



Prayer for the Bishops

Good Shepherd,

Bishops are ordained to follow your example, being shepherds of Christ's flock and guardians of the faith of the apostles, proclaiming the gospel of God's kingdom, and leading us, your people, in mission.

We give thanks, Lord, for the ministry of our bishops among us: Bishop Robert, Suffragan Bishop Andrew, and all our Honorary Assistant Bishops. We pray also for their families, who share in the weight of their responsibilities.

Help them always to live a life worthy of the calling to which they have been called and grant them the grace they need to fulfill this calling. We pray that you would bless them with good health and sufficient energy to bear the yoke they carry. Through your Holy Spirit give them wisdom and insight, guide their teaching ministry, and help them, in the midst of often conflicting pressures, to remain centred on you and your purposes for them and for our Diocese.

We pray, Lord, for fruitful collegial working between them, with archdeacons and colleagues in the London and Brussels offices, and for all the clergy and people in their care. We give you thanks for their relationships throughout the Church in England, and with ecumenical and interfaith partners in Europe. Finally, Lord, we ask you to keep them safe in all their many travels, and pray that these journeys, like the road to Emmaus, would be places of blessing and encounter with you.

Amen.