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CREATIONTIDE

Sunday 1 September

John Nightingale invites us to pray,  
 St Giles Day marks the start of Creationtide. Giles was a hermit in France who was injured by an arrow when shielding a deer, and is a patron saint of animals and people with disabilities.  
 Lord, we thank you for those who protect the weak from the violence of the strong, and we pray for greater compassion to be shown towards your creation. Amen

MON 2

Prayer today is from the Coleshill & Polesworth Children and Families Mission Enabler (CMFE),



Loving God, we ask for support for our parishes in the Deanery of Coleshill & Polesworth to engage with new children and families. Help provide a pathway for them to build their faith through joining worshipping communities and becoming new disciples. Amen

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TUE 3

Lord, help me find my rest in you. Help me to pay attention to my soul as well as my body. Help me to hear your gentle voice above all the others that clamor for my attention. You will show me those things you want me to do, and you will be right there beside me as I do them, giving me strength. Amen

WED 4

Revd Canon Catherine Grylls invites us to pray for those who share in the ministry of Spiritual Accompaniment,



O God, you love us with a perfect love. We give thanks for all those who share in the ministry of Spiritual Accompaniment. Give us all the gifts of grace we need to listen for your leading. Amen

THU 5

On International Day of Charity we are invited to pray,

Lord, Grant us wisdom to respond effectively to the needs of your people with grace and compassion. Give us the courage to speak your words of life, peace, love, mercy and human solidarity. Bless the people whom we serve, and strengthen the staff and volunteers who reach out to them every day in your spirit of charity. Amen

FRI 6

Revd Manda Featherstone invites us to pray for St Mary's Wythall, as they offer the four-week '321 Course',

Father, as people explore the Christian faith, we pray that they will experience God's love and meet with Jesus. Amen

SAT 7

The Net Zero Carbon - Property Team, invites us to pray,

Lord, you have created the most wonderful planet for us, we pray that your creation is protected for future generations and that work towards reducing carbon emissions is seen across all levels and key parts of the life of the CofEB. Amen

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Sunday 8 September

Eternal God, the whole world is full of your glory. We bear forth the anguish of Creation in the time of the climate crisis to you. In your grace, grant us the opportunity to do good, as your created co-creators. Amen

MON 9

Prayer today is for the Oversight Areas in Aston & Sutton Coldfield,



Lord, we pray for the newly started central Sutton Oversight Area youth group and for all these Oversight Areas as they start their mission sessions, that they will find really clear purposes to gather around in mission and shared life. Amen

TUE 10

A prayer offered by Birmingham Cathedral for peace in a time of disorder,



God of love, our hearts are broken as we see hatred and violence in our land. We pray for peace and justice on our streets and in our communities, for those injured or frightened, for peacemakers, for the emergency services. Lord of life inspire us with a vision of your kingdom so that together we may overcome division and see your justice and mercy triumph in all the earth. May we shine as lights in the world bringing your peace and love to our beautiful and diverse city region. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

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WED 11

Today's prayer is inspired by the song 'Thanksgiving' from Gas Street Music,

"What shall we do, we shall lift up a shout What shall we do, we shall praise Him What shall we do for our God made a way We'll give Him our Thanksgiving"

You can listen to this song on YouTube or choose your own.

THU 12

The Project Management Office (PMO) Team Intercultural Project, invites us to pray,

Heavenly Father, we pray for our CofEB church communities to have a desire to take the risks involved with intercultural mission and for good connections with church leaders. Amen

FRI 13

Dear God, give me eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith. Amen

SAT 14

Revd Canon Catherine Grylls invites us to pray for those all involved in University Chaplaincy,

O God, you are present everywhere and hold us in your love. We give thanks for all who offer Chaplaincy presence in our universities. We pray for staff, students and local churches as the new year begins.

CREATIONTIDE



Sunday 15 September

Lord of all creation, we pray for farmers and producers across the world who are living with the ravages and fear of climate change threatening their livelihoods and income. Lord, please protect the farmers, animals and crops as the autumn and winter months approach. Amen





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MON 16

Loving Lord, we pray for the climate crisis and the devastating impact on children's lives and future generations. We thank you for young people and their passion and conviction to care for and protect your world for the common good. Amen

TUE 17

Rev'd Canon Catherine Grylls invites us to pray for all those taking part in Growing Gifts and preparing to step into locally authorised ministry either preaching or leading worship on an occasional basis.

## Growing Gifts



O God, you give many and varied gifts to your people. We give thanks for all who are taking part in the Growing Gifts programme. We pray for them and the churches they are part of as they prepare to step into locally authorised ministry either preaching or leading worship on an occasional basis. Amen

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WED 18

God of Creation, we give thanks for the miracle of healthcare. For all in the NHS whose skill, dedication and compassion we rely upon. We commit to work for justice in healthcare provision, for care for all who need it - according to their need. In the name of Jesus who came to bring life we pray. Amen

THU 19

Prayer today is inspired by Acts 11:21, "And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord."

FRI 20

Canon Claire Laland, Malawi Task Group invites us to pray,



As the container with gifts for Malawi will be leaving the Midlands tomorrow, we pray for all individuals and parishes involved in collecting goods, packing and sending the gifts on their way. We pray also for those receiving them in Malawi and for a safe journey for the container. Amen

SAT 21

Rev'd Canon Catherine Grylls invites us to pray for one another as we gather together in Oversight Areas to share in Mission Planning together,



Three-in-one God, you have created us in your image to be in community. We give thanks for our sisters and brothers in neighbouring churches and parishes. We pray for one another as we gather together in Oversight Areas to share in Mission Planning together and grow your church. Amen



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THANKSGIVING

## Sunday 22 September

Rev'd Manda Featherstone invites us to pray,  
Loving God, we give thanks for those who have attended Alpha at St Mary's Wythall and who are growing in their faith. Amen

MON 23

Mother Charlotte, CofEB Anglo Catholic Missioner, invites us to pray,

God, we pray you breathe life into each context and that you would draw people who are waiting to be invited. Amen

TUE 24

Loving God, thank you for your unfailing love and your deep and peaceful rest. In your name we pray, Amen

WED 25

Prayer today is inspired by Romans 12:12, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need."

THU 26

God of boundless energy and light: We thank you for the courage and passion of Wilson Carlile who, after the example of your Son, sought new ways to open your Church to diverse leaders as beacons of the Gospel of Christ. Quicken our hearts to give bold witness to Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FRI 27

Handsworth & Central Oversight Area invites us to pray,

O Father, grant us hearts filled with compassion and respect as we navigate conflicts. May we seek understanding, show kindness, and work towards peaceful resolutions. Amen



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SAT 28

Rev'd Canon Catherine Grylls invites us to pray for the facilitators of Growing Gifts who are gathering for a Quiet Day today,

O God, you call us to work with you and to rest with you. We give thanks for opportunities to come aside and rest awhile. We pray for the Readers who are facilitators for the Growing Gifts programme on a Quiet Day together today. Amen

CREATIONTIDE



## Sunday 29 September

Throughout Fairtrade Fortnight we are invited to pray,



Lord, hear our prayer for the Fairtrade movement - for all who campaign and spread the message. May our love to each other and to your creation deepen our commitment and determination so that voices will be heard more loudly and that the impact of campaigning will increase. We ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen

FRI 30

Our Father, guide us towards a future filled with hope and light. May your wisdom illuminate our path, leading us to success and fulfillment in all our endeavours. Amen

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