

Prayer Diary

September 2020

Tue 1: give thanks for our elders and their service in our congregation and pray for our Kirk Session meeting this evening by zoom. Pray that God will be at work guiding our Kirk Session into his mission for his congregation.

Wed 2: pray for the health services: for those caring for patients of Covid—19, and for those returning to regular operations, surgeries and emergencies, may God bless all who work in the NHS and who care for us all when in need.

Thu 3: give thanks for the provision of new audio visual equipment in the sanctuary and church halls and pray for the training session this evening which will help us livestream our services on Sundays.

Fri 4: pray for our schools, today pray for all staff at schools as they deal with the necessary restrictions upon school life, pray for our teachers as they work with all pupils and learn new ways of teaching our young people.

Sat 5: pray for our Messy Church team, for those who are planning for a new session in the life of our Messy Church congregation. Pray for wisdom in deciding how to meet and pray for the Messy Church families that they will join us for worship over these coming months.

Sun 6: 'Lord of all being to you be all praise'. Give thanks to our life—giving God who blesses us with life each day and new life in Jesus. May we know God's presence and blessing with us as we worship him today.

Mon 7: pray for wisdom for our governments in Westminster and Holyrood as they lead our nation through this release from lockdown time, may they receive good advice and make wise decisions which will bless our nation.

Tue 8: pray for the Presbytery of Edinburgh meeting by zoom this evening, pray for the Moderator, Richard Fraser and the Clerk, Marjory MacPherson, as they lead the meeting this evening.

Wed 9: give thanks for our book group meeting by zoom this evening, pray that those who join will be blessed by our discussions on the books we have been reading over the summer weeks.

Thu 10: give thanks for the Thursday morning bible study beginning for the new session this morning, by zoom, pray that God will bless this time of reading and studying his word. Pray for our Kirk Session meeting this evening to discuss the work of Presbytery planning.

Fri 11: pray for our schools, pray for all the pupils in our schools, may God bless them as they study and learn, may they be safe at school, may they keep to the guidelines in school which will keep them safe from this virus.

Sat 12: 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.

Sun 13: 'Rejoice in glorious hope, Jesus the Judge shall come', give thanks to our God who has kept his promise and enthroned Jesus as King over all. Christ has come and Christ is King in God's Kingdom. Pray that we will enter his Kingdom and let Jesus be our King.

Mon 14: pray for students at our Universities and Colleges, pray for those moving into halls or student accommodation that all would go well and pray for this coming year with new patterns of online learning that they would have a good year in their studies.

Tue 15: pray for our Church Buildings Reopening team and all their work in preparing our building to hold services again, pray that all the paperwork would be accurately completed and all the arrangements in our building made in good time.

Wed 16: pray for a meeting of the Presbytery this evening to discuss with representatives of Kirk Session the work of Presbytery planning, pray for those leading the meeting and that all the technology would work well.

Thu 17: pray for the work of CrossReach providing care for those in need in Scotland as part of the Church of Scotland, pray for all the staff serving in many different projects around Scotland. Pray especially for those facing new challenges because of this Covid virus.

Fri 18: pray for the work of Release International: pray for believers in Central Asia whose families have rejected them because they have become Christians. Leaving Islam is considered to bring shame on the family.

Sat 19: pray for two couples being married this month, Bonnie and Andrew today; Georgina and Will next Saturday, pray that God will bless their wedding services and their marriages in the years to come.

Sun 20: 'Let love be found among us, a love from God alone', pray that God will bless and strengthen our fellowship as we grow in loving one another, pray that our love for one another may be a visible symbol for our neighbours of the truth of the Gospel.

Mon 21: pray for all the staff and lecturers at our Universities and Colleges, pray for them as they begin to learn new ways of teaching and tutoring in these lockdown conditions.

Tue 22: give thanks for our working teams and all the team leaders, pray that God would use the service of many of his people to build and strengthen our congregation. Pray for our working teams as they plan ahead for new work in this very different situation.

Wed 23: pray for Northcare Manor, for all the staff and residents in this care home in our parish, pray for safety for all in Northcare.

Thu 24: pray for the work of Tearfund. More than 911,000 people fled violence in Myanmar and are now living in refugee camps in Bangladesh (UNICEF, April 2019), surviving in extremely basic conditions. Of these, an estimated 7,700 are orphans. Pray for the work of Tearfund and other agencies bring essential aid and comfort to those in greatest need.

Fri 25: pray for Scripture Union Scotland, pray for staff trying to plan for activities and events in the difficult lockdown circumstances, pray for school groups trying to keep contact with young people.

Sat 26: pray for the work of evangelism in our city, may God give us good opportunities to speak to our neighbours and friends about Jesus and our faith in him. Pray that many will come to know Jesus as King and Saviour and follow him as Lord.

Sun 27: ‘How lovely is thy dwelling—place, O Lord of hosts to me’, give thanks for the joy we know in the presence of our God and Father. May our God and King bless us with his welcome into his presence and the safety we can know there.

Mon 28: give thanks for our Palestinian Christian brothers and sisters living in very difficult circumstance. Pray for justice in Israel/Palestine for all communities there. Give thanks for the Bethlehem Bible College training Christians for service in the church and working for reconciliation in the community there.

Tue 29: pray for all who are worried about the future, about job security, about their families. Pray for all those making decisions as we move through this release from lockdown time that they will act wisely and well for all in our communities.

Wed 30: 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 invitation and walk with him in this life of prayer.

You may want to try reading one passage each day for a month, this month our passage is **1 Corinthians 13:1—13**.

SEPTEMBER			
1	Psalms 55.12-23	Song of Songs 1-2	1 Corinthians 4
2	56	3-5	5
3	57	6-8	6
4	58	Isa 1	7:1-24
5	59	2-3	7:25-40
6	60	4-6	8
7	61	7-8	9
8	62	9-10	10
9	63	11-12	11
10	64	13-14	12
11	65	15-17	13
12	66	18-19	14:1-19
13	67	20-21	14:20-40
14	68.1-18	22-23	15:1-28
15	68.19-35	24-25	15:29-58
16	69.1-18	26-27	16

17	69.19-36	28-29	2Corinthians 1
18	70	30-31	2
19	71.1-13	32-33	3
20	71.14-24	34-35	4
21	72	36-37	5
22	73.1-11	38-39	6
23	73.12-18	40-41	7
24	74.1-11	42-43	8
25	74.12-23	44-45	9
26	75	46-47	10
27	76	48-49	11
28	77	50-50	12
29	78.1-31	Isa 52-53	13
30	78.32-55	54-56	Galatians 1