

Prayers for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Life is made up of choices large and small, many of which carry consequences.

**Lord, we pray today for all who have important choices to make. May they be aware of all consequences.**

We pray for parents and their children and for the maternity services in this country and all who work in this field including doctors, nurses and midwives.

We pray for those having to make difficult decisions. We pray for the mothers whose choice was taken from them as they were forced to give up their children for adoption and have lived for decades with the consequences of other people's actions.

**Lord, heal broken hearts and lives. Guide all in their choices.**

We pray for all those holding political power in this country.

We pray for the public shortly having to make choices voting in a surprise by-election.

We pray for the person expected to soon move into the position of Prime Minister. Days will be filled with a great many choices to be made. Choices that will affect us all.

Choices that will affect the health of this country.

We pray for our country's defences, that they be fortified. We pray too that all in our armed forces will be more than adequately equipped to carry out their duties.

**Lord, may your hand guide all in their choices, particularly those in power as they make choices that impact us day by day and that of the safety of our country.**

We pray for those choosing to help others, often at risk to their own lives. We think of the International Search and Rescue teams helping in Venezuela. We pray for those miraculously rescued from the earthquakes' destruction, for those still missing and for the huge number grieving loved ones.

**Lord, may your love sustain, strengthen and provide for all those impacted by catastrophic events.**

We pray for your church, Lord and all who commit to ministry. May we, your people, reach out to all in need, showing your love in action. We pray for all in need, overseas and at home, and particularly those within our own communities.

**Lord, guide us, your church, as we shine your light amid the dark uncertainty facing many today. Help us to inform people's choices with the knowledge of your love.**

As this country endures a third heatwave we pray for the young, old and all who are vulnerable and susceptible to heat. We pray for those who have previously lost loved ones through cold water shock and ask that you guide those who may be tempted by open water during the hot weather.

**Lord, we lift our prayers, looking to you to direct our ways, enabling us with your wisdom to make good choices that will impact well on our lives and the lives of those around us.**

**Amen.**