

These prayers follow the 'ACTS' model of prayer: Adoration (A), Confession (C), Thanksgiving (T) and Supplication (S).

Sat 1: (A) We praise Thee O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

Sun 2: (C) Lord God, you've placed us in community and taught us to love our neighbour, to care for one another and to support each other in times of need. Yet, all too often, we think only of ourselves and neglect the needs of others. All too easily, we walk by on the other side. Forgive us and help us.

Mon 3: (T) Father God, we thank You for the countless blessings you give us. From the breath in our lungs to the beauty of your creation, every good thing comes from You. With a grateful heart, we rejoice in Your steadfast love.

Tues 4: (S) *The Archdeacon's Visitation Service takes place this evening when churchwardens are sworn into office.* We pray for your blessing on Margaret Woodward as churchwarden of St Margaret's and on all those who serve you in the role of churchwarden in the Ipswich Deanery.

Weds 5: (A) Praise be to you, Lord God, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the majesty, and the splendour, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Thurs 6: (C) You've placed us in a wonderful and beautiful world, Lord, yet we've spoilt it through our greed, neglect & carelessness and we've put

its life in danger. Please forgive us and help us to do whatever we can to protect your creation.

Fri 7: (T) We give thanks for the financial generosity of those who have enabled the new lighting and audio-visual systems to be installed in the church and for the present repair / restoration works to be undertaken. May we too be generous.

Sat 8: (S) We pray for an expansion of the activities that go on in our Church Centre, for these to become a real beacon of outreach and community support in our parish.

Sun 9: (A) Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your infinite greatness and goodness. You are the Creator of heaven and earth, the source of all life - we worship You for Your unending mercy and love.

Mon 10: (C) We confess that, sometimes, we fail to treat others with kindness and respect. We gossip about others behind their backs without thinking about it. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be kind and gentle with others, always speaking words of encouragement.

Tues 11: (T) We give thanks for the ministry of our vicar, Sarah. Bless her in all she does in Your service, Lord.

Weds 12: (S) We pray for our families and friends, particularly for any who are struggling at the present time with health, personal or financial issues.

Thurs 13: (A) Almighty God, You are holy and deserving of all honour. Your wisdom is infinite. We lift our voices in exaltation, knowing You are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. To You be the glory, for ever and ever.

Fri 14: (C) We confess that, all too often, we can be drawn away for you by the temptations of the world about us. Please forgive us.

Sat 15: (T) We give thanks for all those involved in organising today's Church Fete and pray not only that it will raise much-needed funds for the church but will also be an important stepping stone to St Margaret's engaging more with the local community it exists to serve.

Sun 16: (S) We rejoice in Ipswich Town's promotion to the Premier League and pray that the beneficial effect this will have on the economy of our town will be felt by those in greatest economic need not just the wealthy.

Mon 17: (A) Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty heavens! Praise Him for his mighty deeds! Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! (Psalm 150)

Tues 18: (C) We are sorry for the occasions when we fail to remember that Your word is a lantern to our feet and a light to our path.

Weds 19: (T) We give thanks for the work of local charities such as FIND and the network of Top Up shops in churches across Ipswich

which exist to support the poor and needy in our town.

Thurs 20: **(S)** Dear Father please bless and prosper the mission and ministry of your church of St Margaret's Ipswich both within the parish and further afield.

Fri 21: **(A)** The Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. (Psalm 95)

Sat 22: **(C)** Lord Jesus, forgive us for so often living by our own strength rather than by the power of your resurrection.

Sun 23: **(T)** *Midsummer Day is celebrated tomorrow in many parts of the world, we therefore thank You, Lord God, for all the gifts that creation and nature give us.*

Mon 24: **(S)** Father, we ask your blessing on **everyone** involved in St Margaret's School.

Tues 25: **(A)** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)

Weds 26: **(C)** Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought word and deed. We have not

loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are and direct what we shall be.

Thurs 27: **(T)** "Thank you for saving me – what can I say?" *(the opening words from a well-known worship song by Martin Smith).*

Fri 28: **(S)** We pray for growth at your church of St Margaret's Ipswich, Lord: for numerical growth, for growth in depth of faith, for growth in our links with community and for growth in our engagement with younger age groups.

Sat 29: *Helen Prior-Townsend is due to be ordained deacon at St Edmundsbury Cathedral this a.m. with a celebratory tea to follow in the Church Centre. We rejoice, we give thanks, we celebrate and, most of all, we pray for Helen - and also her family – that You will richly bless her ministry amongst us as an ordained priest.*

Sun 30: **(A)** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3)

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