

Prayers for 5 July

Loving God, as we reflect on the words of Scripture
and learn from the wisdom of your Son,
so we pray in his name:

for the people of the USA as they mark the anniversary of their independence;
for discernment for those who will vote in the presidential election in
November;
for healing where injustice and racism have caused great pain and division
and for courage and unity where changes are beginning to be made;

God of love
hear our prayer.

We pray for all entrusted with the gift of teaching children and young people;
for those who struggle to learn and for those denied an education;
we pray for more resources, more opportunities, more equality.

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We pray for all who care for those with serious mental health issues;
for those who work with patients who may pose a threat to others;
for those who feel bowed down with their responsibilities,
for those with family or friends who are depressed,
and for all those engulfed by mental turmoil.

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We pray for the people of Hong Kong, of Tibet and for the Chinese
Government;
for the people of Israel and Palestine and their governments;
for all places where in the past there has been violence,
where today there is unrest
and where the future is full of fear and mistrust.

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We pray for churches throughout the world,
that we may learn new ways of sharing the gospel.
We give thanks for the integrity and faithfulness
of our national and international church leaders.
We pray for all leaders and pastors in our local church families.
We pray for one another in our daily encounters,
and for those we hold in our hearts who we would love to see come to faith.

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We pray for the sick and the sorrowing and all who need your healing touch.
We pray for the people of Yemen and for aid agencies bringing relief to those
who have little access to medical help. In this parish we pray specially for:

Zachary Sayers	Michael Vickars	Sharon Pilbeam
Karen Wade	William Campbell	Deryck Flashman
Penny Havercroft	Samuel Lung	Joan Graham
David Johnston	Sarah Osborne	
Michelle Woodmore	Izzy Jones	
	Richard Pilbeam	

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Father, we bless you for all who have gone before us in the faith of Christ, and
especially we remember

Tony Johnson	Elizabeth Wright	Anthony Hartnoll
Dot Burgin	Margaret Taylor	Peggy Grant
Clare Welstead	Mark Wade	Don MacDonald

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