



The Diocese of
Southwark

Their promises... our prayer

*When a Bishop is ordained
they are asked to keep
several promises.*

*As part of praying for the
process of selecting a new
Bishop for the Diocese of
Southwark let us use these
promises as a prayer and
hope of fulfilment by our
next Bishop...*

Christ
Centred
Outward
Focused



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We pray that our appointed Bishop, with the help of God, will...

- 1** accept the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.
- 2** be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen their faith and fit them to bear witness to the truth of the gospel.
- 3** lead our people in proclaiming the glorious gospel of Christ, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place.
- 4** teach the doctrine of Christ as the Church of England has received it, refute error, and hand on entire the faith that is entrusted to them.
- 5** be faithful in ordaining and commissioning ministers of the gospel.
- 6** promote peace and reconciliation in the Church and in the world; and strive for the visible unity of Christ's Church.
- 7** be gentle and merciful for Christ's sake to those who are in need, and speak for those who have no other to speak for them.
- 8** endeavour to fashion their own life and that of their household according to the way of Christ and make their home a place of hospitality and welcome.
- 9** work with their fellow servants in the gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God.
- 10** accept the discipline of this Church, exercising authority with justice, courtesy and love, and always holding before them the example of Christ.
- 11** in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in them, that the good news of Christ may be proclaimed in all the world.