

Faith at Work – Cycle of Prayer 2013

This cycle of prayer offers a work-related topic and prayer for each week of the year. The prayers can be used in church, at home and at work. The topics can also be used as a source of inspiration for the intercessions offered during Morning and Evening Prayer.

Where space permits, the topics and prayers will be found in the diocesan cycle of prayer under the relevant Mondays.

January 2013

Week commencing:

Sunday 6 January 2013

Senior managers and leaders in the private and public sectors

We pray for people who bear the burdens of responsibility, having power over other people's lives. God give them wisdom, and the strength to do what they need to do with understanding, honesty and integrity. Be with them when they have to take tough decisions and help them to know that they are not alone. **Amen**

Sunday 13 January 2013

Those on low pay, in financial difficulties or homeless

We pray for all who work and receive very little pay in return, who struggle to put food on the table and to clothe their family. God give them the courage to face each new day with hope and strength to carry on. Thank you for all the organisations that help to relieve the burden of poverty in our communities. **Amen**

Sunday 20 January 2013

People working in financial services and marketing

Moving money and selling dreams. Heavenly Father, we pray for all who work in our financial services and in marketing. When they are serving customers, help them to act with wisdom, understanding and integrity. When creating products and adverts, help them to consider how they might affect the weak and vulnerable. **Amen**

Sunday 27 January 2013

Housewives and husbands

We pray for all who work in their own homes, housewives and husbands, parents, children, single people, bent over the washing up, heaving the laundry, cleaning and cooking. Let no one take such vital work for granted, for there is a time to be Martha. **Amen**



February 2013

Week commencing:

Sunday 3 February 2013

People working in emergency and recovery services

We pray for those who work in the emergency services and for those who provide recovery services whenever we need help or raise the alarm. God give them the courage to face the dangers in the work they do. Watch over them whilst they work and keep them safe from harm

Amen

Sunday 10 February 2013

People working in Human Resources and all who make decisions that affect people's jobs

Living God, we pray for all line managers who face having to make decisions that will affect people's jobs and for the Human Resources teams who will support them in making and delivering these tough messages. Strengthen them to communicate with compassion yet without fear or evasion. **Amen**

Sunday 17 February 2013

Those who feel stressed at work

God of love, we pray that you bring peace to those feeling stress Who are working long hours and have little time to rest God we ask that you help to ease the load of the work that they do And give them inner peace to find time to share with you

Amen

Sunday 24 February 2013

People who have just been made redundant, for the long-term unemployed and all who are helping them to find work

God of love and mercy, we pray for all who are unemployed and feel disorientated by the loss of purpose, earnings and self-worth. Help them to receive the support that they need to keep on looking for a new job, a new career. May they know that everyone is valuable to you and to your world. **Amen**



March 2013

Week commencing:

Sunday 3 March 2013

People who work in construction, mining, manufacturing and printing

God we ask that you watch over those working in construction and mining
As they bring us fuel and make buildings that we can live in
We pray for those working in the printing or manufacturing industry,
That their production goes smoothly and the products fault free.

Amen

Sunday 10 March 2013

Scientists and engineers

Creator God, thank you for this beautiful world rich in resources. We pray for scientists and engineers as they discover more and more about our world and create new ways to use its resources for the benefit of humanity. Help them to see and consider the potential wider, longer-term implications of their work.

Amen

Sunday 17 March 2013

All who work in Information Technology

Creator God, we thank you for all who work in IT, for everything that they do behind our screens to make our lives much easier. We thank you for their intelligence, innovation and inspiration. May they find fulfilment in using their skills in wise and positive ways. **Amen**

Sunday 24 March 2013

All who provide health care and medical services

Christ the healer, we pray for all whose work is to heal and to ease pain.
Let them also be healed and comforted. **Amen**

Sunday 31 March 2013

All who work in training, education and child care

Christ the teacher, we pray for all whose job it is to bring out the best in others and to handle and re-shape the worst in their pupils. Give them the vision to see how they can share their knowledge and nurture and grow talent, and the strength to cope when their job becomes stressful. **Amen**



April 2013

Week commencing:

Sunday 7 April 2013

People who stay at home to care for relatives and children

God of love and kindness we ask that you look after those who
Stay at home to look after their relatives or children every day
We pray that you will give them support and help them to get through,
And let them find some time and space for themselves today

Amen

Sunday 14 April 2013

All who provide accountancy, consultancy and legal services

We give thanks for the work of lawyers, accountants and consultants, working to apply
knowledge and reason in a world of conflict and stress. God protect them from the temptations
of their jobs. May they, and we, be as respectful of those with little money as we are of those
with much. **Amen**

Sunday 21 April 2013

All who design buildings, roads and towns

We thank you for all who design our towns, buildings and roads, for they have made the face of
the world that we move in. We pray for them as they shape the communities where we live,
work and travel. Help them to make safe, caring and inspirational decisions. **Amen**

Sunday 28 April 2013

All who design and create new products and services

Creator God, we pray for all who design and create new products and services. Sometimes
their work is woven unnoticed into our everyday lives and often it is forgotten. We remember it
now, we thank you for it. Help them to glimpse you in their work and see your design for the
world. **Amen**



May 2013

Week commencing:

Sunday 5 May 2013

All who work at sea, in the air, on our roads and control our journeys

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who work at sea, in the air, on our roads and who control our journeys. We pray here and now for all whose lives are stretched all over the world, whose shift patterns are varied and challenging. May they find some home, some anchorage and security among all this motion. And may they sense your loving presence with them wherever they go.

Amen

Sunday 12 May 2013

All who work in social services and welfare organisations

Loving God, watch over all whose job it is to protect and care for families, young people and vulnerable adults in need of support. May they know that you are always with them, in the joy, in the sadness and when making tough decisions. **Amen**

Sunday 19 May 2013

All who work in the entertainment industry

We give thanks for entertainers and those who put on a show
Who bring entertainment and joy our way
Whose long hours and rehearsals may not easily flow
We ask that their performances may go smoothly today

Amen

Sunday 26 May 2013

All who work in the media

Creator God, inspire all who work in the media to act with integrity, to listen to the needs of their communities and to know that their creativity brings happiness and companionship to their audiences. **Amen**



June 2013

Week commencing:

Sunday 2 June 2013

People who work at home and those who are self-employed

For those who work for themselves or from home we ask
That you guide them in the work that they do
Help them when they work to complete a task
And we pray that their problems may be few
Amen

Sunday 9 June 2013

All who work for local councils, in the civil service and for national and European Parliaments

Lord God, we thank you for all who have chosen to serve their country and community by working for local councils, in the civil service and as MPs and MEPs. May they, like King Solomon, be filled with your wisdom and guided to act with compassion, understanding and honesty. **Amen**

Sunday 16 June 2013

All who work in warehouses and storage depots

We pray for those who look after goods that we store
In warehouses or depots where they are stacked
Protect them when they move goods across the floor
And that the items are kept safely packed
Amen

Sunday 23 June 2013

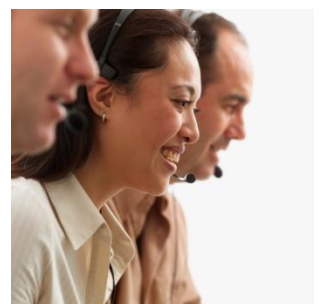
All who repair and improve our homes and gardens, and fix and service our cars and bikes

Jesus, carpenter and redeemer, we thank you for all who use the skill of their hands and eyes to repair, service and improve our homes, gardens and vehicles. Bring them calm when frustrated, strength when weary and hope when work is scarce. **Amen**

Sunday 30 June 2013

All who work in call centres, on helplines and in telecommunications

We thank you for those who are close at hand
By phone when we need advice on what to do
We ask that you give them the clarity to understand
So that with our problems they can then talk us through
Amen



July 2013

Week commencing:

Sunday 7 July 2013

Volunteers who work overseas

Father God, we give thanks for all who volunteer to work overseas, bringing hope where is none, health where there is sickness, essential facilities where they are missing. Give strength to them and their families. **Amen**

Sunday 14 July 2013

People who cannot work due to ill-health or incapacity

God of love we ask that you take care of those who
Cannot work due to disability or because they are ill
We pray that you will hold them close to you
And be beside them so your love they can feel
Amen

Sunday 21 July 2013

All who work for online retailers

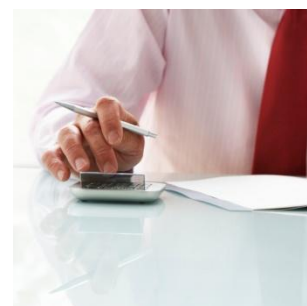
God of the universe, we pray for all who work behind the scenes, allowing us to shop on-line and to have items delivered to our doors. May they know that their work makes a difference to the housebound and to those with very busy lives.

Amen

Sunday 28 July 2013

All who are about to start a new job or set up a new business

We pray for those who are setting up a new business
Or who are starting a new job today
God we ask that you help them to find success
And that you bring more work their way
Amen



August 2013

Week commencing:

Sunday 4 August 2013

All who are retired

God of all time and ages, we pray for people who are retired and give thanks for all that they do for their families, for their church and for their communities. When they feel lonely or unwanted, help us to bring them the light of your love.

Amen

Sunday 11 August 2013

All who work in travel and tourism

We pray for those who work to look after the tourist
Or who work in travel so that we can get away
Guide them in their work so that nothing goes amiss
With the service that they provide for us this day

Amen

Sunday 18 August 2013

All who work in pubs, restaurants, coffee shops and take aways

Jesus, you shared many meals with family, friends and strangers, help all whose job it is to prepare and serve food and drink to feel valued and respected, even though the hours may be unsociable and the pay may be low.

Amen

Sunday 25 August 2013

All who work in sports and leisure centres

We give thanks for those who work in leisure and sports
Who provide us with activities that we can play
We pray for those who work in gyms, on pitches or in courts
Help keep them safe from injury when they coach today

Amen



September 2013

Week commencing:

Sunday 1 September 2013

All who are in full or part-time education, especially those who are about to go to a school, college or university for the first-time

Father God, watch over and encourage all who are in full or part-time education. Look after those who feel nervous about going to school, college or university for the first time. Guide those whose behaviours put them at risk them of being excluded from their places of learning.

Amen

Sunday 8 September 2013

All whose work takes them away from home for extended periods

Jesus, your ministry took you away from your home and family, watch over and encourage all whose work takes them away from their loved ones for long periods of time. Help them to feel that both you and their family are always near to them.

Amen

Sunday 15 September 2013

Volunteers who work in their local communities and places of worship

We thank you God for those people who give up their time freely
By volunteering their help in places of worship and in the community
Jesus, we ask you to be with them and support them in what they do
And that while they are helping others, you are helping them too

Amen

Sunday 22 September 2013

All who work for charities and grant making organisations

Creator God, we give thanks for all who work for charities and grant making organisations. May their work make a lasting difference to the people, communities and environments that they are seeking to nurture and protect. **Amen**

Sunday 29 September 2013

All who work in farming, forestry, fishing and who care for animals

We pray for those who work in forestry, fishing or on a farm
Whose job requires them to work in all weathers and for long hours
God we ask that you watch over them and protect them from harm
And for Jesus to keep them company during their working day

Amen



October 2013

Week commencing:

Sunday 6 October 2013

All who work in or have been caught up by our criminal justice system

God of justice, we pray for all who work in our criminal justice system, protecting and caring for the victims; catching and rehabilitating the offenders; listening to and deciding the outcome of cases. Fill them with wisdom, empathy and resilience as they do their challenging yet life changing jobs. **Amen**

Sunday 13 October 2013

All who work for our local railway, bus, coach and taxi companies

We pray for those who provide the transport services that we use each day
Driving taxis, coaches, working on the buses or on the local railway
Lord God, we ask that their journeys go smoothly and they arrive alright,
And to watch over them when they are working during the day and at night
Amen

Sunday 20 October 2013

All who work as hairdressers and in beauty salons

Lord of our beautiful world, we pray for all who work in our hairdressing and beauty salons and for those who take their creative skills out to people's homes. Help their customers to remember to say "thank you" and to give them a smile when they are happy with the outcome.
Amen

Sunday 27 October 2013

All who work in clubs, theatres and cinemas

We pray for those who work in theatres, clubs and cinemas
Who provide entertainment for us and work late into the night
Lord Jesus, be at their side and support them whilst they entertain us
And that whatever role they have, that everything for them goes right
Amen



November 2013

Week commencing:

Sunday 3 November 2013

All who work for Funeral Directors and those who provide bereavement counselling

We pray for those who help people who have lost a loved one to God
For funeral directors and all who give counselling to those who grieve
Protect them from the emotions and sadness that surrounds them
We ask that Jesus be there with them whilst they console the bereaved

Amen

Sunday 10 November 2013

All who work in our armed forces and their families

God of peace, we pray for all who work in our armed forces, defending our country, protecting people in countries where there is conflict and rescuing people after accidents and natural disasters. Give strength and safety to them and watch over their families. **Amen**

Sunday 17 November 2013

All who work in shops, on market stalls and in garden centres

Creator God, we give thanks for all who work in our shops, on market stalls and in our garden centres. May they know that their hard work and thoughtfulness makes a difference to our lives, our homes and our gardens. **Amen**

Sunday 24 November 2013

All who buy products and materials from overseas and UK suppliers

We pray for those who buy products and materials from home or abroad.
God, we ask that you are with them during any negotiations they undertake,
And that the products be of the best quality at a price they can afford
Lord Jesus, we ask that you travel with them on any journeys that they make

Amen



December 2013

Week commencing:

Sunday 1 December 2013

All who work for utility companies – such as gas, water, electricity, sewage and waste disposal

Lord God, we pray for all who work for our utility companies, bringing us the essential services that we need at home, at work and at leisure. May they seek to protect your creation whilst using its resources to deliver gas, water, electricity and other vital services. **Amen**

Sunday 8 December 2013

All who provide care and support for people in their own homes, in assisted living accommodation and residential homes

We pray for those who work hard to provide support and loving care
To people in their own or residential homes, or in assisted living
Lord Jesus we ask that you walk with them and your love to share
To help them to cope with their emotions from the love they are giving
Amen

Sunday 15 December 2013

All who are in jobs just for the Christmas season

We pray for those who find jobs just for the Christmas season
We ask that you help them to cope with the extra demands this will bring
Help them to find time for their own Christmas needs
And for the Christmas Spirit to be with them while they work
Amen

Sunday 22 December 2013

All who will be working on Christmas Day

Father God, as we celebrate the birth of your Son Jesus Christ, help us to remember all who will be working on Christmas Day – looking after others, delivering essential services and helping us to visit our families. Give them the time and energy that they need to share the joy of Christmas with their families and friends. **Amen**

Sunday 29 December 2013

For an appropriate balance between work and life, and for our leisure activities

God our Father we pray to you that you will help us to find
A balance in our life, between our leisure
and the work that we do each day
We ask that you to help ease the pressure
and the tension from our mind
And help us to find time to enjoy our lives, whether at work, rest or play
Amen

