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Prayer Diary October 2023

Sun 1: gives thank to King Jesus for the gifts he gives to each one of us for service in his mission, pray that we may encourage one another as we worship together to explore how we may exercise all the gifts we have been given.

Mon 2: give thanks for our Guild Branch and for all the worship, fellowship and service they share together and the huge contribution the Guild makes to the life and mission of our congregation.

Tue 3: pray for all the ministers in our four congregations who are meeting together today: Karen Campbell (Interim Moderator at Polwarth), David Clarkson, Fiona Kennedy, Gordon Kennedy and Andrea Price.

Wed 4: give thanks for the Prayer Time at Barclay Viewforth church this evening, pray that God will meet with us and guide us in his way of service in our communities.

Thu 5: in this harvest season give thanks for the Eco Team in our congregation and let us pray for one another that we would all be able to take simple actions which reduce our impact upon our environment and promote creation care.

Fri 6: give thanks to our God for the gift and invitation of prayer. Prayer is not an activity we do but the life we live. Pray for one another that we may accept God's invition and walk with him in this life of prayer.

Sat 7: pray for the congregation of Juniper Green which has become vacant, pray for Gordon Kennedy serving as Interim Moderator as he leads the service at Juniper Green this morning.

Sun 8: give thanks for this season of harvest and for God's provision for us of food and clean water, may we never take these gifts of God to us for granted but always return thanks and praise to him.

Pray for the meeting of the Implementation Team for our four congregations this

Mon 9: remember to pray for Chogoria Hospital for all the staff who work at the hospital, especially pray for all those who are being trained for service at the Hospital be with all the students in their studies and practical work.

Tue 10: pray for the congregation of Polwarth which is vacant now, for Karen Campbell the Interim Moderator and Fiona Kennedy serving as Locum, may God build this congregation of his church for his glory week by week.

Wed 11: pray for the work of the Food Bank at Holy Trinity Wester Hailes, give thanks for all who work and volunteer at the Food Bank and pray for all those who are supported by the Food Bank in these days.

Thu 12: pray for the work of Tearfund serving in Syria to support communities recovering from the devastating earthquake in February this year. Give thanks that local congregations are supporting their communities facing urgent needs for food, shelter, clothing and medical assistance. Give thanks for the church in Syria.

Fri 13: pray for the work of Street Pastors in our city and other cities in our nation. Give thanks for all who serve on our city streets at weekends caring for those in need, pray that God will bless them in all their service for him.

Sat 14: pray for the Scripture Union Scotland Go Conference for S4–S6 pupils this weekend at Lendrick Muir. Pray that all the young people who attend will grow in their relationship with God.

Sun 15: give thanks to God for his being glorious, our God is above all things, pray that we might in our lives worship him and bring him all honour and praise.

Mon 16: give thanks for our Welcome Space on Monday morning, pray for all who come along and that more will come week by week.

Tue 17: give thanks for our Finance Team and our Property Team, pray for all the team members as they care for our finances and our buildings.

Wed 18: pray for our Coffee With God service this evening, give thanks for all who come to worship at this café church style service that we will all know the presence of God with us.

Thu 19: pray for the work of University and College chaplains and UCCF workers during these early weeks of term.

community of the Church of Scotland, give thanks for Ruth Kennedy who leads this community, may many people be encouraged to pray and meet God through the ministry of Sanctuary First.

- **Sat 21:** pray that God would give us opportunities to speak to others of our faith in Jesus, and that we would be able to take these opportunities.
- **Sun 22:** give thanks for Jesus through whom we may enter the presence of God, may we not hold back but with confidence and hope come to our God and Father and know his grace enfolding us.
- **Mon 23:** give thanks for our nation of Scotland, for the history of our nation and for God's work in our land over many generations, pray that God may bless our nation with revival once again.
- **Tue 24:** give thanks for our Pastoral working team, pray for all the members of this team as they consider how we can best care for one another.
- **Wed 25:** pray for all who serve in Government, MPs and MSPs, pray that they would seek wisdom from God in all the decisions facing them, pray that they would seek to serve the communities which elected them.
- **Thu 26:** give thanks for the Impact youth group meeting each Thursday, pray for volunteers and team members to support this growing ministry in our congregation. Pray that the young people who come along may grow in knowing Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.
- **Fri 27:** pray for all who are lonely in our parish and city, pray that they would find a friend to come alongside them.
- **Sat 28**: continue to pray for all those refugees from Ukraine who are now living in Scotland. Pray that they will all be welcome among us, that they will find homes and work. Pray for an end to the conflict in Ukraine and for safety for all those who remain in Ukraine.
- **Sun 29:** give thanks for our Faith and Food gatherings shared with our four congregations, pray for the first Faith and Food this evening at Barclay Viewforth church. Pray that God will meet with us as we share food and worship together.
- **Mon 30:** pray for our brothers and sisters in the church who face daily persecution for their faith. Extremists exploded a petrol bomb during an evening

Tue 31: Shine, Jesus, shine. Pray that on this day of darkness Jesus will shine more brightly than all the forces of evil which are at work in our city and nation, pray that many people will turn today to the light of life in Christ and find real hope and peace in him.

pray for our Kirk Session meeting this evening, give thanks for our elders and all their service in our congregation.

Bible Reading Plan

This bible reading plan has three columns, if you read the first column this year you will read all the Psalms twice, the second column is the Old Testament and the third column the New Testament, each once only. Please join us in reading the bible each day, however many columns you choose to read.

You may want to try reading one passage each day for a month, this month our passage is **Psalm 67.**

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1	Psalm 78.56-	72 Isa 58–49	Galatians 2
2 3	79	50–51	3
3	80	52-53	4
4	81	54-56	5
5	82	57-58	6
6	83	59-60	Ephesians 1
7	84	61-62	2
8	85	63-64	3
9	86	65-66	4
10	87	Jer 1-2	5
11	88	3-4	6
12	89.1-29	5-6	Philippians 1
13	89.30-52	7-8	2
14	90	9-10	3
15	91	11-12	4
16	92	13-14	Colossians 1
17	93	15-16	2
18	94	17-18	3
19	95	19-20	4
20	96	21-22	1Thessalonians 1
21	97	23-24	2
22	98	25-26	3
23	99	27-28	4
24	100	29-30	5
25	101	31-32	2Thessalonians 1
26	102.1-17	33-34	2
27	102.18-28	35-36	3
28	103	37-38	1Timothy 1
29	104	39-40	2







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