather, abundant crops, communities of support, fair economic practices, and strength and perseverance. Amen

MON 24

Heavenly Father, We ask for your divine protection over our city of Birmingham and surrounding areas. Watch over us, our families, and our neighbours, keeping us safe from harm's way. Strengthen the hands of those who work tirelessly to safeguard our streets - the brave men and women of our police and fire departments, the selfless healthcare workers, and all the dedicated individuals who serve our city with unwavering dedication. Let your presence be a shield of safety and comfort for us all, and we will be ever grateful. Amen

TUE 25

Dear Lord, we lift up to you the next stage of the Building Surveyors project and pray together that funds are forthcoming allowing us through Andy and John's work, to continue to support parishes helping them with their building maintenance.

WED 26

The Project Management Office (PMO), invites us to pray for the Children and Families Mission Enabler for the Deanery of Warley & Edgbaston,
We join with Warley & Edgbaston Black Country Youth Group and pray that more young people will come to join in this experience of worship and that volunteers are called to support this group. Amen



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THU 27

Prayer today is from Canon Claire Land, Malawi Task Group,
Today we pray for all Mothers' Union members in Malawi. We give thanks for their dedication and skills in the many projects they undertake in their local communities. We especially remember and pray for their work with children, feeding those from needy families and taking care of those whose parents have died. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen



FRI 28

Revds Barrie Scott and Siobhan Bridge, Chaplaincy Convenors, invite us to pray,
Almighty Father, on this Feast of St Irenaeus, who teaches us that "the joy of God is each individual fully alive", and on which day we also remember the Stonewall Riots of 1969, we pray for all those who are prevented from being fully themselves, either through prejudice or oppression. We continue to pray for the full inclusion of all God's children in His Church and Kingdom, especially our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. We give thanks for the continuing ministry of our Diocesan LGBT+ Chaplaincy Support Team, and pray for them in our shared calling to love one another as you have loved us. Amen

SAT 29

Catherine Grylls, invites us to pray,
We pray and give thanks for the participants of the Commissioned Children's Pathway, as they come together to enjoy a weekend of learning and community in Derbyshire. Lord we call on you to grant great conversation, inspiring teaching and space to encourage as support each other.



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Sunday 30 June

Gracious God,
You call us to love and to serve, not only with words, but also in presence and actions. We give thanks for your chaplains, guide and protect them and magnify your grace through them. Through them give hope during joy and sorrow and provide your chaplains with words of comfort and truth. May they effuse the peace that comes only from you. Amen

