



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

Prayer Diary – May 2018

During May we will be focussing on Tearfund's Jubilee, school exams, Christian Aid Week and the General Assembly. As you pray, rejoice that God is at work in His world.

Tuesday 1st May – *Rom.10:5-8 – God's message is near.* Give thanks for 50 years of Tearfund, and pray that the impact of its work will be transformational in the lives of the world's poorest people. Pram Service at 10am. Whyte Court Service at 2.30pm. Sycamores service at 4pm. Kirk Session Council at 7.30pm

Wednesday 2nd – *Rom.10:9 – Confess and believe.* Pray that many will come and make use of the Tearfund prayer resources in the church this week. Mid-week Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm. Talkback at 3pm.

Thursday 3rd – *Rom.10:10 – Believe and confess.* Pray for Tearfund staff in this country and overseas, as they facilitate development work through local partners. Thursday Group AGM at 7.30pm.

"If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised Him from death, you will be saved."
(Romans 10:9)

Friday 4th – *Rom.10:11-13 – Everyone who calls out to the Lord.* Remember those who will be going from Kinross to Africa this summer, as they prepare themselves physically and spiritually. Brigade sections 6-10pm.

Saturday 5th – *Rom.10:14-18 – How shall they hear?* Give thanks for those whose lives have been transformed through the mission of Tearfund and its partners. Safeguarding Training in the Church today.

Sunday 6th – *1 Cor.3:1 – Children of the world.* Give thanks for the support being offered to high school pupils in Kinross through the work of Kythe. Morning Service at 10.30am with Creche, Junior Church and Jimpact. Informal Communion. Crossfire at 7.30pm.

Monday 7th – *1 Cor.3:2 – Fed on milk.* Pray for the elders of the congregation, that they may be guided by God in the leadership they give to the congregation. Silent Meditation at 8am. Kirk Session at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 8th – *1 Cor.3:3 – Worldly standards.* Lift before God those students who are sitting exams this week, that they may give a good account of themselves. Pram Service at 10am.

Wednesday 9th – *1 Cor.3:4-5 – God's servants.* Pray for those who are anxious about their exams that they may find peace and be able to focus. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30. Talkback at 3pm.

Thursday 10th – *1 Cor.3:6-7 – God brings growth.* Today is Ascension Day. Rejoice that Jesus is now at the Father's right hand interceding for you. Lift the names of five people before Him each day between now and Pentecost.

Come Holy Spirit, help me to wonder at God's love, to wait upon God's word and to act with compassion, that God's Kingdom might be on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

Friday 11th – 1 Cor.3:8 – *Work rewarded.* Pray that you may be a messenger of God's love and an agent of change wherever you go today. Brigade sections 6-10pm.

Saturday 12th – 1 Cor.3:9 – *Partners with God.* Give thanks for those who use their creative gifts in the service of the church, and pray today for the Craft Group as they hold a coffee morning. Prayer Breakfast at 8.30am. Prayer Walking during the morning.

Sunday 13th – 2 Tim.3:10 – *Teaching and living.* Pray for those being commissioned today to carry out the Christian Aid Week collection. Morning Service at 10.30am with Creche, Junior Church and Jampact. Crossfire at 7.30pm.

Holy God, in Your Kingdom, the strong need the weak, the rich are transformed by the poor, the fortunate are welcomed by the homeless and Your Kingdom is built by those who expect You to come. Amen.

Monday 14th – 2 Tim.3:11 – *Rescue from persecution.* Pray that those who receive a Christian Aid envelope through their door will be prompted to think about the needs of others today. Debrecen Team Meeting at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 15th – 2 Tim.3:12-13 – *Two ways of life.* Pray for God's blessing on all who will benefit from the Christian Aid giving. Pram Service at 10am.

Wednesday 16th – 2 Tim.3:14 – *Persevere.* Pray for transformation in our world that those who suffer today may experience life in all its fulness. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm. Talkback at 3pm.

Thursday 17th – 2 Tim.3:15 – *Wisdom that leads to salvation.* Pray that we may not only give money to Christian Aid, but may offer our lives to others in love and sacrifice. All Friends Together at 6.30pm. Compline at 9pm.

Friday 18th – 2 Tim.3:16 – *Inspired Scripture.* Pray that there will be a good audience at tonight's Tearfund Jubilee concert. Brigade sections 6-10pm. Tearfund Jubilee Concert at 7.30pm.

Saturday 19th – 2 Tim.3:17 – *Qualified and equipped.* As you give thanks for your own home, pray for those in our world who have no shelter. General Assembly opens. Assembly Youth Event in Princes Street Gardens.

"I will be with you always to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

Sunday 20th – Matt.28:20 – *With you always.* Today is the Day of Pentecost. Give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit and pray for a fresh outpouring of God's grace upon our church and upon our nation. Morning Service at 10.30am with Creche, Junior Church and Jampact. Cheese Roll and a Chat at 12 noon. Heart and Soul in Princes Street Gardens. Crossfire at 7.30pm.

Monday 21st – Joshua 1:9 – *I will be with you.* Pray for the Moderator and all Commissioners as this week's business proceeds, that there may be a genuine openness to the leading of the

Holy Spirit.

Tuesday 22nd – *Isaiah 43:2 – I will be with you.* Pray that the annual window onto the work of the Church of Scotland may reveal much for which to give thanks. Pram Service at 10am.

Wednesday 23rd – *John 14:16 – I will be with you.* Pray that media coverage of the Assembly may be positive and fair. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm. Talkback at 3pm.

Thursday 24th – *Hebrews 13:5 – I will be with you.* Pray that there may be such a sense of the presence of God in the General Assembly that people may be humbled and His Kingdom extended.

Friday 25th – *Exodus 3:12 – I will be with you.* Pray that Commissioners may return to their parishes from the General Assembly fired with new zeal.

Saturday 26th – *2 Cor.13:11 – I will be with you.* Pray that our congregation may have an increasing impact in the community. Coffee Morning and Plant Sale from 10am.

Sunday 27th – *John 20:21 – Peace be with you.* Give thanks for all those who take part in the leading of worship on Sundays and at weekday services, and pray that God would be honoured in our midst. Morning Service at 10.30am with Creche, Junior Church and Jampact. Evening Service at 6.30pm. Crossfire at 7.30pm.

"Christ is coming! Christ is coming!

Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!"

John Ross Macduff (1818-95)

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Monday 28th – *Colossians 3:15 – The call to peace.* Give thanks for the Kinross-shire Day Centre. Pray that its staff and volunteers may be blessed as they serve all who come through its door,s and that the service users may experience a high quality of life.

Tuesday 29th – *Psalms 34:14 – Seek peace.* Pray for those who are part of our church family but who have not been at worship for some time, for whatever reason, that they may know the blessing of Christian fellowship in the coming days. Causeway Court Service at 2.30pm

Wednesday 30th – *Romans 15:33 – The God of peace.* Pray for someone who is ill or anxious that they may know the touch of Christ to restore them today, and ask God to show you if there is someone to whom you could reach out and encourage.

Thursday 31st – *Phil.4:7 – Peace that passes understanding.* Lift before God those who are in need in our parish, and in the wider world, and seek His blessing of peace upon all people.

Time for Prayer – in the Church

Silent Meditation at 8am on the first Monday of the month – 7th May.

Prayer Breakfast at 8.30am on the second Saturday of the month - 12th May.

Compline at 9pm on the third Thursday of the month – 17th May.

If there are any matters you would like to see included in future prayer diaries, please give your suggestions to Anne Sutherland or Alan Reid.

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