



## **THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF**

part of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

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# **PRAYER GUIDE**

Sunday, 15 October 2023 – Saturday, 2 December 2023

## **A Prayer for the Diocese**

God of infinite compassion and gentleness,  
you call us to be your people  
in every place to which you lead us.  
In this our earthly pilgrimage  
walk alongside us as our guide,  
sustain us by your Word and holy sacraments.  
Raise our eyes to see your glory  
in all you have made  
and to be your new creation,  
through Jesus Christ our ascended Lord.  
Amen



**Sunday, 15 October 2023**

**TRINITY 19**

**The Archdeacon in Cyprus:** Pray for Archdeacon Christopher's ministry, for the parishes of Cyprus, and for justice and peace across the island.

**Nicosia: St Paul's Cathedral** welcomes all nationalities and faiths to partake in worship within these walls. May your stay on this Island of Cyprus reflect our loving kindness and friendship. Holy Spirit, sent by the Father ignite in us your Holy Fire.



*Heavenly Father, bless our efforts in building your kingdom. May your Holy Spirit continue to guide us in love and service to you, and others, living in the community around St Paul's Anglican Cathedral in Nicosia. Amen*

**Sunday, 22 October 2023**

**TRINITY 20**

**The Archdeacon in the Gulf:** Pray for Archdeacon Michael's ministry, for the nations of the archdeaconry, and for all who live in them, both citizens and others.

**Limassol – St Barnabas:** Limassol is the principal port of Cyprus and a vibrant cosmopolitan city. Pissouri is a village with significant tourism and many second homes. We have wealth and poverty around us and among us. British military bases are nearby. We serve a varied expat, English speaking, community from a fascinating variety of nations, countries and cultures.

*Father God, unlock the gifts you have placed within us, release fresh ministries and hidden talents, deepen our apostolic charism of bringing the encouragement of Jesus to all we meet, for the sake of your kingdom. Amen*



**Sunday, 29 October 2023**

**TRINITY 21**

**Diocesan Staff:** Pray for those who conscientiously and skilfully serve the administration of the diocese.

**Paphos:** The Parish consists of three places of worship: The church of **Ayia Kyriaki**, (by St Paul's Pillar), Kato Paphos; the Church of **St Stephen** in Tala and the Church of **St Luke** in Prodromi, which serves the town of Polis, the resort of Latchi and surrounding villages.



*Heavenly Father, open our souls and grant us a new vision of your truth; inspire us with the spirit of joy and gladness; and make us the cup of strength to suffering souls. Amen*

**Sunday, 5 November 2023**

**TRINITY 22**

**Ministry:** Pray in thanksgiving for faithful clergy and others ministering Word and Sacraments in all parts of the diocese.

**Bahrain:** **St Christopher's Cathedral** is in Central Manama with services on Friday and Sunday, and in Awali, the oil compound, on Saturday mornings. We are a relatively small, but very international community, hosting many other congregations of varying traditions who use our compound during the week.

*We pray that our vision for ministry may go beyond our current needs and will encompass our responsibility to those who will come after us many years from now.*



**Sunday, 12 November 2023**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East:** Pray for our fellow dioceses of Iran, and Jerusalem.

**Kuwait:** The Anglican Church in Kuwait, **St Paul's**, has three - English, Urdu and Mandarin - congregations. There are three English worship services in a week and two of them are held at Ahmadi on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. The Centre hosts nineteen other congregations.



*Heavenly Father, we are delighted to experience your love. Give us hope and trust in you amid the challenges we encounter as a parish. Inspire your people to be thankful to you for all your grace and divine protection. Continue to bless the goodwill we receive from the State of Kuwait and other stakeholders and bring more people to our fellowship. Amen*

**Sunday, 19 November 2023**

**TRINITY 24**

**Ordinands:** Pray for those currently in formation and training for ordained ministry as deacons and priests.

**Baghdad: St George's Church** re-opened in 2003 to receive Iraqi people from different Christian denominations. It has now become a compound with a clinic opened in 2007, kindergarten opened in 2011, Mother's Union branch and a big hall for festivals and meetings. With the construction process finished, the Redeemer School is running very well.

*Almighty God, we lift up to you all our ministers in the Church and ask for your blessing and guidance to be poured upon them in their various activities. Amen*



**Sunday, 26 November 2023**

**CHRIST THE KING**

**Spirituality:** Pray for the Holy Spirit to keep leading the People of God, and for all who teach and illuminate the Spirit's ways both old and new.

**The Mission to Seafarers:** Within the Diocese, MTS has branches in Cyprus, Bahrain, and the UAE. However, the work of MTS extends in the wider region to places such as Jordan, Egypt, India, and Sri Lanka.



*Lord God, be the canoe that holds us in the sea of life. Be the rudder that keeps us on the straight course. Be the outrigger that supports us in times of great testing. May your Spirit fill our sails to carry us through each day and keep our bodies strong so that we may paddle steadfastly on in the voyage of life.*