



Short daily prayers for people and situations, our Church, our local Community and further afield.



Wednesday 1st

"Do not be afraid", Jesus said to them. "Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee and there they will see me." Matt 28:29 May today be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born this day.

Thursday 2nd

"Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you and I will be with you always to the end of the age." Matt 28:20

Help us to overcome ourselves again and again and to remain at peace with you Father. Then your will may be done in your disciples and a power of peace may be around us that goes out into the whole world and your name may be glorified on earth. For you are Lord of Peace and we await you.

Friday 3rd

"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you" John 16:23

Lord, You have promised when we pray for something in the name of Christ it will be done. Teach us what it really means to know and love Jesus so completely that our will and His will coincide. May everything we do today be for Your glory and to the salvation of our souls. Amen.

Saturday 4th

"We look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people. He keeps them for you in heaven where they cannot decay or spoil or fade away." 1 Peter 1:4

We thank You Lord that again and again You have led us through the darkness on a path of light. Looking back we cannot be thankful enough. May our hearts turn to You and be filled with quiet certainty in all we are still awaiting.

Sunday 5th Morning Service at Cranstoun Messy Church at Pathhead Village Hall

"Spirit of truth and grace, come to us in this place As now in Jesus' name God's people gather And in communion draw us close together." Holy Spirit fall afresh on our families as they gather at Messy Church for a Pentecost birthday celebration.

Monday 6th

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love." John 15:9-10

Almighty God we thank you for the great gift of love – the love which we are able to share with those around us, which gives us a sense of self worth and belonging, which enriches our lives in so many ways. You have opened your heart to us. Help us do the same to you.

Tuesday 7th

"Seek the welfare of the city....and pray to the Lord on its behalf .." Jeremiah29:7

Almighty God, we give thanks for all those in our communities who have committed themselves to a life of service through their work or volunteering. Be their sustainer and cause them to flourish in their work and relationships.

Wednesday 8th

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Lord, help us to see the work that you are asking us to do in Tyne Valley Parish. It is so easy to get carried away with current trends which are not necessarily your way for this community. Help us to know when to act and when to wait. Let your Holy Spirit guide us.

Thursday 9th Ascension Day

"Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us." Romans 8:34

"Accept us now as your disciples, inspire us through Your Holy Spirit, lead us in your service, equip us for all You would have us do, and so may we live to Your glory and bring Your kingdom nearer. In Your name we pray." *Nick Fawcett*

Friday 10th

"Nation will not take up sword against nation. Nor will they train for war any more." Micah 4:3-4 "Dear God, we cry out to You on behalf of the people seriously affected

by the conflict in Gaza and Israel. We ask

that You would stretch out Your mighty hand to end this war. We pray for the people who have been injured and traumatised, who have lost loved ones or their homes. Please provide everything they need and be their comfort, their hope, their healer and their safe refuge." *Tearfund.*

Saturday 11th Wild Migratory Bird Day

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them...."

Matthew 6:26

Lord we thank you for this amazing world which You have created. We wonder at the ability of tiny birds to migrate thousands of miles each year. Please help us to show our praise for You by protecting their habitats.

Sunday 12th Christian Aid Week - Family Service at NMVH "Be joyful in your union with the Lord." Philippians 3:1

Pray for all the different ways churches will find to raise money and awareness for Christian Aid this week under their banner of 'Dignity, Freedom and Hope' to make the world a fairer place. Hold Carrie in your prayers as she leads the family service this morning.

Monday 13th

"Now there are many other things that Jesus did. If they were all written down one by one I suppose that the whole world could not hold the books that would be written." John 21:25 The Apostle John spent time with Jesus and witnessed many of His acts. He believed that Jesus was the Son of God. Lord please encourage us to spend more time with You in our daily Bible reading and, through that, to strengthen our faith in You.

Tuesday 14th

"You who are young, be happy while you are young and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth..."

Ecclesiastes 11:9

Give thanks for the work Reece is doing in Tynewater School to promote Impact, a Scripture Union group, and the Grannies and Grandpas reading project with the children.



Wednesday 15th International Day of Families

"Joseph took the child and his mother and went back to Israel." Matthew 2:21

Lord we ask your blessing on all families thinking especially at this time of those who are split up as a result of the wars in Ukraine, Gaza and Yemen. Pray for the children who have been deprived of a happy childhood and for the parents who are unable to provide for their children as they would like. Father,

thank You for the blessing of being part of Your family. Help me to live my life in a way that draws others to you.

Thursday 16th

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful." Psalm 139:14

O God, our merciful Father whose love is for every living creature, as we go out today into the world and to our work, we ask you to bless us and everyone we come into contact with. Help us to see when someone needs a helping hand.

Friday 17th

"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?" Psalm 139:7

Merciful Father, forgive us for all the wrong things that have spoiled today, for that moment when our conscience spoke to us and we heard it but went our own way. We ask you, who never leaves us, to forgive us when we forget about you.

Saturday 18th Church of Scotland General Assembly

"Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false." Psalm 24:3,4

O God, our Father, help us to learn the lessons that life is trying to teach us and save us from making the same mistakes over and over again. Thank You for those in whose company frightening things are not so alarming and hard things are not so difficult.

Almighty God we pray for the General Assembly this week and place into your hands every decision that is made.

Sunday 19th Pentecost – Morning service at Cranstoun

O Day of joy and wonder!

Christ's promise now fulfilled!

The coming of his Spirit the Father's love has willed; Our Lord in human body to mortal eye is lost, Yet he returns forever at blessed Pentecost!

Monday 20th

Lord we give thanks for this school holiday, traditionally given because in the Christian calendar it is the day after Pentecost or Whit Sunday being seven Sundays after Easter Sunday when the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus' disciples. At this time of year it enables families to enjoy the beautiful spring weather together. Amen.

Tuesday 21st

On this day in 1881 the American Red Cross was established in Washington DC by Clara Barton who heard of the Swiss inspired global Red Cross network while visiting Europe. Lord, we give thanks for all those dedicated to relieving human suffering particularly at this time of conflicts in the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan when their efforts have come into a sharper focus.

Wednesday 22nd

Dear Lord, on this anniversary of the day in 337 when the Roman Emperor Constantine was baptised on his deathbed, the first Roman Emperor to be baptised in the Christian church, we give thanks for the part that Constantine played in promoting Christian belief. We ask for your wisdom and discernment to enable us to promote Christian belief today in 21st century Scotland. Amen.

Thursday 23rd

On the final day of the General Assembly for 2024 we pray for the Moderator, the Rev Shaw James Paterson, as he leaves the Assembly as the Church of Scotland's ambassador for the year and that his vision of building together might be fulfilled. He said, "We're a church together and we need to go forward together to build on the foundations of all our forebears."

Friday 24th

Father we pray for our communities that they will be places where all will feel welcome. We pray for the Pathhead Fun Day tomorrow, that it will be a success and that we will have opportunities to share the love and joy of Jesus.

Saturday 25th

"You will do everything you have promised Lord. Your love is eternal." Psalm 138:8

Heavenly Father, I am sorry that I am sometimes forgetful of You and worry about my ability to cope with life's problems. Thank You for Your unfailing love.

Sunday 26th Morning Service at North Middleton "All the believers were one in heart and mind..." Acts 4:32

O Blessed Trinity, fill our church today with Your presence. Fill us with Your Spirit and lead us into the world You love that, like us, it will be filled with Your glory.

Monday 27th

Father at the start of this new week we offer our lives afresh,

all that we are and all that we do. Open the eyes of our hearts for we want to see Jesus. Open our ears to hear His voice calling us and our tongues to tell the wonders of Your love.



Tuesday 28th

"Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him..." Psalm 41:1

Pray for those whose lives are unmanageable and can't see a way out. Lord Jesus, show them Your presence today and break the cycle they find themselves in. Pray too for those who are homeless with nowhere to go and no one to go to.



Wednesday 29th

"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, in you I trust O my God. Do not let me be put to shame nor let my enemies triumph over me." Psalm 95:1,2

Loving Father who has given us the gift of this day, help us to use it wisely. Help us to use well the time that you have given us and not to waste it on things that don't matter.

Thursday 30th

"The Lord is my shepherd...even though I walk through the darkest valley...your rod and staff, they comfort me."
Psalm 23:1,4

Gentle Saviour, please bless all those who work, volunteer and fundraise for children's hospices and palliative care services supporting families facing the heartbreak that their child will die young.

Friday 31st

"While women weep as they do now, I'll fight. While children go hungry, as they do now, I'll fight. While men go to prison, in and out as they do now, I'll fight. While there is a drunkard left, while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I'll fight to the very end!" William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army



The May Prayer Diary has been written by a small group of elders.