St. Andrew's Parish Prayer Sheet for June 2025

When we as a Congregation agree together in prayer, we collectively and powerfully participate in advancing God's ever-expanding reign of love. The purpose of this monthly Prayer Guide is to highlight specific areas in the life of our Parish so that we may together cover them in prayer with focus and intention. We will also celebrate, with joy, the answers to our prayers!

Our Worship Services

Glorious Trinity, make your presence known in this place, through our worship, our prayer, the reading of your Word. We magnify you, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, within whose unity lies all that is you, perfect love, justice, peace, and power. As we gather here today, fill our outstretched hearts with your spirit, encircle us with your love. Make yourself known to us in new ways, exciting ways, challenging ways. Empower us, Inspire us, O Glorious Trinity! -Amen

Let us give thanks and prayer for: ~Our weekly Sunday Worship Services.
~Healing Prayer & Anointing offered on Sunday June 8th.
~Healing Prayer Service on Friday June 6th, 13th, 27th

Our Parish Leadership

Most Blessed and Holy One, come alongside our Parish leaders as they shepherd and guide Your flock. Let Your Holy Spirit be their constant companion, providing direction and understanding. May they lead with integrity, deep compassion, and great joy! Amen.

Let us give thanks and pray for: Mother Barbara, Mother Ginger, Deacon Brian, our Lay Worship Leader, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Vestry. All who serve on committees and do the unseen work of the church.

Discernment

Our Parish Leadership is intentionally undertaking several discernment processes. A decision needs to be made by August whether we will take full ownership of the Grace Place building or not. Another important decision is how to continue to develop the ministries at Grace Place and fund them.

Gracious God, Source of Wisdom and Guidance, we come before You today, asking for Your divine direction for our church. Grant us, we pray, a clarity of vision. Reveal Your plans and purposes. Give us discerning hearts. We trust in your generous provision and joyfully embrace a great future for our ministries. Bless us as we seek to do your loving work your way and for your glory. Amen.

Prayer Spotlight: Our Diocesan Reunification.

During Bishop Scanlan's visit with the Vestry, she asked for prayers for the reunification of our diocese and the Diocese of Bethlehem. Paul's Prayer for the Philippians offers us a guide:

"And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." -**Philippians 1:9-11**

Lord, we ask that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit become manifest in each committee as they meet with loving and listening hearts to discern Your will for a newly-forming piece of the Kingdom. May they be present to Your energy, delighting in both what is easy and what is challenging, knowing You are smiling on their faithfulness. ***Amen****.*

Prayer Focus: Looking Outward to Loving our Neighbor

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. -Romans 15:7

-Tuesday Community Breakfasts at Grace Place. -Shippensburg Coalition Meeting -Sonja's Table
-Cooking With SPO video production. -Growing Edge Counseling Center -All who visit Grace Place

Prayer Practice of the month for June– A prayer team member has created two "chapels" within St. Andrews for you to explore, one being the prie-dieu and the other a prayer station in the library offering a Visio Divina Practice using the two beautiful large canvases of the statue of Mary from Julian of Norwich Chapel.

A Blessing by Jan Richardson

Bless them
who wait with us
who labor with us
who cry out with us

Bless them
who call us to our strengths
who tend us in our weakness
who dress each ragged wound

Bless them
who know our limits
who push us beyond them
who see us through

Bless them
who laugh in the face of convention
who weep for our own pain
who bid us come and live.