



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

Prayer Diary – September 2021

During September, we are reflecting upon the call we are each given to be good stewards of God's creation. The earth is the Lord's and everything in it – may we dedicate every moment, every thought and word and action to honouring God.

Wednesday 1st September – *Ephesians 1:18-21* – Remember before God those who are ill at home or in hospital and all who care for them, that they may know healing of body, mind and spirit. Midday time for Prayer [Station Rd, Kirklands Ct, Swansacre, Lomond Mews, Queen's Cres, Douglas Cres, Primary School]

Thursday 2nd – *Ephesians 3:14-19* – Give thanks for Heather Petrie in the Church Office, and pray that she may be equal to the demands that are placed upon her as she settles in to her new role. [High St (Bank of Scotland to Church Centre), Police Houses, St. Ronan's Dr, Chambers Ct, Talla Pk]

Friday 3rd – *Philippians 1:3-6* – Pray for all those wrestling with the challenge of keeping people safe in all church groups and organisations, and in outside groups using our facilities. [Bell Gardens, Muirhead Crescent, Simpson Wynd]

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in, the world and all who live in it."
(Psalm 24:1)

Saturday 4th – *Philippians 1:9-11* – Cry out to God for the people of Afghanistan and other theatres of conflict, as they live out their daily lives in fear and anxiety. [Avenue Rd, Kinross House Estate, Coventry Pl, Mill St, Burns Begg St, Kirkgate, Old Causeway, Causeway Ct, Millbridge]

Sunday 5th – *Philippians 4:4-7* – Pray that all who share in Communion this morning may know the living presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and take hold of Him with a confident faith. Morning Communion Service at 10.30am. Time for Prayer together on Zoom at 6pm. [Sandport, Sandport Gait, Nan Walker Wynd, Sandport Close, Pier Rd]

Monday 6th – *Philemon 1:4-6* – Pray for God's guiding for the Kirk Session as they meet this evening. Silent Meditation 8am. [Parliament Square, Brewery Lane, School Wynd, Piper Row, Whyte Ct, Smith St, Myre Terrace, Curate Wynd]

Tuesday 7th – *1 Timothy 2:1-4* – Intercede for our leaders and for the leaders of all nations that they may fulfil their duties responsibly and under God's hand. [High St (Church Centre to Todd & Duncan), Queich Pl, Old Cleish Rd, Bridgend]

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." (Genesis 8:22)

Wednesday 8th – *James 5:13-18* – Pray for Alan Reid as he moderates the Kirk Session of Orwell & Portmoak tonight, in relation to the impending vacancy there. Midday time for Prayer. [Bowton Rd, Montgomery Rd, Ross St]

Thursday 9th – *Psalms 116:1-6* – Give thanks for the opportunity that All Friends Together have to meet together tonight on Zoom, and pray that they may all know God's presence. [Montgomery St, Montgomery Way, Montgomery Ct]

Friday 10th – *Psalms 119:89-93* – Pray for all involved in the Brigade as the new session gets underway tonight in the Church Centre. [Levenbridge Pl, Devonvale Pl, Hopefield Pl, Junction Rd, Clashburn Rd, Clashburn Close, Clashburn Way]

Saturday 11th – *Psalms 119:103-105* – Pray that today's community litter pick, organised by the Eco-Church group may give opportunities for fruitful conversations. [Ochil View, Churchill Rd, Emslie Dr, Macdonald Avenue, Alexander Dr]

Sunday 12th – *Psalm 119:129-131* – Give thanks for the contact that has been maintained throughout lockdown with those involved with Let's Sing, and pray for wisdom to know the right time to restart in person. Morning Service at 10.30am. Time for Prayer together on Zoom at 6pm. [Green Rd, Green Pk, Green Wood]

Monday 13th – *Psalm 119:147-149* – Pray that there will be a good response to this month's special offering for Tearfund 'Recover Together', supporting the provision of Covid vaccinations in developing countries. [Muir's (Green Hotel to Springfield Rd), The Sycamores, Muirpark Rd, Muirfield Grove, Muir Grove]

Tuesday 14th – *Isaiah 40:6-8* – Pray for representatives of congregations across the Presbytery of Perth as they meet tonight to discuss the challenges facing the church. [Muir's (Springfield Rd to Gallowhill Rd), Whinfield Dr, Whinfield Gardens, Broom Rd, Broom Ct, Sunnypark]

Wednesday 15th – *Deuteronomy 6:4-9* – Pray for the Growing Young team as they take part in the final Webinar of the first year of this process and pray that the team may be expanded as the work enters year two. Midday time for Prayer [Muir's (Gallowhill Rd to Leisure Centre), Burnbank Meadows, Lethangie Rd, Bishop View, High School]

Thursday 16th – *Psalm 19:8* – Pray for Ian Morrison as he undertakes his first placement as a candidate for Ordained Local Ministry with us in Kinross between now and the spring. Compline 9pm. [Lathro Pk (South), Gallowhill Wynd, Highfield Circle]

Friday 17th – *Isaiah 55:10-11* – Pray for Rob Pettifer as he seeks confirmation of a call to ministry and ask God to enable him as he preaches in Kinross this Sunday. - [Lathro Pk (North), Courcelles Ct, Lathro Ct, Lathro Lane]

Saturday 18th – *Exodus 20:1-3* – Pray that the elders may be open to the Holy Spirit as they meet in conference for several hours today seeking God's leading for our congregation. [Acremoar Drive, Lathrocht Grove]

Sunday 19th – *Amos 8:11-12* – Give thanks for new people who have been drawn into Kinross church during the last couple of years and pray that their contribution will enrich us all. Morning Service at 10.30am. Time for Prayer together on Zoom at 6pm. [Dalwhamie Street, Drumeather Way]

Monday 20th – *Nehemiah 8:9-10* – Pray for Anne Redpath as she serves her probationary period in Perth: North Church. [Gallowhill Rd, Gallowhill Gardens, Mavisbank, Lomond Pl, Argyll Ct]

Tuesday 21st – *Romans 10:16-18* – Pray for Andrea Fraser as she serves her probationary period in the church at Dalgety Bay. [Argyll Rd]

Wednesday 22nd – *Matthew 7:24-27* – Pray for the Craft Group as they meet in the church week by week, that as they work with their hands their conversation may be seasoned with the salt of the Gospel. Midday time for Prayer [Renton Dr, Morlich Pl, George Dr, Thompson Pl, Torrison Pl, Sandwood Pl, Rannoch Pl]

"God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain for the old order of things has passed away." (Revelation 21:4)

Thursday 23rd – *Luke 8:11-15* – Pray for the work of the Scottish Bible Society as it seeks new ways to encourage people to engage with God's Word. [Sutherland Dr, St. Mary's Pl, Tummel Pl, Morar Pl, Katrine Pl]

Friday 24th – *John 14:23-24* – Pray that each one of us may have a clear sense of what God is calling us to be, and to do in His service at this time. [Maree Pl, Seaforth Dr, Leven Pl, Cameron Avenue, Springfield Rd]

Saturday 25th – *2 Timothy 3:14-17* – Pray for Kathy Dain as she returns to ministry in Florida, that she may be a blessing among those with whom she is called to serve. [Wilson Ct, Springfield Pk, McWilliam Pl]

Sunday 26th – *1 Thessalonians 2:13* – As we give thanks today for the fruitfulness of the earth, pray that we may commit ourselves afresh to be good stewards of God's creation. Morning Service at 10.30am. Time for Prayer together on Zoom at 6pm. [Beveridge Pl, McBain Pl, Gordon Pl]

"Do not take advantage of each other but fear your God. I am the Lord your God."
(Leviticus 25:17)

Monday 27th – *Hebrews 4:12-13* – Pray for Angus Morrison as he retires from full-time ministry after more than 40 years' service and ask God's blessing upon him and Marion as they make their home in Edinburgh. [Rural West (A91/A977) – Balado, Burnbrae, Kellieside, Tillyochie]

Tuesday 28th – *James 1:22-25* – Pray for the Guild as they meet tonight, that their fellowship may inspire them to action. [Rural South (B996) - Cleish Road, Classloch, Hatchbank]

Wednesday 29th – *2 Timothy 2:1-2* – Give thanks for the staff and volunteers of the Day Centre and pray for all in our community who are supported by this vital service. Midday time for Prayer. [Orwell & Portmoak]

Thursday 30th – *Matthew 25:35-36* – Pray that God may be glorified in all things in our life, as a congregation and as individuals. [Cleish and Fossoway.]

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 – Prayer for the Community, in the Church
Silent Meditation on the first Monday morning of the month this month – 6th Sept.
Compline at 9pm on the third Thursday of the month – 16th Sept.

Additional Prayers –September 2021

*God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your living Word has come amongst us
And embodies what it is to walk in the light of your presence:
Grant to us a renewed sense of the presence of your living Word.
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.*

*God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your living Word comes to us full of grace and truth
And speaks to us even in the shadows and the dark places:
Grant to us that we may hear the word spoken to us today.
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.*

*God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your living Word comes to offer forgiveness to those who stumble
And who fall short of the glory of God:
Grant to us forgiveness and the opportunity to begin again.
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.*

*God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your living Word is for us the way, the truth and the life
And the One who calls us to be followers of the Way:
Grant to us that may walk the walk to which we are called in our daily lives.
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer*

(Church of Scotland prayer)

A prayer for Communion Sunday

Lord, we encounter Your Love, in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine. Around us is Your extraordinary world of beauty, wonder and terror. Some people walk on in confidence, while others walk as if on broken glass. Some are filled with hope, others are completely exhausted. But to all, You come and meet us where we are, take us by the hand and walk alongside us. We each bring our own thoughts and people to this service Lord because we know we can lay them before You. Forgive us when we try to do so much in our own strength and forget to depend on You. Forgive us when our minds wander when we should be putting You first. As we gather today, we encounter Your Love, in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine.

Amen

"So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles each day brings."

Matthew 6:34

Father God,

You know our innermost fears and worries, yet you tell us not to worry. Forgive us when we do. Help us to put our complete trust in You Lord, for the present and for the future. You have a plan prepared for each one of us, so help us to remember You are in control – always. When things seem blackest, Your Light shines brightest and nothing can extinguish it. Help us all as we begin to find the 'new normal' in our lives, our work and in Your Church. Help all of us to have and show Your wisdom and strength when we make decisions. Amen.

"I consider that what we suffer at this present time cannot be compared at all with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. All of creation waits with eager longing for God to reveal his children."

Romans 8: 18-19

God,

As we think about this season of the Stewardship of Creation, we thank You for our world and Your creation. From our tiny part of it right up to Your whole world. We thank You that we know You have the **whole** world, and **everyone** in it, in Your hands. We thank You for its vibrancy and the myriad of activities which go on all over it, every day. We know Your creation is infinitely precious, and we also apologise, Lord, for the mistakes we make in our stewardship of it. Help us to look to You for guidance as we move forward. We also think ahead to the COP26, the Climate Summit taking place here in Scotland in November this year. We pray that the people who will attend this summit, and all of those watching it remotely, will start to think and pray about what will be discussed, and our continuing impact on Your creation. Guide their thoughts. Amen

“This plan, which God will complete when the time is right, is to bring all creation together, everything in heaven and on earth, with Christ as head.”

Ephesians 1: 10

Father God,

As the schools are now back, we think of our Young People and all the changes they have had to adapt to in the last few years. We especially think of those moving on to further education as colleges and universities start back up – either in person or remotely, or a mixture of both. We pray for the young people who are anxious about the transition from school, and about the continuing effects of the pandemic. Give them confidence in themselves and in the systems, they will be part of. As we, in the church, all continue our Growing Young journey, help each one of us, no matter our ages, to engage, willingly and joyfully, with the process. Give guidance to the congregation, the Growing Young Team, and the leaders, as we continue to find the way forward for our church. Amen

A Harvest Prayer

God,

As we see another harvest come in, we thank You Lord for the earth's abundance. We know, Lord, that while we have so much, there are so many who have too little, or whose labour is exploited. We pray for them today. We pray for our farmers who often feel abandoned and forgotten for the rest of the year. Help them to know You are always there for them and hold them in the mighty power of Your hand. Help them feel Your Love and Your Peace. For farmers and growers all over the world, let them also feel Your Love, and know that they are not forgotten about, as we all try to take practical steps to help them overcome injustice and receive a fair return for their work. Amen