



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

Prayer Diary – November 2021

The long-awaited COP26 begins in Glasgow, and we devote the opening days of this month's diary to some strategic prayers for fruitful outcomes from the conference, that will benefit those who have most to lose from catastrophic climate change. Pray for a change in people's hearts that will open the way for Christ's transforming love to turn the world upside down.

Monday 1st November – *John 15:5-8* – Pray that climate-related disasters would be so deeply felt as to translate into action. Silent Meditation 8am. [Station Rd, Kirklands Ct, Swansacre, Lomond Mews, Queen's Cres, Douglas Cres, Primary School]

Tuesday 2nd – *Romans 12:1-2* – Pray that countries like ours will assume our responsibility to move away from fossil fuels. [High St (Bank of Scotland to Church Centre), Police Houses, St. Ronan's Dr, Chambers Ct, Talla Pk]

Wednesday 3rd – *Colossians 3:12-14* – Pray that the aggregate emission reduction targets agreed will match what the science says about preventing a 1.5° C warming. Midday Prayers at 12 noon. [Bell Gardens, Muirhead Crescent, Simpson Wynd]

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

Thursday 4th – *Galatians 5:22-23* – Pray that the God of Truth will reveal and counter the lies with which many people receive the work of climate scientists. [Avenue Rd, Kinross House Estate, Coventry Pl, Mill St, Burns Begg St, Kirkgate, Old Causeway, Causeway Ct, Millbridge]

Friday 5th – *James 3:17-18* – Pray for a global revival of love for God's creation and for Creation's King, the Lord Jesus Christ. [Sandport, Sandport Gait, Nan Walker Wynd, Sandport Close, Pier Rd]

Saturday 6th – *Ephesians 4:29-32* – Pray for courage to speak up and challenge those in power, and peace to know God is with them and for them, as they pursue justice. [Parliament Square, Brewery Lane, School Wynd, Piper Row, Whyte Ct, Smith St, Myre Terrace, Curate Wynd]

Sunday 7th – *2 Peter 1:5-8* – On a day when churches across the world will be reflecting on and praying about climate issues, pray that there will be significant moves towards sustainability as a result of COP 26. Morning Service at 10.30am. Informal Communion 11.45am. Time for Prayer on Zoom at 6pm. [High St (Church Centre to Todd & Duncan), Queich Pl, Old Cleish Rd, Bridgend]

Monday 8th – *2 Corinthians 9:6-8* – Pray that Glasgow will be welcoming and hospitable, and that safety, security, and logistical efficiency will facilitate transformational decision-making at COP26. [Bowton Rd, Montgomery Rd, Ross St]

Tuesday 9th – *Galatians 2:20* – Pray that voices from developing nations and vulnerable communities will be divinely amplified at COP26. [Montgomery St, Montgomery Way, Montgomery Ct]

Wednesday 10th – *Philippians 3:10-12* – Pray that the Holy Spirit will influence ALL leaders, official and unofficial, across all sectors involved in COP26, that wisdom and compassion may prevail in relationships, negotiations, decision-making, and reporting. Midday Prayers at 12 noon. [Levenbridge Pl, Devonvale Pl, Hopefield Pl, Junction Rd, Clashburn Rd, Clashburn Close, Clashburn Way]

Thursday 11th – *1 Corinthians 1:7-9* – Pray that the Global Church will wake up, turning from misplaced triumphalism, repenting of complicity, and taking up a prophetic voice with action. [Ochil View, Churchill Rd, Emslie Dr, Macdonald Avenue, Alexander Dr]

Friday 12th – *Ephesians 1:15-17* – Pray that as COP 26 reaches its conclusion the work of creating a better future, especially for the world's most vulnerable people, will be taken forward. [Green Rd, Green Pk, Green Wood]

“Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.” (Matthew 6:10)

Saturday 13th – *Colossians 1:9-12* – Give thanks for all who offer their gifts in the service of God and others in so many ways, in the life of our congregation. [Muir (Green Hotel to Springfield Rd), The Sycamores, Muirpark Rd, Muirfield Grove, Muir Grove]

Sunday 14th – *2 Timothy 4:7-8* – As the nation observes two minutes' silence today, may there be seeds of peace sown in the hearts of all that will keep us from future conflict. Morning Service at 10am, Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.55am. Time for Prayer on Zoom at 6pm. [Muir (Springfield Rd to Gallowhill Rd), Whinfield Dr, Whinfield Gardens, Broom Rd, Broom Ct, Sunnypark]

Monday 15th – *Isaiah 65:17-19* – Pray for a continued deepening of relationships between churches. [Muir (Gallowhill Rd to Leisure Centre), Burnbank Meadows, Lethangie Rd, Bishop View, High School]

Tuesday 16th – *Isaiah 61:4* – Lift before God all those who, in different ways, work to make our community a better place and pray that they would see fruit for their labours. [Lathro Pk (South), Gallowhill Wynd, Highfield Circle]

Wednesday 17th – *Isaiah 49:8* – Give thanks for the work of Kinross Centre and pray for staff and service users alike, that they may find life in its fulness. Midday Prayers 12 noon. [Lathro Pk (North), Courcelles Ct, Lathro Ct, Lathro Lane]

Thursday 18th – *John 11:25-27* – Pray for all involved in seeking solutions to the many challenges facing the Church of Scotland at this time and ask God to give vision and strength. Compline 9pm. [Acremoar Drive, Latch Dubh Lane]

Friday 19th – *John 14:1-4* – Hold before God the officers and young people who make up the Brigade and pray that all would know the presence of God with them, in their weekly meetings and in daily life. [Dalwhamie Street, Drumeuther Way]

Saturday 20th – *Luke 24:25-27* – Ask God's help for those who help to lead Sunday worship week by week in word and song, in flowers and welcome, that every contribution may bring glory to God and blessing to people. [Gallowhill Rd, Gallowhill Gardens, Mavisbank, Lomond Pl, Argyll Ct]

Sunday 21st – *Luke 24:32-34* – Pray that Christ may be exalted as King in our life as a church, and in our lives as individuals, that the Kingdom may come among us. Morning Service at 10.30am. Time for Prayer together on Zoom at 6pm. [Argyll Rd]

Monday 22nd – *1 Thessalonians 4:13-14* – Pray for Ian Morrison, OLM candidate on placement in Kinross, and for Rob Pettifer as he makes decisions as to the way forward after being part of the discernment process. [Renton Dr, Morlich Pl, George Dr, Thompson Pl, Torridon Pl, Sandwood Pl, Rannoch Pl]

Tuesday 23rd – *1 Peter 1:3-5* – Pray for the Presbytery of Perth meeting tonight to debate matters remitted for discussion across the country by the General Assembly. [Sutherland Dr, St. Mary's Pl, Tummel Pl, Morar Pl, Katrine Pl]

Wednesday 24th – *1 Corinthians 15:19-20* – Pray for all those involved in Housegroups, and in other groups within the church, that each one may find encouragement and support as they seek to follow Jesus in daily life. Midday Prayers 12 noon. [Maree Pl, Seaforth Dr, Leven Pl, Cameron Avenue, Springfield Rd]

Thursday 25th – *1 Corinthians 15:42-44* – Pray for those who offer their practical skills in administration, accounting and maintenance in the church and ask God to raise up others to work alongside them. [Wilson Ct, Springfield Pk, McWilliam Pl]

Friday 26th – *1 Corinthians 15:51-53* – Give thanks that the Church will have a place at the heart of the Winter Festival, as it hosts the community photographic exhibition this weekend. [Beveridge Pl, McBain Pl, Gordon Pl]

Saturday 27th – *2 Corinthians 5:1* – Pray that the church's presence at the monthly Farmers' Market, and at today's Festive Market, may open the way for many fruitful conversations. [Rural West (A91/A977) – Balado, Burnbrae, Kellieside, Tillyochie]

“Yes, I am coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.”
(Revelation 22:20)

Sunday 28th – *Philippians 3:20-21* – As Advent begins today, take time to quiet yourself before God, asking that a fresh way for Christ may be prepared in your heart and life. Morning Service at 10.30am. Time for Prayer together on Zoom at 6pm. [Rural South (B996) - Cleish Road, Classlochie, Hatchbank]

Monday 29th – *Colossians 3:1-4* - Ask God's comfort, help and healing for those who are suffering through illness or bereavement at this time. [Orwell & Portmoak]

Tuesday 30th – *Matthew 6:19-21* – Give thanks for the work of Kythe among the young folk of Kinross-shire and pray that good things will come out of it over the years ahead. [Cleish and Fossoway.]

Times for Prayer

Sunday evenings at 6pm – Time for Prayer together on Zoom
Wednesday at 12 noon – Prayer for the Parish
Silent Meditation on the first Monday morning of the month – 1st Nov.
Compline at 9pm on the third Thursday of the month – 18th Nov.

Prayer times are available on the KPC Facebook page
www.facebook.com/kinrossparishchurch/

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Additional prayers

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

Heavenly Father,

As the long-awaited COP26 begins in Glasgow, we pray for a change in people's hearts that will open the way for Christ's transforming love to turn the world upside down. As we see the pictures from around the world of the climate-related disasters, we pray that the sadness felt for those losing homes, or their lives, will translate into real action to prevent this becoming worse still. We ask that the richer countries, like ours, will not only listen but act to move away from the use of fossil fuels before it is too late. We also pray that the voices from developing nations and vulnerable communities will be divinely amplified at the Conference. Give each of us, Lord, power and courage to speak up and challenge those in power when they are only saying words and not using actions to prove their commitments. We ask that, while churches around the world are reflecting on, and praying about, climate issues, we will see significant moves towards sustainability as a result of COP26. We pray that the Holy Spirit will influence ALL leaders, official and unofficial, across all sectors involved in COP26, that wisdom and compassion may prevail in relationships, negotiations, decision-making, and reporting. Pray that as COP 26 reaches its conclusion, the work of creating a better future, especially for the world's most vulnerable people, will be taken forward by all. Amen

Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Lord,

We remember in solemn silence the agony and suffering of war, and reflect again on humanity's capacity for hatred and violence. Hold back, we pray, people of war and encourage and strengthen people of peace. Help us to remember the sacrifice *of so many, for so many*. Help us also to remember that this is not something that is confined to history, but wars and fighting are still going on across the globe and destroying nations and lives. Lord, place your hand on those who seem determined to make war, and show them Your Peace, which passes all of our understanding, and Love. We remember those who have been injured and disabled by war, and thank you for the organisations that help them – such as the Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes. Bless the injured and disabled with new horizons and different opportunities and let them feel the touch of Your hand on their lives. Give us all a vision of a world at peace and never let this fade from our minds. May peace be our goal and peace always our method.

Amen

"May the LORD look on you with favour and give you peace".

Numbers 6:26

God,

We lift before you all of those people in our community who have made a positive difference in the last few years, as we fought coronavirus. We pray that the kindness and compassion shown will continue to be the 'new normal' and will live on much longer than the virus itself. We lift before You all those who, strive to break down barriers in our community, to make it a better place and pray that they would see fruit for their labours. We, once again, give thanks for the work of Kinross Centre and pray for staff and service users alike, that they may find strength, support, hope and joy. We also think at this time of those involved in the emergency services, and all of those working in our NHS. Give them renewed strength to cope with the pressures that this oncoming winter will throw at them and let them know Your Love and Peace.

Amen

"The spirit of the LORD will give him wisdom and the knowledge and skill to rule his people. He will know the LORD's will and honor him, and find pleasure in obeying him." Isaiah 11: 2

Lord God,

We pray for all who are involved in seeking solutions to the many challenges facing the Church of Scotland at this time and ask You to give them vision and strength. We pray, in particular, for the Presbytery of Perth meeting this month to debate matters passed to them for discussion by the General Assembly. Help lead their thoughts and actions in Your way as they make difficult decisions for the way forward for Your Church. We also pray for the patience and tolerance of Your people to accept any changes that are proposed, as we all try to move forward as Your Church praising You, speaking the Good News boldly and living distinctly in our individual lives.

Amen

"We also boast of our troubles, because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance brings God's approval, and his approval creates hope."

Romans 5:3-4

Loving Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the preaching of Your gospel in our churches every week, and that we can read Your Word and worship You without threats of persecution for us or our families. We pray for those, around the world, where this is not the case and ask You to give them Your strength and peace to persevere in their faith. We think about the themes we have heard about in recent weeks – of justice and injustice, mercy and grace and how we can apply them to our daily lives. We thank you for Your amazing grace and mercy, which know no bounds. Help us to be as generous in our sharing of these with others, especially those who do not yet know You. Equip each of us to play our part.

Amen

November 28th – 1st Sunday in Advent

Lord,

Prepare us for your Advent coming.

Prepare our church for Your coming – open our church to the free flow of Your refreshing Spirit, and give us a new vision and hope. As we continue to take steps back to 'normality', guide us in each of these steps as we enter Advent.

Prepare our world for Your coming – help us to revive our dreams of justice and restore our dedication for what is good and right. Set a flame to the fuse of justice around the world this Advent and let us all see Your Hope and Peace in place throughout the world.

Prepare our community for Your coming – In the problems which affect our community, help us always to remember the supremacy of love, Your Love. May Love motivate us in all we do and say and in our care for our community.

Prepare us for Your coming – Help us to be sensitive to those in need around us, and help us to share Your love with them and remind them that someone does care. Help us to come alongside those we know who are ill just now or struggling with pain and touch them with Your healing hand.

Advent Lord, prepare our hearts for Your coming. Draw close to each one of us and help to rejuvenate our faith. Help us to open wide our eyes to the wonder of Your coming in Bethlehem as a baby, and as we look forward to Your next coming. Help purify our hearts and minds so that we may be ready.

Come Lord Jesus, Come.

Amen