

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Pray for doctors and scientists researching Alzheimers and Dementia. Give thanks for their continuing efforts to find ways for sufferers and their families to cope with their illness and so making life easier for both. Pray for anyone you know with Alzheimers or dementia.

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Pray for Ditch the Label, an anti bullying charity providing support to thousands of young people aged 12-25, primarily through online partnerships. It also works with schools, colleges, parents/guardians, young people and other youth organisations. Pray for the young people they are currently helping.

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Pray for all the charity shops operating in Cannock. Pray for all their volunteers trying to do what they can to raise funds to enable the various charities to continue to help those in need. Give thanks for those who donate goods to be sold in the shops.

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Father You are our rock, and we run to you today, believing that you will lift us up, that you will fuel us for the tasks you've given us, and that your joy will consume the weakness of our lives and make us strong again.*

*Renew our strength, Lord. Fill us with your power to overcome each obstacle in our path. With our eyes on you, Lord, with you walking beside us, we can make it.*

*Thank you, Lord! In Jesus' name. Amen*

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Pray today for World Vision the world's largest international children's charity. Every day bringing real hope to millions of children in the world's hardest places as a sign of God's unconditional love and helping children – of all faiths and none. World Vision believes it takes a whole community to create happy and fulfilling childhoods and works together with communities so they're empowered to do just that.

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Transfiguration of Jesus**

*Father in heaven, who's Son Jesus Christ, was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:*

*give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is;*

*who is alive and reigns with you. Amen*

**Prayer for the Transfiguration**

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the work of the domestic violence charity Refuge which supports more than 4,600 women, children and men on any given day who have suffered such violence. Pray for those it is helping through a range of services, including refuges, independent advocacy, community outreach and culturally specific services.

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for Rugeley Deanery of which Cannock is a part. Pray for the Rural Dean, for the clergy and lay people who serve on deanery synod discussing and reflecting on matters which affect the deanery and the parishes within it. The Synod also communicates Diocesan Synod decisions not least in the allocation of clergy to the parishes.

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for Crisis UK working directly with thousands of homeless people every year offering one to one support, advice and courses for homeless people in 12 areas across England, Scotland and Wales, helping with finding a home and settling in, getting new skills, finding a job, or help with their health and wellbeing.

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the team of intercessors and at St. Luke's and St. Thomas' leading the prayers during and worship helping the whole congregation to focus on particular issues, giving prayers of encouragement and giving voice to the concerns and worries of the world, the church and our local communities.

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Almighty God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself, help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you. Through him who was lifted up on the cross and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one god now and forever. Amen*

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the churches in our parish. Pray for their life, worship and witness. Pray for a real move of the spirit in our communities that will turn people's hearts and minds to God and to Jesus as Saviour and Lord, that they will also turn to the church for the nurturing of their faith and for the support and fellowship of a living faith community.

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Pray today for the Anthony Nolan Trust. Every day the trust matches individuals willing to donate their blood stem cells or bone marrow to children with blood cancer and blood disorders who desperately need lifesaving transplants. Pray for the donors and the recipients. Pray for children and their families who are anxiously waiting for a matching donor to be found.

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the hospices in our area providing end of life care not only for the patient but also for their families and loved ones who suffer with them. Pray for the doctors, nurses and carers who work in the hospices. Pray for anyone you know who is in a hospice at present.

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Remembering the Virgin Mary**

*"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name."*

***The Magnificat the Song of Mary***

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the work of the Parish Office. Pray for Donna and Leigh. Give thanks for all they do in their work in the office in the administration of the parish. Pray also for their work in overseeing the letting and administration of the Church Centre and St. Barnabas Hall, providing meeting places for a variety of groups. Pray for the centres management team.

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Pray today for Cancer Research UK giving thanks for the progress that has been made in the treatment of cancer. In the 1970s, less than a quarter of people with cancer survived, today half will survive. Pray for those scientists doing the research accelerating progress so that three-quarters of people survive the disease within the next 20 years.

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

*God our Father, extend our horizons, widen our vision, and remind us how inter-connected we are as your sons and daughters, worshipping and serving together. Breathe your Spirit into us that we may live more truly as brothers and sisters of one another. Amen.*

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Pray for the work of Release International a UK-based Christian ministry, supporting believers around the world who are persecuted for Christ and the gospel. Release International prayerfully, pastorally and practically does all it can to love, serve and support persecuted and imprisoned Christians.

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Pray for Pastor Kim Kuk-Gi in North Korea charged with: Espionage and spreading 'religious propaganda' from an 'underground church. He was arrested in 2014 and was sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour. He had dedicated much of his ministry to helping North Korean defectors in China.

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Pray for Mussie Ezaz has been an evangelist in Eritrea for more than 14 years and had worked with Youth for Christ for a number of years before developing his own ministry to young people as a leader in the Kale Hiwot Church. He was arrested by the authorities in 2007 but like many arrested Christians he has never been tried or charged.

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Pray for Ju Dianhong an ordinary Christian, who was arrested in China's southern Yunnan Province following an area-wide crackdown on cult activity. She was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment in 2016, falsely accused of leading the "Three Grades of Servants" religious sect for which police claimed she recruited members, did missionary work, and spread news of the apocalypse.

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Pray today for the churchwardens at St. Luke's and St. Thomas . Give thanks for their hard work much of which goes on behind the scenes. We give thanks for all those who support and assist the wardens. Pray also for Theresa our verger and those who assist her.

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

Pray for the Ministry Team, for Vicky and Marie, for Gill, David and Di leading the worship week by week. Pray for those preparing to lead worship tomorrow. Pray for them as they prepare to preach God's word at tomorrow's worship services.

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

*"Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness, That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us All Your purposes for Your glory. " Amen*

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

Pray for the Birmingham Children's Hospitals where there are many children with blood cancer. Give thanks for the care given by doctors, nurses and ancillary workers seeking to cure the children and who try to make the children's stay in hospital as comfortable as possible.

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Loving God, we pray today for those who are confronted by the sadness, ambiguity and confusion of mental illness, and for those upon whom they depend for attention and compassionate care. Look with mercy on all whose afflictions bring them weakness, distress, confusion or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give to them understanding helpers and the willingness to accept help. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> St. Augustine

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy.*

*Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy.*

*Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy.*

*Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy.*

*Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy.*

**Prayer of St. Augustine 354-430**

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

Pray the prayer on the front page.

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

Pray for Home Care workers, giving the social, domestic and personal care which individuals need to remain in the comfort of their own home, and to continue to live independently and safely with dignity and privacy. Pray for the care agencies in Staffordshire providing this care.

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> St. Aidan's day

O loving God, who called your servant Aidan from the peace of a cloister to re-establish the Christian mission in northern England, and endowed him with gentleness, simplicity and strength: Grant, we ask you, that we, following his example, may use what you have given us for the relief of human need, and may persevere in commending the saving Gospel of our Redeemer Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever **Amen.**

Parish of  
St. Luke Cannock and  
St. Thomas Huntington

## PRAYER NETWORK AUGUST 2024



### Parish Prayer

*Almighty God,  
You have opened the way to eternal life  
to every race and nation by the  
promised gift of your Holy Spirit;  
shed this gift abroad throughout the world  
by the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ,  
that it may reach to the ends of the earth;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.***