

# Prayer Diary

August 2020

**Sat 1:** give thanks for the SU Scotland online holiday club and for 90 congregations who took part in this work of mission, pray for all the young people who will have heard of Jesus and his love that they will grow in knowing Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

**Sun 2:** *Take time to be holy, speak oft with your Lord.* Pray for one another that God may be at work within us by his Holy Spirit to make us holy as he is holy. May our growing in holy living be good news for our families and neighbours as they see Jesus growing in us.

**Mon 3:** continue to pray for our church building Reopening Team: Andy Bathgate, Jane Chidwick, Sheena Cowan, Kay Ferguson, Don Glass, Kath Grandison, Stephanie–Anne Harris, Gordon Kennedy, Gordon McBirnie, Gill Robinson, and Brenda Russell. Pray for wisdom and clarity as the team consider all that will be involved in reopening our church buildings.

**Tue 4:** pray for school pupils who will be receiving exam results today. This year for our young people results will be assessed on work done before lockdown, pray for fair assessments of pupils abilities and for peace for our young people receiving their results today.

**Wed 5:** give thanks that our God loves all people, that all lives matter to him. Pray that we would grow in loving our neighbour and so build communities of love and welcome where all are cared for.

**Thu 6:** give thanks for our congregational coffee morning on Thursday by zoom, give thanks for those who organise the coffee mornings and for times of fellowship shared together.

**Fri 7:** give thanks for the work of Fresh Start working to provide help and support for those who have been homeless who are beginning to make their way into their own homes once again.

**Sat 8:** pray for the work of Chogoria Hospital and give thanks for our partnership with and support for the hospital over many years.

**Sun 9:** give thanks for the constant work of God in his creation, sustaining and providing for all things. Give thanks for God's work in your life, "Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done".

**Mon 10:** continue to give thanks for the staff at our NHS who have worked so hard, and such long hours, during this virus outbreak to care for all who are sick and in need.

**Tue 11:** pray for all teachers and school staff and for all pupils in the hope that they will be able safely to return to school, or begin school, today. Pray for wisdom and patience in our schools in these days.

**Wed 12:** this afternoon would have been our monthly service at Northcare Manor, pray for all the staff and residents at Northcare Manor, and other care homes you know, pray for safety in care homes from infection and pray that all staff and residents will know God's presence among them day by day.

**Thu 13:** give thanks for the works of power, miracles and healings, by which the Lord Jesus revealed his glory. May we know Jesus in these days as the Lord of creation who is all powerful to save in his grace and mercy.

**Fri 14:** pray for the work of Street Pastors in Edinburgh and other cities, pray for those who will need help this evening that they may find the help they need and also find a new way to enjoy themselves.

**Sat 15:** give thanks for all those called to ministry in the Church of Scotland, pray for the candidates conference happening online this weekend, pray that all the candidates would be encouraged in their training and ministry by this conference time.

**Sun 16:** When we were lost and burdened with a load of sin, our dear Lord Jesus came and paid for us that we might go free and be reconciled to our Father. Give thanks and praise to our God for this great salvation.

**Mon 17:** pray for all those who work in the tourism industry who will be greatly affected by the lockdown this year, pray that business may be able to survive until we can go on holiday again. Pray for businesses in Edinburgh greatly affected because of the cancellation of the Festival and Fringe, pray for all who depend upon this seasonal income.

**Tue 18:** pray for the work of evangelism in our parish, our city and our nation. There are so many who don't know anything of Jesus and his love, pray that God would empower us, strengthen us to take this good news of Jesus to everyone we meet, pray that God would save many people for his own glory.

**Wed 19:** give thanks for gifts of music which are used in our services of worship, pray that God may give us songs to sing for his glory which make the name of Jesus known to all who hear us sing them.

**Thu 20:** pray for the ministry of Release International, for all our sisters and brothers facing persecution for their faith who are encouraged by this ministry. Pray for the 15,000 Christians displaced from the Kajuru country area of Kaduna in Nigeria after a series of raids in mid-May during which 27 Christians were killed in 48 hours.

**Fri 21:** pray for our families and friends, pray for those we haven't seen for a long time now, pray that soon we would be able to meet one another and share time together.

**Sat 22:** give thanks for Scripture Union Scotland's annual Big Celebration which is going online this year (<https://www.suscotland.org.uk/events/the-big-celebration-2020/>), the theme is Running The Race, pray for all involved in organisation and all taking part.

**Sun 23:** "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth." Give thanks for the saving suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ, ponder anew the cost of his love for you, survey again his wondrous cross that the depth of his love may overwhelm you.

**Mon 24:** pray for the nation of Yemen suffering a time of terrible war and conflict. Over 24 million people need urgent aid, including safe water, food and sanitation. The country is on the brink of famine. Tragically, over 85,000 children have already died from hunger or disease since 2015. Pray for the work of Tearfund seeking to bring aid and relief to these suffering people.

**Tue 25:** pray for all who are suffering from poor mental health, may they find the support they need from carers, family and friends, may they know God's presence strengthening them day by day.

**Wed 26:** pray for the Moderator of the General Assembly, Martin Fair, in this different year pray for Martin as he ministers in the church and nation sharing the good news of Jesus and his love.

**Thu 27:** pray for wisdom for our Governments at Holyrood and Westminster as we move through the stages coming out of lockdown that they would take steps wisely and cautiously and that we would all continue to care for one another in these days.

**Fri 28:** pray for universities and colleges preparing for the beginning of a new year of teaching and learning, pray for staff getting ready for new ways of teaching and supervising, pray for students whose experience of university and college will be very different this year.

**Sat 29:** give thanks for all who are called and gifted by God to lead services and bring God's word to us week by week, give thanks for those who have taken services over these weeks: Andy, Fiona, Gordon and Mike, and all those sharing in prayers and bible readings.

**Sun 30:** These past month how often has it felt as though we were in the depths, looking up and longing for rescue. Give thanks today to the God who sees us in our distress and comes himself to rescue us. Today, reach out your hand in prayer and know the Lord taking hold of you.

**Mon 31:** give thanks for God's call to us to follow Jesus as whole life disciples and pray for us as we grow in following Jesus every day.

You may want to try reading one passage each day for a month, this month our passage is **Genesis 28:10–22**.

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| <b>1</b>  | Ps 30    | Job 16-18 | Acts 26:19-32 |
| <b>2</b>  | 31.1-13  | 19-20     | 27:1-20       |
| <b>3</b>  | 31.14-24 | 21-22     | 27:21-44      |
| <b>4</b>  | 32       | 23-24     | 28:1-16       |
| <b>5</b>  | 33       | 25-27     | 28:17-31      |
| <b>6</b>  | 34       | 28-29     | Rom 1:1-17    |
| <b>7</b>  | 35.1-18  | 30-31     | 1:18-32       |
| <b>8</b>  | 35.19-28 | 32-33     | 2             |
| <b>9</b>  | 36       | 34-36     | 3:1-18        |
| <b>10</b> | 37.1-19  | 37-38     | 3:19-31       |
| <b>11</b> | 37.20-40 | 39-40     | 4             |
| <b>12</b> | 38       | 41-42     | 5             |
| <b>13</b> | 39       | Prov 1-2  | 6             |
| <b>14</b> | 40       | 3-5       | 7             |
| <b>15</b> | 41       | 6-8       | 8:1-17        |
| <b>16</b> | 42       | 9-10      | 8:18-39       |
| <b>17</b> | 43       | 11-12     | 9:1-18        |
| <b>18</b> | 44.1-16  | 13-14     | 9:19-33       |
| <b>19</b> | 44.17-26 | 15-16     | 10            |
| <b>20</b> | 45       | 17-18     | 11:1-16       |
| <b>21</b> | 46       | 19-20     | 11:17-36      |
| <b>22</b> | 47       | 21-22     | 12            |
| <b>23</b> | 48       | 23-24     | 13            |
| <b>24</b> | 49       | 25-26     | 14            |
| <b>25</b> | 50.1-15  | 27-28     | 15:1-13       |
| <b>26</b> | 50.16-23 | 29-30     | 15:14-33      |
| <b>27</b> | 51       | 31        | 16            |

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| <b>28</b> | 52      | Eccl 1-3 | 1Cor 1:1-17 |
| <b>29</b> | 53      | 4-6      | 1:18-31     |
| <b>30</b> | 54      | 7-9      | 2           |
| <b>31</b> | 55.1-11 | 10-12    | 3           |