

All Saints Church Clifton
Cycle of Prayer – September 2018

Date	Festival	Prayers
1	Giles of Provence 710	Pray for those struck by sudden and unexpected misery. For those who face trauma and grief that makes them want to hide from this world.
2	Trinity 14	Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth
3	Gregory the Great, Bp of Rome 604	Pray for all who maintain the tradition of liturgy and yet keep it relevant for the time. Gregory was known as the 'father of Christian worship' because of his revision of worship in his day. Pray for all those worshippers across the world and of different denominations that use the same readings and forms of worship each and every day.
4	Birinus 650	Pray for those who live in 'new' towns and communities. Places without history that have become established villages or towns. Berinsfield (after today's commemorated Saint) was the first English village built on virgin land for 200 years (in 1960). Berinsfield became the 'dumping ground' for those considered difficult by Oxford City Council. Pray also for challenged and challenging families.
5		International Day of Charity. Pray for the work of charities, their foundation, employees, volunteers and donors. Remember their causes. In particular pray for a charity of your own choice. First day of term. Pray for students, staff and teachers at all our schools – especially St John's Primary School.
6	Allen Gardiner 1851	Sailor, Missionary and Martyr. Before his death he wrote in prayer <i>"Lord, at your feet I humbly fall, And I give you all I have, All that your love requires. To lack is best, For all is yours, Take care of me in this hour of test. Do not let me have the thoughts of a Complainer. Make me feel your power which gives life And I will learn to praise you while carrying your cross.."</i>
7		For all associated with the writing, editing, publication, marketing and retailing of books. For readers, especially those who find books (written and recorded) as their only means of escape and entertainment.
8	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Pray for and give thanks for parents; remembering those who desperately want children but are unable to have them, those who have children but are unable to care for them. For foster parents and all who work to ensure children have a parent.
9	Trinity 15	Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service
10		Pray for those with suicidal thoughts and those who live and work with them. An estimated 800,000 people commit suicide each year (and 20 million attempt suicide). The WHO promotes the philosophy of 'Connect, Communicate, Care' which act to reduce the frequency.
11		Inventors, creatives and new thinkers. Those who see beyond what already exists and try to shape what might be for the good of creation

		and humankind.
12		Computer programmers and all who work in the ICT industry. May they work to develop hard and soft ware that serves the good of all creation. Especially we Remember those who are 'addicted' to their technological devices to the destruction of their social and 'real' life.
13	John Chrysostom 407	Pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are Jewish or Muslim. May we develop common understandings and mutual regard that enables us fuller worship of The One God.
14	Holy Cross Day	Pray for prisoners and all who are in any way confined. Pray for those who suffer torture both physical and psychological. Remember it was through an instrument of torture that our Salvation was won.
15	Cyprian 258	Pray for those whose faith has been damaged because of experience or tragedy. Pray for those whose faith has declined over the years. Pray for those who are constantly challenging and changing. Pray for ourselves.
16	Trinity 16	O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
17	Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen 1179	Pray for all those who are in positions of power and authority. Especially that they use their power and influence to the good of humankind and all of creation. Power has always been subject to abuse and the attraction of corruption – this seems especially so in current times (we need look no further than our 'Western neighbours in Europe and the USA). Hildegard worked against corruption in the church.
18		Pray for all who work to manage and protect the flora and fauna of the British meadows. Pray for those who holiday in this country and enjoy the beauty and variety of our landscapes. Remember all who work amongst and with butterflies – an important group within earth's biodiversity and a 'flagship group' indicating the health of the environment
19	Theodore of Tarsus 690	Anglo Saxon scholarship flourished as a result of Theodore (Archbishop of Canterbury). Pray for academics who work to lift our understanding of the literature, culture and history of this period that shaped the British people. Pray for our nation and the wealth of our modern culture due to centuries of continuing immigration.
20	John Patteson and martyrs of Melanesia 1871	Bishop and Martyr. Pray for the people of the Solomon Islands. Pray too that we may have due regard for the culture of others on this world and not impose 'Western ways' on people with very different understandings.
21	Matthew Apostle	Give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ
22		Pray for women in business and at work. Sexism is still prevalent in the workplace and many roles subject to stereotyping. Pray for the work of woman priests in our church.
23	Trinity 17	Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face;
24		Pray for those who go hungry. Not just in third world countries, but

		the increasing numbers in Poland, Germany, United States and United Kingdom.
25	Lancelot Andrew 1626 Sergi of Radonezh 1392	Pray for growth in understanding and links between the Orthodox and Anglican traditions. Remember the editors, authors and academics and the readership of the Journal 'Sobornost' and all who foster links between the churches.
26	Wilson Carlile 1942	Pray for and give thanks for the work of the Church Army. A mission-focused community of people who are transforming lives and communities through the work of evangelists, staff and supporters. We are committed to sharing the Christian faith through words and action in a variety of contexts across the British Isles
27	Vincent de Paul 1660	Known as the 'Apostle of Charity', he was captured by Barbary pirates and sold several times as a slave (4 years). Pray for those who exist as slaves in our modern world.
28		Who is your neighbour? Pray for your literal neighbours, for those you sit close to in church and for the ability to respond to Jesus' teaching 'love your neighbour as yourself.
29	Michael and All Angels	As your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth
30	Trinity 18	Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy;