

We do not want a church that will move with the world; we want a church that will MOVE the world. ~ G K Chesterton

Summer Greetings! As the season turns to officially summer, our regular church schedule shows down, but our need for prayer certainly does not! Please pray for all who are traveling, for those who must work in the heat, for those who are in times of uncertainty, and for the political situation in Qatar.

The month of June continues to be a month of prayer. Please find the updated prayer schedule attached, and join us by saying these prayers each day, to help strengthen our prayer life as a community.

Our Friday schools are officially on break until September! Please pray for your children on their summer break, and remember that children are always welcome in our congregation.

Our friends from Kenya will be hosting coffee tomorrow morning after the service. Thank-you, friends, for this wonderful fellowship ministry.

End of Season Dinner at the Radisson Blu Hotel was a ton of fun!! Thank-you for joining us, and huge thanks to Ozzy Nwandu and the Social Committee for organizing it. The Social Committee will be back in swing in September.

A five-week course of study on I John continues this week in the Church in small groups through July 14 from 10:15 -10:50. Sessions can be attended according to one's convenience. Come join us in a summer study of the Word! Please note that Friday evening Bible Study is on break until September.

The Bus is Back! Our Epiphany Van will once again help to transport folks from the white security tents to the church from 10-11 AM starting the first Friday in July. All are welcome to ride! If you can help us with driving, please talk to Father Paul or any member of Council.

Don't forget that many regular ministries continue through summer. If you are in Qatar and can help with or donate to the refreshments team and the flower ministry, please let us know. Also, keep in mind that the food collection on the first weekend, Daniel Recycling project and the WhatsApp group continue through the summer. The newsletter will go to bi-weekly after next week.

After this week, our newsletter goes to biweekly! During July & August, our weekly online newsletter goes to biweekly. Our next newsletter will be 6 July.

Important upcoming dates:

- ~ All June – Month of Prayer
- ~ July -- Epiphany Van Service begins
- ~ 7-9 July – Food collection for the needy
- ~ 10 July – Parish Council
- ~22 September – Friday school resumes

Have a Blessed Week!

~ Epiphany Parish





PRAY FOR A MONTH

Prayer Guide for June, 2017

*Choose anytime during the day to pray the listed prayers on your own. During the month of June, between Saturday and Thursdays, there will be a daily prayer at **12 noon in the Church**. Feel free to join us on any day/s you are able as we unite our hearts and pray as a church. We will all be praying the special theme of the day listed in this guide. Remember, this guide is only a recommended guide. Feel free to expand, reflect and pray on the suggested themes and beyond.*

June 1st

Lord Jesus, as we start a period of focused prayer and as we soon approach Pentecost may all believers living in Qatar be rooted and established in Your love. May we grasp how wide, how long, how high and how deep Your love for us truly is. Fill us to overflowing so that Your love spills out into our communities. Empower us to love those around us just as You love them.

June 2nd

*(Bless members of our Church and pray for a few of them by **name**)*

Bless _____ with the joy of knowing how special they are in Your sight dear Jesus. Bless them Lord no matter where they live, how much they own or what job they do. Bless them with the gift of thanksgiving in whatever circumstances they find themselves in today.

June 3rd

Thank You Father for all those who have joined this "Pray for a month" initiative. Thank You that many people have started to pray for the very first time. Thank You for the Epiphany WhatsApp prayer group that is daily interceding for people in our church and from around the world. Father we thank You for the wonderful stories that we will be hearing as You begin answering our prayers.

June 4th

Lord Jesus, on Pentecost morning while the disciples were praying a sound came from Heaven like a rush of mighty wind and there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributed and resting on each of them. Lord this Pentecost morning, as we commemorate that event, may Your indwelling Holy Spirit manifest itself in each one of us by our displaying the Fruit of the Spirit.

June 5th

Father God we give thanks today for all those who support the ministry of the Anglican Church of the Epiphany. Those who faithfully pray, think about and give their time, talent and treasure to ensure an effective witness in this land. May they know that the church is truly grateful and that You are glorified through it.

June 6th

Father God we give thanks for all those who lead us in worship through music in the Anglican Church of the Epiphany. Those who faithfully put in hours of practice before they lead us to the place that we meet with You through hymns and songs of praise. May they know that we in the church truly value their contribution as they lead us to a higher plane to glorify You.

June 7th

Lord Jesus, we thank You for the rulers of Qatar and especially HH the Emir and the Council of Ministers. We thank You for their good governance and for their willingness to permit Your worship in this land. Continue to give them wisdom, strength and Your favour as they rule this land.



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June 8th

Lord Jesus, Your desire is for all Your disciples to remain united. We ask today for unity among the Churches in Qatar. Bless each church leader of the churches in the Anglican Centre, the Religious Complex and groups that worship elsewhere. Help leaders and congregations to develop a spirit of love and openness towards one another. May they forge strong relationships, which are mission-focused, emphasizing the hope we have in common. May we act as one Body, united by one Spirit

June 9th

Father we ask for Your grace and favour on the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf and for all the work happening in it. Bless our Bishop Michael and Archdeacon Bill, and the Fr. Ian and the staff of the Anglican Centre. May they lead the members of this Diocese, our parish and the wider Christian the community in the Anglican Centre with Your servant heart.

June 10th

Jesus, Lord of the Harvest, we pray You bless the harvest of Your labourers who work with the next generation in Anglican Church of the Epiphany. We pray for all those who help with the Friday School in our Morning and Evening services and the EPIQ youth. Bless them for their faithfulness and diligence. Also bless all the others who work with the next generation in congregations across Qatar.

June 11th

Father we pray for our parish priests Fr. Paul and Fr. Jebaraj and for the blessing they have been to the congregations they minister to in Qatar. Grant them Lord Your wisdom, love, patience and good health as they minister to a variety of needs in the diverse congregations of the Anglican Church of the Epiphany. Lord also bless Fr. Ian, Fr. Samuel, Bob, Douglass, Edie and Betty and their families for their ministry to the church.

June 12th

Lord Jesus, we pray with thankfulness for the many who volunteer their services to the running of the Anglican Church of the Epiphany. The Church Council members, altar guild helpers, the cultural ambassadors, hosts, social committee members, the outreach committee, the refreshments committee, collection counters and those who regularly give of their time, talents and treasure.

June 13th

Father, we pray for healing of those who are seriously ill. You are the healer and we ask for Your healing touch. We pray for the medical team working with them and their caregivers. Give them faith, strength, peace and joy in the midst of this illness.

June 14th

Father we pray for the healing of strained and broken relationships that seem hopelessly damaged from a human perspective. We pray that the love of Christ will bring restoration and help everyone involved seek God's perspective, humble themselves, forgive and build bridges. Father, in this battle may they confront the real enemy – Satan, who comes to steal, kill and destroy relationships.

June 15th

Lord Jesus, we pray for those who make the place we worship in secure. For the policemen and women that watch over this city and the religious complex. For the security guards who keep us safe in the Anglican centre. We pray for them and their families and also for those known to us who work to keep us safe here and around the world.



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June 16th

Father today may we not say – “look what the world has come to” but rather say – “look who came into our world.” We pray that the Anglican Church of the Epiphany joins You in transforming the society we live in. May we step out in prayer to share the love of Christ with whoever we interact with. We pray for a fresh & mighty outpouring of Your Holy Spirit in Your Church and in this Nation

June 17th

Father we pray for our LinkEd Community groups and the Lyfe resources You have provided to us. We pray that the number of these groups grow and that Your church and its members grow in the knowledge of Your love, grace and mercy. May we also become aware of our increased confidence in You Jesus to share our faith to those around us

June 18th

Lord we give thanks for the privilege of access to quality education to many in this land. We pray for young people of our church and others we know who go to school, college and university here. May they find the right balance of fun and work as they grow in knowledge and skills. We pray for all teachers in the different congregations in our Church and the ones we know outside. May their commitment and care for the students they are responsible for grow as they grow in You.

June 19th

Father, we pray for all involved in providing us with quality health care in this land. We pray for all medical professionals – doctors, nurses, therapists, technicians, pharmacists, etc., who are part of the different congregations in Anglican Church of the Epiphany. May they be blessed by Your wisdom and have the gift of healing as they compassionately serve their patients. We pray for new breakthrough discoveries in medicines and in medical technology around the world.

June 20th

Lord Jesus we pray for all those who work in the construction industry in this land today. We pray for the architects, engineers, contractors, construction workers, and those working for building materials and other construction related companies from our church. We pray that Your hand of provision and protection will be upon them. We pray also for their physical well-being during these very hot summer months.

June 21st

Creator God, all things come from Your hands and we thank You for those in our congregation who You have given the spirit of entrepreneurship to start their own companies. Lord in this difficult period with the downturn on the economy we pray for business persons in our congregation. Protect their companies and people working for them. We pray for increased business and timely payments for them.

June 22nd

We give thanks today for all the children in church – the ones who go to the crèche and those who are too young to go there. We pray for all our Friday school children and those who with love and dedication take care of them. We pray that they grow in Your grace, loving Your word will always act with honesty and courage. Help them to learn generosity and may they grow in wisdom and stature and find favor with You and those they interact with.



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June 23rd

Almighty and Powerful God we pray for our EPIQ Youth – our next generation. We pray You reveal to them Your calling and purpose for their lives. Remind them no matter what situation they find themselves in, they can call upon Your name Jesus and You will respond. May they experience an ongoing transformation by having their minds daily renewed in You. Give them discernment to identify what is not from You and bless them with good friends to grow up with.

June 24th

We pray for our family members living away from us. Those who are in studying, working or maybe taking care of other family members outside Qatar. May they feel the comfort and strength of Your Holy presence even at this very moment as we pray. Keep them safe and from any manner of temptation. May no weapon fashioned against them by the Evil one prosper. We pray that You also encourage us as we miss their presence in our daily life.

June 25th

Today we remember and pray for by name those who once used to walk with You and no longer do. We plead Father that today would be the start of their walk back to You. We pray in confidence for _____ (*name them*), because we know You are a God who gives second chances. You are the Father who is eagerly waiting to run out and receive His prodigal child. Though we are not worthy to pick up the crumbs under Your table You embrace us with Your limitless love, robes & ring of grace.

June 26th

Heavenly Father, pour out Your blessings on those people who insult, ill-treat implicate us falsely and say all manner of evil against us. Please make Your face to shine upon them and fill them with Your goodness and kindness. May we be strengthened and enabled by You to obey the command to love our enemies. Help us to be peacemakers by granting us Your spirit of tranquility and calmness.

June 27th

We continue to pray for the lonely, the shut in and the ones who feel alone even in the midst of people. Lord, when You created this world You said it was not good for man or woman to live alone. Protect the lonely from yielding to any manner of temptation. Lead them to new Godly friends within our church and community. May they also experience Your companionship in powerful ways.

June 28th

Lord Your word says that 'if anyone says they do not sin, then they are lying'. I humble myself El Roi, the God who sees me. You know every struggle and every fall I have. And I am glad that from the moment I accepted Your gift of salvation there is nothing that can separate me from Your love. Help me Lord to choose to flee from sin whenever temptation knocks on my door.

June 29th

Lord Jesus You personally knew the grief- the gut-wrenching emotional turmoil and pain that comes with broken relationships. Help those in our congregation who are going through such a situation – whether spouses, siblings or parents and children. We pray that all parties humble themselves and submit to Your will. May they get Your perspective on this situation. We also pray for our colleagues, friends or family members who are in a similar situation.

June 30th

Father, thank You for Your Holy Spirit and we welcome His presence afresh into our lives and communities. Teach us to wait on You just as the disciples waited for the Holy Spirit's outpouring on Pentecost. Father we thank You for helping our church to go through this month of prayer and time with You. Even in the days ahead, teach us to stop, rest and draw strength from Your Spirit, so that we shine with Your light in the darkest of places both in our church, this land and beyond.