



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



# Saturday 1st

Heavenly Father, we come to you today with a heart full of gratitude. Thank you for your countless blessings and your unwavering love. Thank you for the gift of life, for the air we breathe and for the strength you give us each day. Your grace and mercy sustain us. We are deeply grateful for your presence in our lives.

#### Sunday 2nd Service in Cranstoun

Dear Lord, may November be a month of unity. Grant us wisdom in handling conflicts should they arise and teach us to forgive and to extend grace as You have shown us grace. We seek purpose, direction and clarity Lord, in our lives. Reveal the plans that You have for us and direct our steps. For those who feel uncertain about the future, we pray for guidance and reassurance.

#### Monday 3rd

Loving God, "Take care of my flock" was Your instruction. We pray that You will send us good shepherds to do just that. We pray that those with skills and gifts will use them to the full, in promoting Your message of love. Help each one of us work, as one body, to care for Your flock.



# Tuesday 4th

Heavenly Father, please be with those who have been recently bereaved, wrap your loving arms around them, and give them your peace.

# Wednesday 5th

Heavenly Father, As I step into a new month, I come before You with an open heart. I invite Your peace and Your light to fill my days and guide my path. May I too find the courage to transform in Your presence. Grant me patience as I navigate the challenges this month presents and give me strength when my heart feels heavy.

#### Thursday 6th

Lord, we thank you for the beauty of your creation and the bounty of the harvest season. We are grateful for the food we share and ask Your blessing on all who work to grow, harvest and prepare it.



#### Friday 7th

Lord, we give thanks for senior citizens, for their wealth of knowledge and experience. Help us to appreciate them, spend time with them while we can, listen to them and never be too busy to stop and care for them.

#### Saturday 8th

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

Lord, I ask for your help for young parents who, perhaps because of problems in their own childhood, lack the skills to bring up their children and struggle to show them love and support. I pray that these parents will come to learn of Jesus' love.

#### Sunday 9th Remembrance Service in Cranstoun

In this month of remembrance, let us pray for anyone who

has lost a loved one in the recent past or for whom it is the anniversary of a loss. We pray they may find comfort in you Lord, and be supported by friends and family. May we help to surround them with love.



#### Monday 10th

Thank you, dear Lord, that we live in a place where we can worship You freely and without fear, when in so very many countries this is not so.

# Tuesday 11th Remembrance Service at 10.45am in Crichton

Father, we pray for an end to all warfare and violence, for the release of all captives and for the healing and comfort of all those who have lost loved ones. Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the fearful and be a source of healing presence for the injured and distressed.

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#### Wednesday 12th

"Now Esther was admired by all who saw her." Esther 2:15 Loving God, as we move on with our lives, let us take a few moments, to give thanks for all those dear to us, past or present who, by their kindness, love, acceptance and honesty have enriched our lives. Help us to use what we learned from their example to help others.

#### Thursday 13th

A loving partnership, Lord is a great blessing. For all those who feel undervalued at work, in the family or in the church we pray that they can reach out to You and feel totally reassured of their worth as a human being, a child of God and one of Your own loved ones- in the partnership that endures forever.

## Friday 14th

Father, today we ask your blessing on those nurses and community workers, particularly in India, who go to great lengths to deliver life saving vaccines to babies and young ones. The roll out of this programme is made more difficult by adverse weather, resulting in flooding, poor infrastructure and misinformation and fear on behalf of parents who only want to do the best they can for their children.



### Saturday 15th

God of Words, help us to be the best that we can be, to speak the words that really matter and care, to be the people that you would have us be and to be your Word incarnate, here and now.

Sunday 16th Service in Cranstoun
Dear Lord, we give thanks for Autumn
with its breathtaking colours and
changing hours of daylight and of
temperature. The seasons change
but you do not. Help us to trust and
follow You all the time, to hear Your
word and to see You all around us in
Your beautiful creation.

# Monday 17th

Lord, we know we have a friend in You who will be with us in every situation we meet and who will even carry us when needed. No situation is too unimportant to share with You. Help us to remember this and spend time with You regularly as our close friend.

#### Tuesday 18th

"John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." Mark 1:4 Gracious God, where heart and mind and soul and conscience have gone deaf to need and injustice and cruelty and wrong, may prophets from God speak out and speak up, we pray.

# Wednesday 19th

Father, when the difficulties seem to overwhelm us, when the questions go unanswered, when the work seems too hard, You are there. Be with us in our times of trouble. Be with us when we dance for joy. Be with us when we meet the Samaritan. Be with us when we celebrate. Be with us at all times. This we ask in Jesus' name.

#### Thursday 20th

Father, You are the God of small things. We do not always need to experience the exhilaration of great events, we do not always need the excitement of great occasions, we do not always need to know the next step. You provide excitement, exhilaration and joy in the small moments of calm, reflection and realisation of truth. Help us this day, Lord to take a moment, in this beautiful world, to look at the small things that give us unbounded joy. Be with us as we set aside time, in each day, to give thanks and to know that You are Lord of all.

## Friday 21st

God, save us from the easy answers. Help us to stand up against those who use their power to the detriment of others. Let us choose the right way, Your way and give us courage to stand up and help our brothers and sisters who are suffering.



I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well. Psalm 139:14 Lord, I am sorry that I sometimes take for granted all that you have provided for me and that I do not always use your gifts as I should. Thank you for all your many blessings.

#### Sunday 23rd Service in North Middleton

### Messy Church in Pathhead Village Hall

We pray Lord that you will continue to inspire the Messy Church Team, that they will find new ways to tell your message to the families and individuals who come along. There is a wonderful story to tell which gives an opportunity for anyone to encounter Jesus and to grow closer to him. We pray that the Minister and Congregation will help to signpost the monthly meetings, and to reach out to new families who may enjoy the creativity, celebration and hospitality.

#### Monday 24th

Loving God, so often, when we cannot see a way forward in life, we can become overwhelmed by negativity. We pray that You bring comfort to the weary and that Your presence will help overcome negative

thoughts. Build our trust in You and in Your divine strength. We ask for peace for all those suffering from depression.

# Tuesday 25th International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free." Luke 4:18

Heavenly Father, we lift to You every girl and young woman who has suffered or witnessed violence. We pray for justice in each of these situations, and provision for safe places where they can find healing. We ask all this in Jesus' name. (Prayer by Compassion UK)

#### Wednesday 26th

Dear Lord, across our land there are countless people who

must sleep rough in our streets. The reasons are many. Please encourage everyone to empathise with those who have no shelter. Protect them Lord and nourish them through the services offered by all those organisations who work tirelessly to alleviate their pain.



#### Thursday 27th

Gracious God, I thank You for the gift of memory. Help me to remember with gratitude all the times which have given me joy and drawn me closer to You and others. When my memories hurt me and hold me back, grant me Your healing touch. When my memories remind me that I am flawed then may I remember Your infinite forgiveness and love.

#### Friday 28th

Father, many of our first-year students will now have settled into their new lives, away from home We ask that they be given wisdom, guidance, strength, the ability to build on new friendships made and adjust to University life so that they may fulfil their potential.

# Saturday 29th

Lord, as we reach the end of Autumn and move on into Winter, help us reflect on all that is good in every season. Help us we pray to see the best in in each other, help us we pray to celebrate our differences and learn to live side by side as brothers and sisters who love one another.

#### Sunday 30th Service in Fala Village Hall

Let us pray for the success of the Advent Course, "Donkey Roads and Camel Treks" A pilgrim's Guide for Advent, which is being prepared by Cati and Malcolm Ramsay. May it help us all, as we journey through the Christmas season, to be reminded why we are Christians. Inspire them to breathe life into their chosen book and help everyone who comes along to their group feel welcomed, nurtured and nourished.



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