

## 100 Days of Prayer

### Travelling Well Together – Sustaining Ministry

The 100 Days of Prayer is a particular invitation to pray together across and within our diocese with shared intention and focus. Together, we can give thanks for what God has given. Together we name the reality of our present challenges honestly before God, as so many have done before us. Together, we give voice to our hope for a future held in God's care and purpose. Together, we open ourselves to listen to God and to God's wisdom through the power of the Holy Spirit as we seek God's calling for us as a diocese. After this 100 Days of Prayer we move, as a diocese, to 100 Days of Listening. Please do look out for resources for that as we would love to hear from you.

For each week of the 100 Days of Prayer there is a theme to frame our prayers and some prompts to focus our prayers.

#### Week 4

#### Theme for the week: discipleship & nurture

Discipleship is the path towards human flourishing and care for God's creation. It means learning to lead the lives we should as God's people. Growing in discipleship involves prayer, study, action and witnessing to our faith. As soon as God calls us to follow, we are also given a role in the Kingdom of God. Finding out what we are to do goes hand in hand with finding out who we are, in God's eyes, not our own.

*'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And*

*remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'* (Matthew 28: 19-20)

This week, we **give thanks...**

- for those people who have nurtured and disciplined us on our journey of faith
- for all nurture groups, homegroups and Lent groups that meet in our churches and communities and support people in their discipleship
- for all schools, colleges and places of education
- for those who disciple our children and young people through Sunday Groups, Toddler Groups and Youth Groups

We **pray that...**

- we would grow in confidence to witness to our faith
- that each church and worshipping community would be a welcoming and nurturing place for all
- that our churches would be ready to support those who come seeking baptism and confirmation or who simply want to know more about Jesus

*O God unknown,  
in our mother's womb you formed us for your glory.  
Give us a heart to long for you, grace to discern you,  
and courage to proclaim you;  
through the one whom you loved  
before the foundation of the world,  
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*