Diocesan Cycle of Prayer 2025-2026

November 30, 2025 - November 28, 2026

Each monthly petition is offered in prayers each Sunday of the month.

December 2025

"The tender mercy of God has given us one another." - Catherine McAuley, an 18th-century nun. This month, we offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift we are to each other.

Nov 30 - The First Sunday of Advent

St. Andrew's Church, College Park
St. Andrew's Church, Leonardtown
St. Andrew's Episcopal School and St. Andrew's Lower School, Potomac
St. Nicholas' Parish, Germantown
Episcopal Church Women
United Thank Offering

Dec 7 - The Second Sunday of Advent

Latino Ministries in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

Dec 14 - The Third Sunday of Advent

St. Thomas' Church, DC
St. Thomas' Church, Upper Marlboro, and the Chapel of the Incarnation

Dec 21 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. John's Church, Broadcreek
St. John's Church, Georgetown
St. John's Church Georgetown Preschool
St. John's Church, Lafayette Square
St. John's Church, Mt. Rainier
St. John's Church, Norwood, Chevy Chase
St. John's Church, Olney
St. John's Episcopal School, Olney
St. John's Church, Zion Parish
St. Stephen and the Incarnation /San Esteban y La Encarnación, DC

Dec 28 - The First Sunday after Christmas Day

Christ Church King & Queen Parish, Chaptico
Christ Church, Clinton
Christ Church Durham Parish, Nanjemoy
Christ Church, Georgetown

Christ Church Port Tobacco Parish, La Plata
Christ Church, Rockville
Christ Church, Kensington
Christ Church, Washington Parish
Christ Church Wayside, Newport

January 2026

Our prayer this month is for all those who prepare to attend to the work of the diocese at Diocesan Convention; that they are guided by wisdom, grace, and the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

Jan 4 - The Second Sunday after Christmas Day
Church of the Epiphany, DC
Epiphany DC Welcome Cafe Ministry
Epiphany Church, Forestville
Diocesan Ordination Service for Transitional Deacons *(Jan 10)*

Jan 11 - The First Sunday after the Epiphany
St. Peter's Church, Poolesville

Jan 18 - The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington
Episcopal Relief and Development
Pray for all Christians in this Week of Christian Unity

Jan 25 - The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
St. Paul's Church, Baden, and St. Mary's Chapel, Aquasco
St. Paul's Church, Rock Creek
St. Paul's Church, K Street
St. Paul's Church, Waldorf
Pray for all vowed religious orders and communities, that their witness may inspire faith and service in the church.
Diocesan Convention: The Bishop, Convention Officers, Clerical and Lay Delegates, *(January 26-27)*

February 2026

We pray in thanksgiving for the rich history of diversity. May we come to see each other for who we are as beloved children of God.

Feb 1 - The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Theological Education Sunday
All Seminaries, Seminarians, and Seminary Faculty and Staff
Postulants and Candidates
Diocesan Commission on Ministry

Feb 8 - The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Absalom Jones *(February 13)*

Committee on Diocesan Reparations
Committee on Black Ministries
World Mission Sunday (*Feb 8*)

Feb 15 - The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
The ministry of the Rosemont Center
Pray for our Muslim siblings observing the Season of Ramadan
Ash Wednesday *(February 18)*

Feb 22 - The First Sunday in Lent
Pray for the work of the Standing Committee and their counsel to the bishop

March 2026

We pray in thanksgiving for committees in our parish churches and the people who volunteer to be involved and do the work, and share the love of Christ.

Mar 1 - The Second Sunday in Lent
St. David's Church, DC
Grace Church, Georgetown
Grace Church, Silver Spring Parish

Mar 8 - The Third Sunday in Lent *(Daylight Saving Time begins)*
Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Harriet Ross Tubman
Church of the Good Shepherd, Silver Spring
Good Shepherd Episcopal Preschool, Silver Spring

Mar 15 - The Fourth Sunday in Lent
St. Patrick's Church, DC
St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School, DC

Mar 22 - The Fifth Sunday in Lent
The Annunciation *(March 25)*
Chapel of the Annunciation, Church House
All Parish Altar Guilds of the Diocese
Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Oscar Romero and the Martyrs of El Salvador

Mar 29 - Palm Sunday - The Beginning of Holy Week
African Palms
Pray for our Jewish siblings observing the Season of Passover
Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Martin Luther King *(April 4)*

April 2026

We pray for the campus ministries in our diocese and for the ministry to youth and young adults that they all may know and live as beloved children of God.

Apr 5 -Easter Day

Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda
Calvary Church, DC
Church of the Atonement, DC
Church of the Holy Comforter, DC

Apr 12 - The Second Sunday of Easter

Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Sister Juana Inés de la Cruz
Chapel of the Intercession, Washington Hospital Center
Pray for all hospital, hospice, nursing home, and healthcare chaplains
Pray for all parish nurses and healthcare providers

Apr 19 - The Third Sunday of Easter

Pray for the stewardship of the earth on International Earth Day *(April 22)*
St. Mark's Church, DC
St. Mark's Church, Fairland

Apr 27 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. Monica and St. James, DC
St. Philip's Church, Laurel
St. Philip the Evangelist Church, DC
St. Philip's Child Development Center, DC
St. Philip's Church, Baden

May 2026

We pray this month for mothers; the ones we have, the ones we miss, and those who take on the role of nurturing and guiding others in their life journey.

May 3 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

St. George's Church, Glenn Dale
St. George's Church, Valley Lee
St. George's, DC
National Day of Prayer *(May 7)*
Diocesan Confirmation Service *(May 9)*

May 10 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Church of the Ascension, Gaithersburg and Iglesia La Ascención
Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring
Church of the Ascension, Lexington Park
Ascension Day *(May 14)*
Pray for all mothers and for all who have cared for us with a mother's love.

May 17 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

St. Dunstan's Church, Bethesda
Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Thurgood Marshall (May 17)

EDOW Clergy Conference

May 24 - Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday
Seabury Resources for Aging
Friendship Terrace
St. Mary's Court
Collington Episcopal Life Care Community
Pray for all Seniors and their Ministries in the Church

May 31 - The First Sunday after Pentecost - Trinity Sunday
Trinity Church, DC
Trinity Church, Newport & Hughesville, and Old Fields Chapel
Trinity Church, St. Mary's City, and St. Mary's Chapel
Trinity Church, Upper Marlboro
All Faith Church, Charlotte Hall

June 2026

We pray that engagement and sharing Christ's love are added to outreach ministries and that relationship, companionship, and advocacy are part of our ministries.

Jun 7 - The Second Sunday after Pentecost
St. Columba's Church, DC
St. Columba's Nursery School, DC
St. Barnabas' Church of the Deaf
St. Barnabas' Church, Leeland
St. Barnabas' Church, Temple Hills

Jun 14 - The Third Sunday after Pentecost - Trinity Sunday
St. Alban's Church, DC, and Iglesia San Alban

Jun 21 - The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Pray for all fathers and for all who have guided and cared for us with a father's love.

Jun 28 - The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
The Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul
Cathedral Chaplains and Cathedral Volunteers
The life, witness, and ministry of Pauli Murray *(July 1)*
Independence Day *(July 4)* Pray for dignity, justice, and freedom for all.

July 2026

We pray for leaders in our congregations to seek the Spirit in their work and decisions.

Jul 5 - The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Bishop, Canons, Clergy, and Staff of the Diocese of Washington
All Vestries, Parish Leaders, and Staff Members of the parishes of the diocese

Jul 12 - The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Diocesan Ordination Service (*July 16*)--Pray for those who are being ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests

Jul 19 - The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Wheaton
St. Christopher's Church, New Carrollton
St. James' Church, Indian Head
St. James' Church, Potomac
St. James' Children's School, Potomac

Jul 26 - The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Church of Our Saviour, Brookland
Church of Our Saviour and Nuestro Salvador, Hillandale
St. Anne's Church, Damascus

August 2026

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and we give God thanks for their shared love.

Aug 2 - The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Feast of the Transfiguration (*Aug 6*)
Church of the Transfiguration, Silver Spring

Aug 9 - The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
St. Mary's Church, DC

Aug 16 - The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
St. Albans School for Boys
The National Cathedral School for Girls
Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School
Washington Episcopal School
The Bishop John T. Walker School

Aug 23 - The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
St. Augustine's Church, DC
St. Bartholomew's Parish, Laytonsville

Aug 30 - The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The life, witness, and ministry of Deacon David Pendleton Oakerhater (*Sep 1)*
Campus Ministries and the students they serve
National Association of Episcopal Schools
Pray for all students and teachers

September 2026

We pray for all who are seeking that they might find their path to loving and living as Christ.

Sep 6 - The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Labor Day (*Sep 7*): Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage.
Diocesan Youth Ministry
Diocesan Young Adult Ministry
All whose passion and work is formation

Sep 13 - The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Church of the Holy Communion, DC
Holy Cross Day (*Sep 14*)
Pray for church musicians and choirs

Sep 20 - The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Matthew's Church/San Mateo, Hyattsville
St. Matthew's Day School, Hyattsville
For our siblings in the Jewish Faith observing Yom Kippur (*Sep 20*)
United Nations International Day of Peace (*Sep 21*): Pray for peace and benevolence among all nations.
Pray for international human rights and all organizations and individuals that promote peace and justice worldwide

Sep 27 - The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Adelphi
St. Francis Church, Potomac
Pray for all of God's creatures, especially companion, rescue, and service animals (Oct. 4)

October 2026

We pray that all members of our congregations deepen their faith through prayer, spiritual direction, or other faith practices.

Oct 4 - The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pray for children's health and for healthcare workers for all children (*Oct 5 - Child Health Day*)

Oct 11 - The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Pray for all Native American/Indigenous people and Native American/Indigenous congregations
World Food Day (*Oct 16*): Pray for all who are hungry, especially children.

Oct 20 - The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

St. Luke's Church, Bethesda
St. Luke's House, Bethesda
St. Luke's Church, Brighton
St. Luke's Parish, DC
World Mission Sunday

Oct 27 - The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

We pray for parish administrators, sextons, and staff and for all who volunteer to take care of our churches, church buildings, and grounds.

November 2026

We pray for the life-giving energy of gratitude.

Nov 1 - All Saints' Sunday (**The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**)

All Saints' Day (*Nov 1*)
All Saints' Church, Chevy Chase
All Saints' Pre-School, Chevy Chase
All Saints' Parish, Oakley
All Souls Day (*Nov 2*)
All Souls Church, DC

Nov 8 - The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Veterans' Day (*Nov 11*) – Pray for all military veterans and their families.
Diocesan Confirmation Service (*Nov 14*) – Pray for those who are to be confirmed.

Nov 15 - The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Daughters of the King

Nov 22 - The Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Feast of Christ the King

Thanksgiving Day (*Nov 26*) - Pray for a depth of gratitude that turns what we have into enough and more