



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

Prayer Diary – January 2021

As the old year begins to fade and the new year dawns with hope of an end to the restrictions we have known these past months, let us spend time each day on our knees asking God to help us to rebuild our lives on surer foundations and with purer motives, and let us ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will bring life in all its fulness to our community and to our nation. Lord, begin with me.

Friday 1st January – *John 1:1-5* – At the beginning of the year let us humble ourselves in repentance, and ask God to change us from the inside out. [Station Rd, Kirklands Ct, Swansacre, Lomond Mews, Queen's Cres, Douglas Cres Primary School]

Saturday 2nd – *Genesis 1:1-4* – Let us pray that God would give us a spiritual hunger such as we have never experienced before. [High St (Bank of Scotland to Church Centre), Police Houses, St. Ronan's Dr, Chambers Ct, Talla Pk]

Sunday 3rd – *Psalms 19:1-4* – Pray that God would bring deep unity and loving harmony to our church family, and a longing to be the kind of fellowship God wants us to be. Virtual Morning Service at 10.30am. Zoom Prayer time at 6pm. [Bell Gardens, Muirhead Crescent, Simpson Wynd]

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."
(2 Chronicles 7:14)

Monday 4th – *Psalms 8:1-9* – Ask God to lay on your heart the names of five people for whom you will pray regularly this year, that they may come to know Christ. Silent Meditation 8am. [Avenue Rd, Kinross House Estate, Coventry Pl, Mill St, Burns Begg St, Kirkgate, Old Causeway, Causeway Ct, Millbridge]

Tuesday 5th – *Psalms 24:1-2* – Ask God to raise up individuals for significant Christian service locally, and to the ends of the earth. [Sandport, Sandport Gait, Nan Walker Wynd, Sandport Close, Pier Rd]

Wednesday 6th – *Psalms 33:6-9* – On this Day of Epiphany, pray for a fresh revelation of Christ for the people of Kinross. Pray for a children's event being planned for today. Midweek Service 10.30am. Midday Time for Prayer. [Parliament Square, Brewery Lane, School Wynd, Piper Row, Whyte Ct, Smith St, Myre Terrace, Curate Wynd]

Thursday 7th – *Job 9:4-8* – Pray for those who mourn at this time that they may know God's promised comfort and peace. [High St (Church Centre to Todd & Duncan), Queich Pl, Old Cleish Rd, Bridgend]

Friday 8th – *Job 38:25-28* – Seek the healing touch of God for those who are sick, and for those struggling with broken relationships. [Bowton Rd, Montgomery Rd, Ross St]

"Everyone who heard Jesus was amazed at His understanding and His answers" (Luke 2:47)

Saturday 9th – *Isaiah 40:25-26* – Ask God to prepare the way for the preaching of the Word, that hearts may be ready to receive it and respond to it. [Montgomery St, Montgomery Way, Montgomery Ct]

Sunday 10th – *Isaiah 45:8* – Ask God to help us find ways to deepen our fellowship as a church family even during these days of physical separation. Virtual Morning Service at 10.30am. Zoom Prayer time at 6pm. [Levenbridge Pl, Devonvale Pl, Hopefield Pl, Junction Rd, Clashburn Rd, Clashburn Close, Clashburn Way]

Monday 11th – *Psalm 93:1-5* – Pray that the community of Kinross may know that we are Christ's disciples by our love, as He has commanded. [Ochil View, Churchill Rd, Emslie Dr, Macdonald Avenue, Alexander Dr]

Tuesday 12th – *Psalm 65:8* – Pray for the Growing Young team as they consider the results of the congregational survey that has been completed by over 50 people [Green Rd, Green Pk, Green Wood.]

Wednesday 13th – *Psalm 65:9-13* – Pray for the staff at Kinross Centre, as they continue to support the most vulnerable in our community by the weekday delivery of a hot meal and a cheery face. Midweek Service 10.30am. Midday Time for Prayer. [Muir (Green Hotel to Springfield Rd), The Sycamores, Muirpark Rd, Muirfield Grove, Muir Grove]

Thursday 14th – *Psalm 104:5-9* – Remember those who have been isolated in care homes, or in their own home, over the last nine months and pray for their continued safe-keeping as the vaccination programme is rolled out. [Muir (Springfield Rd to Gallowhill Rd), Whinfield Dr, Whinfield Gardens, Broom Rd, Broom Ct, Sunnypark]

Friday 15th – *Psalm 104:13-15* – Pray that the many who have been engaging with the church online during the pandemic will discover the reality of warm fellowship in person when we are able to meet again as a church. [Muir (Gallowhill Rd to Leisure Centre), Burnbank Meadows, Lethangie Rd, Bishop View, High School]

Saturday 16th – *Psalm 148:1-6* – Ask God to prompt you to make contact with someone in the congregation today that you have not been in touch with for a while. [Lathro Pk (South), Gallowhill Wynd, Highfield Circle]

Sunday 17th – *Psalm 113:3-9* – Give thanks for the glorious Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and pray that we may read God's Word with a greater openness in these days. Virtual Morning Service at 10.30am. Prayer for the Nation at 7pm. [Lathro Pk (North), Courcelles Ct, Lathro Ct, Lathro Lane]

Monday 18th – *1 Chronicles 16:23-27* – Pray that God will arrest your attention as you read the Bible and prompt you to act on what you have read. [Acremoar Drive, Lathrocht Grove]

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)"

Tuesday 19th – *Psalm 148:7-13* – Ask God to stir up in our young people a desire to share the message of Jesus with their peers in imaginative ways. [Dalwhamie Street, Drumethur Way]

Wednesday 20th – *Nehemiah 9:6* – Pray that we would all be doers of the Word, as well as hearers of it, in these days. Midweek Service 10.30am. Midday Time for Prayer. [Gallowhill Rd, Gallowhill Gardens, Mavisbank, Lomond Pl, Argyll Ct]

Thursday 21st – *Job 5:9-16* – Pray for an openness, amongst all who have a role to play in shaping the life of the church, to what God is saying to us at this time. Compline 9pm. [Argyll Rd]

Friday 22nd – *Isaiah 46:9-10* – Pray for a deepening of faith as God's Word is read and shared by individuals, in housegroups and in public worship. [Renton Dr, Morlich Pl, George Dr, Thompson Pl, Torridon Pl, Sandwood Pl, Rannoch Pl]

Saturday 23rd – *Jeremiah 10:6-7* – Pray for all those who are involved in the leading and broadcasting of Sunday services. [Sutherland Dr, St. Mary's Pl, Tummel Pl, Morar Pl, Katrine Pl]

Monday 25th – *Acts 17:24-27* – Pray for initiatives such as Let's Sing and the litter pick, which seek to bless the community in which we are set. [Wilson Ct, Springfield Pk, McWilliam Pl]

Tuesday 26th – *Psalm 139:14-16* – Give thanks for the developing work of Kythe among the young people of the county, and pray for Barry and Gillian and all involved as volunteers. [Beveridge Pl, McBain Pl, Gordon Pl]

"Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved." (Psalm 80:19)"

Wednesday 27th – *Psalm 145:3-6* – Pray for each of the homes in your own neighbourhood, and ask God to prompt you if there is anyone you could be helping in any way. Midweek Service 10.30am. Midday Time for Prayer. [Rural West (A91/A977) – Balado, Burnbrae, Kellieside, Tillyochie]

Thursday 28th – *Psalm 145:8-13* – Pray that everyone in our community may have a good relationship with at least one Christian, and ask God to deepen those connections. [Rural South (B996) - Cleish Road, Classlochie, Hatchbank]

Friday 29th – *Psalm 145:14-18* – Pray for Kathy Dain, as she seeks God's leading into future avenues for ministry following her placement here in Kinross. [Orwell & Portmoak]

Saturday 30th – *Psalm 86:15-17* – Pray that virtual contacts made during lockdown may be built upon in the coming months. [Cleish and Fossoway.]

Sunday 31st – *Micah 7:18-20* – Lift before God those who have been struggling with family life over the past months. Virtual Morning Service at 10.30am. Prayer for the Nation at 7pm. [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 – Prayer for the Community

Silent Meditation on the first Monday morning of the month – 4th Jan.

Compline at 9pm on the third Thursday of the month – 21st Jan.

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

Additional prayers January 2021

Lord,

As we go into this new year, we give thanks for every blessing of the past Christmas season. As we look uncertainly to the year ahead, give us the assurance that you will be with us in the future, as deeply as you have been in the past and that NOTHING can separate us from Your Love. As New Year Resolutions come and go, help us to know what changes really matter and to make happen. As we re-focus on You, our ever present & ever-loving God, keep us sure in the hope you have set before us. Amen

“For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.” (1 Cor. 1:25)

Father God,

We thank you that you know us inside and out. Though the world, through its wisdom, did not know you, we thank you that we know you, through Your Son, Jesus. The world, with all its wisdom and intelligence, did not accept Your Son or His preaching. We, who are saved through Jesus, know that it is through Your wisdom, strength and power that we get through each day. As the new year starts, help us to hold onto this each and every day. Amen

We thank you, Lord, for the Growing Young movement, and ask that You help every one of us to play our part in it, and in the changes it may bring to the Church. We pray especially for the Growing Young team within our own church, and ask that you give them wisdom and strength as they help us to understand what this initiative is all about, and how we can all play a role in making Kinross Parish Church a church that is Growing Young. Amen

“After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.”

(Luke 2: 46)

Father,

Help us to be an authentic church and to really connect with one another, no matter who we are. Help us to weave warmth into all of our relationships, especially those between different generations, and for this to become so natural to us that it feels part of the DNA of the church family. Help us to be honest in our relationships with one another and remember that this will help to build belonging for each of us and also build a stronger church. Let us all remember that these warm intergenerational relationships will help everyone grow young and create connections throughout the church. Help us to remember from the relationship of the Trinity and the metaphor of the body of Christ that we all belong to one another. Amen.

“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.”

(Ephesians 4: 15)

God,

Help us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus as the centrepiece of everything we do, and to seek to live out His message in everyday relationships, within the church and the wider community.

Jesus did not condemn, but set free – help us to do the same;

Jesus took what was broken and restored wholeness – help us to do the same;

Jesus invited followers into a life of discipleship that required sacrifice – help us to do the same;

Jesus embodied the fullness of Your unconditional Love and unending faithfulness; help us to do the same. Take the obstacles that young people see and feel that could threaten their pursuit of Jesus, and help them to overcome them and help us, as a church, to do our best to help them in this. Amen

“...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”

(Luke 10: 27)

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for the example you show, and teach, us in how to be a good neighbour. Help us to be good neighbours, and to show selfless mercy to those outside our congregations. Help us to demonstrate compassion and forgiveness, especially in situations where we have the option to do the complete opposite. Help us to make the world a better place, in everything we say and everything we do. Let our actions shine Your light and Love on this often dark and frightened world. Teach us not to give up when the perfection we seek falls short and to keep on trying. Help us not to copy the way the world lives or compete with other interests; but to be authentic and loving, just as You are. Amen

“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.” (Mark 9: 37)

Just as we are all part of the church family, Lord, we ask that you show us ways to be better equipped to help and support young people and their families. Help us to remember that families, today, come in all shapes and sizes and we need to look at the myriad of struggles this can throw up for both the adults and children within these families. Help us to empathise with, and address, the pain and brokenness so many people feel and to offer support to those in need.

Inspire us, Lord, to look at everything that is done in the church and assess what more young people could do to help us all to grow young. Keep our minds open to what needs to change and give us ideas on how to make those changes.

Let us all support one another as we seek to Grow Young and to grow Your Church and help it flourish.

Amen