

- Thursday 22nd** For those in positions of responsibility and authority, that they exercise compassion and empathy for others in their decision making.
- Friday 23rd** For those whose words touch and change the lives of others: police officers, prison and probation staff, victim support staff.
- Saturday 24th** For those in the twilight of their lives and dreading the thought of losing their homes.
- Sunday 25th** For those who are overwhelmed by grief and its added dimension of being unable to be with loved ones at their passing.
- Monday 26th** We thank you for still caring about us when we are unkind, selfish or angry.
- Tuesday 27th** We thank you for those who have stood by us when we were hurting and loved us when we were in the wrong.
- Wednesday 28th** For healing of those lives and families have been ruined by drug addiction, alcoholism or gambling.
- Thursday 29th** Lord, we pray for those overwhelmed by life and the changes they are forced to make - almost too much to bear.
- Friday 30th** For situations where young people have little discipline and guidance or elderly people are ignored or neglected.
- Saturday 31st** We pray for ourselves - touch our words and our deeds, change our thoughts and attitudes, transform our values and intentions.

Praying for One Another in the Shaftesbury Team.

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A good prayer,
though often used,
is still fresh and fair
in the eyes and ears of heaven

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Thursday 1st	In this new month, may we face our new challenges by trying to take each day as it comes. Help us, Lord to find what we can do to ease away our anxieties and stresses, adapt ways of regular communication with friends, neighbours and loved ones	Sunday 11th	Help us remember our Christian values every day - not just on Sundays.
Friday 2nd		Monday 12th	Residents and staff in care homes, as staff strive to provide a healthy and stimulating environment.
Saturday 3rd	For those agonising about the prospect of unemployment and financial hardship.	Tuesday 13th	We ask that we all may be aware that every one of us is of infinite importance, each having a part to play in God's kingdom.
Sunday 4th	For all children caught up in the - to them - confusing and incomprehensible plight of their parents. Let them find someone to whom they can articulate their anxieties.	Wednesday 14th	Celebrating our Harvest, thanksgiving for all farmers and horticulturists as they grow and gather crops under difficult circumstances.
Monday 5th	Students embarking on new courses. Some away from home for the first time - and practising anti-covid behaviour.	Thursday 15th	Volunteers helping all classes of disadvantaged people in physical, financial or spiritual ways.
Tuesday 6th	Going about our day, may we know your presence and listen to your guidance.	Friday 16th	Thanksgiving for food banks and all the volunteers managing them in increasingly difficult circumstances.
Wednesday 7th	Help all of us to abide by the precautions necessary to control covid-19.	Sunday 18th	May we retain our sense of humour, no matter how hard that seems, some days.
Thursday 8th	There are many feeling lonely and utterly isolated. Help them and us to find ways to reach out and ease their situation.	Monday 19th	Thinking of peoples suffering under the oppressive governments around the world, showing no compassion to their people, robbing the resources which would change their lives.
Friday 9th	When we feel disappointed at unanswered prayer, help us perceive your answer and improve our trust in your help.	Tuesday 20th	For staff and pupils back at schools as they adapt to anti-covid procedures.
Saturday 10th	As we wash our hands, let us remember those with only limited or polluted water supply.	Wednesday 21st	We thank you for all those who hold us, help us and share our journey and for all those who are channels of your love.