

PRAYER DIARY JULY AND AUGUST 2022

“Oh the life of the world is a joy and a treasure,
unfolding in beauty the green-growing tree,
the changing of seasons in mountain and valley,
the stars and the bright restless sea.”

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We know, loving Father God, that sometimes we show the world our good side while harbouring thoughts and prejudices we can confess only to you. Forgive us, Lord and guide our thinking into better ways.

In a world where promises are broken every day, we turn to you, Almighty God, knowing that your promises are always true. For this we praise you.

Lord Jesus, you came as a servant to all. Help us to follow your example. Help us to be alert to the needs of others, to be good listeners and to respond with understanding.

Lord, we pray for young people. May the focus on them on International Youth day on the 12th of August bring concrete future benefits. We pray also for young people facing new situations of many kinds. May they be guided well by those around them to make good choices so that they are able to mature and develop in positive ways.

Prayer is requested for those whose lives have been disordered by an addiction to gambling, and for their families and friends who sometimes feel powerless to help. May your transforming power be shown through the agencies which endeavour to break the cycle of addiction and restore lives to wholeness.

Prince of Peace, we continue to pray for every area in the world where there is war. Grant wisdom to those who have the responsibility of leadership, so that they may be able to discern when it is best to act and when best to offer conciliation; and, loving Lord, be with those who suffer as a result of war. Those whose lives are utterly changed or even lost, through no fault of their own. Nerve every person who strives for peace, in whatever capacity, to remain active and hopeful in that cause.

We give thanks for summer months, for open spaces of greenery, sea and sky, and we thank you, Creator God, for every living thing on our beautiful planet.

Dear Lord, throughout history we your children have rebelled against you yet you have forgiven us and led us back to you if we have been sorry and asked to return. As we become aware that our refusal to act as good stewards of your world may well result in our extinction, may we turn to you in humility, knowing that we are undeserving, to ask for time and a concerted will to change our ways.

Father God, we pray for all who are dying. Hold them in your gentle arms as they leave their earthly lives, and grant comfort and peace to those who mourn for them.