



*Following Christ  
Spreading the Word  
Serving the Community*

## Prayer Diary – August 2021

During August we move from the refreshment of holiday time through the activity of Family Week to preparing for the beginning of a new session in the life of the church. Let us take time this month to bathe every aspect of the life and work of the congregation in prayer and to seek God's blessing.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August** – *John 12:23-25* – At the beginning of Family Week, pray that we may all be involved, whether through prayer or in person, with this significant outreach to our community. Morning Service at 10.30am. Time for Prayer on Zoom at 6pm. [Station Rd, Kirklands Ct, Swansacre, Lomond Mews, Queen's Cres, Douglas Cres, Primary School]

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – *Revelation 14:12-13* – Ask God's blessing on all five venues being used for Family Week groups: Kinross Parish Church, Swansacre Nursery, the Gospel Hall, St James' Church and St Paul's Church. [High St (Bank of Scotland to Church Centre), Police Houses, St. Ronan's Dr, Chambers Ct, Talla Pk]

*"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:14)*

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – *Romans 15:13* – Pray very specifically that the weather this week will be favourable to getting the children and young people out in the fresh air as much as possible. [Bell Gardens, Muirhead Crescent, Simpson Wynd]

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** – *1 Samuel 2:1-2* – Ask God to keep everyone involved in Family Week safe, especially during games and other activities. [Avenue Rd, Kinross House Estate, Coventry Pl, Mill St, Burns Begg St, Kirkgate, Old Causeway, Causeway Ct, Millbridge]

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 1:1-2* – Pray that the message of the Gospel of the grace and love of God may be shared, winsomely and powerfully, in word and deed during Family Week. [Sandport, Sandport Gait, Nan Walker Wynd, Sandport Close, Pier Rd]

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 1:3-5* – Pray that there may be fruit from the labours of Family Week and blessing for families in our community. [Parliament Square, Brewery Lane, School Wynd, Piper Row, Whyte Ct, Smith St, Myre Terrace, Curate Wynd]

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 1:15-18* – As the September issue of *Kin-nections* is put together pray for all involved in the editorial team and in the wider Admin and Comms group. [High St (Church Centre to Todd & Duncan), Queich Pl, Old Cleish Rd, Bridgend]

*"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." (Colossians 4:2)*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 1:19-20* – Give thanks for all who join in the various prayer times during the week as well as in using this prayer diary. Unite your heart with them in seeking God's blessing on our church and community. [Bowton Rd, Montgomery Rd, Ross St]

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 2:1-4* – Pray for Q&A Monday on Zoom tonight that there will be good and open discussion of issues facing our church. Silent Meditation 8am [Montgomery St, Montgomery Way, Montgomery Ct]

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 2:17-18* – Pray for those involved in seeking to develop a discipleship strategy for our congregation. [Levenbridge Pl, Devonvale Pl, Hopefield Pl, Junction Rd, Clashburn Rd, Clashburn Close, Clashburn Way]

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 2:19-20* – Give thanks that the Craft Group is able to meet in person again and pray that their times together may be fruitful in all kinds of ways. [Ochil View, Churchill Rd, Emslie Dr, Macdonald Avenue, Alexander Dr]

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 2:21-23* – Pray that Table Talk may provide a good opportunity for fellowship for those who may otherwise be without conversation. [Green Rd, Green Pk, Green Wood.]

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 3:2-5* – Give thanks for all who give of their time and talents in the care and maintenance of church property. [Muir (Green Hotel to Springfield Rd), The Sycamores, Muirpark Rd, Muirfield Grove, Muir Grove]

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 3:8-9* – As we recognise the central place that worship has in our life as a church, pray that our services may be accessible and meaningful for people of all ages and backgrounds. [Muir (Springfield Rd to Gallowhill Rd), Whinfield Dr, Whinfield Gardens, Broom Rd, Broom Ct, Sunnypark]

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 3:10-13* – As House Groups begin to meet again after the summer break, pray that they may be open to new members and to what God will do among them in the coming months. [Muir (Gallowhill Rd to Leisure Centre), Burnbank Meadows, Lethangie Rd, Bishop View, High School]

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 3:16-18* – Pray for teachers and other school staff as they return today, that they may be equipped and strengthened for the year ahead. [Lathro Pk (South), Gallowhill Wynd, Highfield Circle]

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 4:2-6* – Pray for school pupils and parents, as they prepare for the beginning of term tomorrow, that those who are nervous may find calm. [Lathro Pk (North), Courcelles Ct, Lathro Ct, Lathro Lane]

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 4:9-10* – Give thanks that the financial position of the congregation has remained relatively stable during lockdown, but pray for wisdom for the Finance Committee as they make plans for the future. [Acremoar Drive, Lathrocht Grove]

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** – *Ruth 4:13-17* – Pray for those who struggle to sleep at nights and those who work through the hours of darkness. Compline 9pm [Dalwhamie Street, Drumeather Way]

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** – *1 Samuel 2:6-8* – Give thanks for the contact kept with church members through lockdown, and pray for the Pastoral Group as they plan how best to provide ongoing pastoral support. [Gallowhill Rd, Gallowhill Gardens, Mavisbank, Lomond Pl, Argyll Ct]

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** – *Isaiah 55:1-2* – Pray for all involved in eco-church initiatives including the community allotments, litter-picking and energy saving measures. [Argyll Rd]

*"My word will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – *Psalms 63:1-4* – Lift before God all those in the world who endure persecution for their faith in Christ – pray that they may know the presence of Christ with them right now. [Renton Dr, Morlich Pl, George Dr, Thompson Pl, Torridon Pl, Sandwood Pl, Rannoch Pl]

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – *1 Kings 8:27-30* – Pray for our partner church in Debrecen and pray that we will soon be able to resume working together in person. [Sutherland Dr, St. Mary's Pl, Tummel Pl, Morar Pl, Katrine Pl]

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** – *Psalms 86:1-7* – Pray for God's leading for the Outreach Group as it meets to begin planning for the year ahead. [Maree Pl, Seaforth Dr, Leven Pl, Cameron Avenue, Springfield Rd]

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** – *Psalms 5:1-3* – Give thanks for the staff at the Day Centre and pray for all attending midweek worship there today. [Wilson Ct, Springfield Pk, McWilliam Pl]

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** – *Ezra 8:22-23* – Pray that countries like Malawi may have the resources to get through the Coronavirus pandemic without any further suffering. [Beveridge Pl, McBain Pl, Gordon Pl]

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** – *Psalms 42:1-3* – Ask that the Prince of Peace may reign in our world, especially in situations of ongoing conflict. [Rural West (A91/A977) – Balado, Burnbrae, Kellieside, Tillyochie]

*"Put your hope in God for I will yet praise Him, my Saviour and my God."*  
(*Psalms 42:5*)

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>** – *2 Kings 19:17-19* – Pray for an end to poverty, and ask God to show you what part you need to play at this time. [Rural South (B996) - Cleish Road, Classloch, Hatchbank]

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** – *Matthew 6:9-13* – As the Guild begins its new session with a service of dedication, pray that its fellowship and service may bring blessing to many over the coming year. [Orwell & Portmoak]

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** – *Matthew 7:7-8* – As the weeks count down to the COP 26 conference in Glasgow, be praying that much may be accomplished for the good of the whole earth. [Cleish and Fossoway.]

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** - *Matthew 7:9-11* – Pray for the Kirk Session Council as it meets tonight to prepare for next week's full Session meeting that the time may be wisely used. [Presbytery of Perth]

### **Times for Prayer**

Sunday evenings at 6pm – Time for Prayer together on Zoom

Monday to Friday – listen to daily reflection & prayer by dialling 01577 528270

Wednesday at 12 noon – Midday Prayers for the Parish

Silent Meditation this month on 9<sup>th</sup> August in the Church at 8am

Compline at 9pm on the third Thursday of the month – 19<sup>th</sup> August

Prayer times are available on the KPC Facebook page [www.facebook.com/kinrossparishchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/kinrossparishchurch/)

## Additional Prayers for August

*“Why are you so frightened?” Jesus answered. “What little faith you have!” Then he got up and ordered the winds and the waves to stop, and there was a great calm.*

*Matthew 8:26*

Father,

We pray for this year's Family Week, starting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. We pray that the preparations which have been made over the last few months will come to fruition, and the seeds planted across the week will bear fruit in coming months and years. We ask for strength and guidance for all of the helpers, as they 'negotiate' the COVID regulations to keep everyone safe. We also pray for the children who will be attending, that they would have fun and retain what they learn, and this would lay the groundwork for a mature faith in adult lives.

Amen

*Then Jesus said to him, "Follow me!"*

*John 21:19*

Lord God,

We pray for all of the young people as they return to education – whether that is school, college or university. Lord, in these still uncertain times, give them assurance of Your love and presence in whatever happens. We also pray for the teachers and all of those who work within the school. Help those who may falter and stumble throughout their lives, we ask that You come to them in Your mercy, that you would help them to grow in stature and to walk well with You.

Amen

*"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord."*

*Psalms 78: 4*

Father,

Thank you for providing the Growing Young Initiative and for what You are teaching us all as we go through the process. Help us to keep listening for your voice and guidance, as You lead us through. We pray that our church will continue to be a nurturing place, committed to following You and spreading Your Gospel. Help each one of us engage, and play our part, in this ongoing process. Equip each of us to do Your work, and do it cheerfully, for Your glory. Help us to reach out to one another and especially to different generations, to help us understand each other better. Keep our hearts and minds engaged and stirred by Your Word, as we move forward.

Amen

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face towards you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

God,

*We ask that you protect Your servants as they move from one place to another, seeking to do Your will in their lives. We think especially of Anne Redpath, as she begins her probationary placement at the North Church in Perth and with the Bertha Park Presbytery Mission Initiative, and for Andrea Fraser as she prepares to begin her probationary placement at Dalgety Parish Church in Fife. We also ask for your blessings for Ian Morrison, as he continues his training as an Ordained Local Minister and spends a six-month training placement in Kinross, and for Rob Pettigrew, as he begins a period of discernment with us - to explore, reflect and listen to God, in order to discern what his call might be. We ask that You would draw close to them, and their families, and guide them as they seek to follow Your will. We pray that they would feel welcomed and supported by all of the Churches.*

*Amen.*

Lord,

As we continue to progress through the Coronavirus pandemic, help us to adapt, as a Church and as individuals, as things change. As the vaccination programme in this country continues, we ask that the poorest countries in the world would be able to get supplies of the vaccine to help protect their people. We know, Lord, that we will not be safe until everyone is able to be vaccinated. We ask that you would help us to accept the 'new normal' as we move forward. We pray for those who are grieving through loss during this pandemic, and we give thanks for those who have kept us going – the NHS, the emergency services, carers, shop workers, delivery people, and for the support and help of the Church and its members. Amen

“May the Lord direct your hearts into God’s love...”  
2 Thessalonians 3:5

Father God,

As the Guild begins its new session this month, we ask that you would bless them, as they begin to meet together face-to-face, whilst still observing the COVID rules. As they ‘Look forward in faith’, we give thanks for the work they do and the mission projects they support throughout the world. We pray for the mission partners – from a sustainable village in Tanzania to a project dealing with eating disorders in Scotland, from helping build a factory to support production of sustainable chocolate in South East Asia to a charity dedicated to finding a home for every child who needs one in Scotland, and from a project empowering young women through theological education in Brazil to a project in Uganda hoping to build a centre where children with a range of learning disabilities can learn alongside their peers - and for the Guild as they seek to support them in all that they do. We thank you for the friendship and fellowship of the Guild and their work in these and many other areas.

Amen

***“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.”***  
***Genesis 1:31***

Ever-creating God, we would thank you daily for the beauty and abundance of this world - if only we remembered. And yet the beauty and delicacy of this world is tarnished and its health is failing as we are not taking proper care of it. Lord, revive our collective conscience and restore our sense of responsible stewardship of the miracle of nature. With less than 100 days to go until COP26, across Scotland, communities and Church of Scotland congregations are preparing to play an important part in ensuring the event has a real and lasting impact on preventing, or minimising, the devastating effects of climate change around the globe. Help us to see, and take, the opportunities for activism, for learning and for putting into practice what we believe in. Although we may not be able to get anywhere near the main COP26 activities we can embrace the technology which congregations have made good use of in the last 18 months and play our part. We thank you for the work of our own Eco-Congregation Team and ask that you give them strength and leadership to help each one of us to make a difference in this world, especially as we enter our Stewardship of Creation season in the Church.

Amen