

Renew, O Lord, the faith among the peoples of Europe.

Grant to the European peoples peace, prosperity, and security.

St Benedict
pray for us.

St Cyril & St Methodius
pray for us.

St Catherine of Siena
pray for us.

St Bridget of Sweden
pray for us.

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
pray for us.

O God, in your ordering of all things family life has its firm foundation; mercifully hear the prayers of your people and teach us to imitate the Holy Family in our conduct and love for each other, that we may be welcomed with joy to your heavenly home.

Almighty, ever-living God, whose wisdom decides the length of our days, give us health, comfort, and well-being and grant, we pray, that our spiritual peace may grow even when bodily vigour declines. In the strength of your living word, direct our hearts and minds to live all our days for you.

*God of all creation,
by the word of your mouth
the oceans came to be;
by the power of your Son
the mighty waves were stilled.*

*Protect those who go down
to the sea in ships:
give them a [prosperous voyage /
bountiful catch]
and bring them to safe harbour.*

Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Mark 4:39–41

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Ordinary Time Summer

Because the joy and hope, the struggle and anguish of the people of this age and especially of the poor and those suffering in any way are the joy and hope, the struggle and anguish of Christ's disciples, the Church prays not just for its own needs but for the salvation of the world.



The Bishops of England and Wales invite you to join in the Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for the current intentions, both with your parish community and in your own personal prayers. On some days these intentions will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. Also it is hoped that vigils and other prayer services will be held.

This leaflet offers a selection of prayers and texts on the intentions of the Cycle of Prayer which may be used in private or public worship.

Throughout Ordinary Time: Summer we are asked to pray for these intentions:

**A Deeper Understanding
between Christians and Jews**

**Those Who Suffer
Persecution, Oppression
and Denial of Human Rights**
especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 June)

Europe
especially of the feasts of St Benedict (11 July), St Bridget of Sweden (23 July), St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (9 August) who with St Cyril and St Methodius (14 February), and St Catherine of Siena (29 April) are Patrons of Europe)

Seafarers
especially on Sea Sunday (2nd Sunday in July)

Human Life
especially on Day for Life (13rd Sunday in June)

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

*Hear, O Israel:
The Lord is our God,
the Lord alone.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your might.
Keep these words
that I am commanding you today
in your heart.*

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Let us pray
for the Jewish people,
the first to hear
the word of God,
that they may continue to grow
in the love of his name
and in faithfulness
to his covenant.

Good Friday liturgy

*O God,
help us to respect and love your
people the Jews,
to pray for them,
and to work with them to further
your kingdom.*

THOSE WHO SUFFER PERSECUTION, OPPRESSION AND DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS

*Respect for the human person
entails respect for the rights that
flow from one's dignity as a creature.
These rights are prior to society and
must be recognised by it.*

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Love your enemies
and pray for those who
persecute you;
in this way you will be sons of
your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:44

*Righteous God,
whose Son bore witness to the truth
even while suffering shame
and death,
strengthen those who suffer
persecution.*

*When they are accused,
keep them from speaking in hatred;
when rejected,
preserve them from bitterness;
when imprisoned,
save them from despair.*

*Render justice to the oppressed
and rouse us to do what is right,
that our society may be cleansed
and made new.*