

### Monday 22nd Easter Monday

Jesus your sacrifice on the cross was without measure. Give us that same selfless love for our communities so that we reach out to them with your love and power to save.

### Tuesday 23rd Celtic Worship Band, Drymen Church 7.30

Tearfund has been working in Haiti since the 1970s, and has built strong relationships with local churches and communities. Pray that violence will end and public order will be restored, so that the Haitian people can be free from fear and able to access essential services.

### Wednesday 24th

Pray for comfort for the sad and lonely . Give them strength and a determination to carry on in the knowledge of your unconditional and unfailing love.

### Thursday 25th

*Above all things be earnest in your love among yourselves, for love covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8*  
Love covers a multitude of sins. All love, not just new love, but old love does, too. Mature love recognises sin, yet is gracious. It kindly confronts. It's eager to help and heal. It forgives. It encourages change.

### Friday 26th

Stirling Street Pastors are sustained through prayer. They begin and end every one of their meetings and patrols with prayer. Why? Because they know they are totally dependent on God. *Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15: 5)* Pray for them today.

### Saturday 27th

Pray today for all the families in our community and villages, especially for those going through difficult times. Pray that they turn to Jesus for help and not to unhealthy alternatives.

### Sunday 28th

*You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you. Psalm 63:1* Lord, today once again I submit my life to you. Help me to draw ever closer to you and to serve you with all my heart and soul and strength.

### Monday 29th

God we cry out to you to have mercy on the hearts and lives of every student in Scotland. We ask you to strengthen Christians in their university clubs to set forth the truth plainly so that many believe in Christ

### Tuesday 30th Drymen Church Trustees meeting 7pm

Jesus I know you are real; I know the Resurrection is real; therefore, your promises are real. That means we can trust you when you tell us that you will be with us until the end of age *Matt 28:20*.

*Trust Him when dark doubts attack you.  
Trust Him when your strength is small.  
Trust Him when to simply trust Him is the hardest thing of all.  
Trust Him, He is ever faithful.  
Trust Him for His will is best.  
Trust Him for the heart of Jesus is the only place to rest.  
Trust Him, then, through doubts and sunshine,  
All your cares upon Him cast  
Till the storm of life is over  
And your trusting days are past.*

Thank you for your prayers, and reading our prayer diary.  
If you would like to request or suggest a prayer contact:

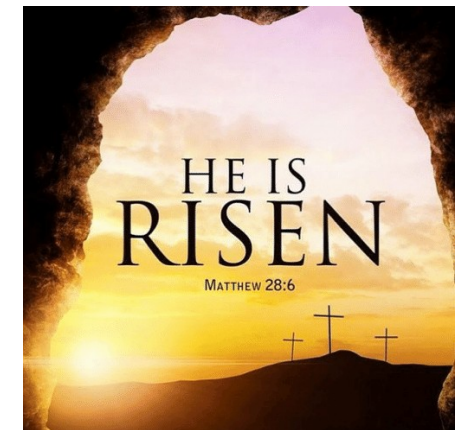
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## Our Prayer Diary

### April 2019



**Why do you look for the living  
among the dead? He is not  
here; he has risen! Luke 24:6**

**Drymen and  
Buchanan  
Church of Scotland**

### **Monday 1st School Holidays**

*If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. James 1:5* Father, you have invited us to ask you for wisdom with the promise that you will readily answer it if we ask without wavering in our faith. What better day than April Fool's Day to ask: Father, you know my foolish ways and tendencies. Forgive me and cleanse me. Day by day, I want to ask you to make me a person marked by your wisdom.

### **Tuesday 2nd**

Compassionate and merciful Father, we were horrified and shocked by the terrorist attack in New Zealand and feel very far away from the hundreds of people who have been affected by such violence. We pray that your healing hand will be felt in a very real way and that calm, wisdom and peace will prevail.

### **Wednesday 3rd**

Jesus, our friend and saviour, teach us how to forgive others, remembering that this will release us too.

### **Thursday 4th**

Lord, make me humble and give me grace today.

### **Friday 5th**

Gracious Heavenly Father, thank you for the knowledge that you are watching over us as we lie down to sleep in comfort and warmth. We think of those who have no place to lay their heads, those who are cold and lonely; those who feel unloved. Bless them and comfort them, we pray. Help them to know that you love and care for them.

### **Saturday 6th**

*He also spoke a parable to them that they must always pray, and not give up. Luke 18:1* Father, help me to keep the good habit of praying every day so that you can strengthen and guide me. Remind me that it is prayer that changes lives.

### **Sunday 7th**

Our Father in heaven, you know all about us. You know what tempts us to sin. Please help us to be led by you on the right path and not go off in the wrong direction. Thank you that you do forgive us when we say sorry. You wipe out what we've done wrong like pressing delete on a laptop. Please help us to show grace and forgiveness to others.

### **Monday 8th**

Father, we believe you have great and good plans for each child in our Church, plans to give them a hope and a future. We ask you to reveal your plans to them so they walk in your paths.

### **Tuesday 9th**

Lord, we are rich because you love us. Rich beyond anything the world can give. Rich because the world can't take it away. Your love is there and nothing we do will change it. We can reject it, or forget it, but it is still there. We only have to reach out and it is there. *Eddie Askew*

### **Wednesday 10th**

Thank you Lord for the promise of spring, for the hope that comes with new growth in gardens, woods and fields and the gift of warm sunshine after a long winter. May we appreciate the abundance of your creation.

### **Thursday 11th**

*Keep vigilant watch over your heart; that's where life starts.....Keep your eyes straight ahead; ...Watch your step, and the road will stretch out smooth before you. Proverbs 4:23 and 25-26.* Keep me on the straight and narrow, Lord my God.

### **Friday 12th**

Lord God, my heart hurts when I hear of atrocities committed against your people. I think of families ripped apart and lives changed because of the hatred some harbour against those who follow you. May you bring about justice so that hatred would cease. Please pour your love and mercy on those who are suffering so that they may find healing and safety.

### **Saturday 13th**

Merciful Father, we lift to you the people of Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique who have been terrified, injured and killed by the horrendous storm that ripped through Southern Africa. Many have lost EVERYTHING. Give the world compassionate hearts and generosity urgently to save and help them.

### **Sunday 14th Palm Sunday**

Jesus, we welcome you with joy and with shouts of 'Hosanna' for you are our King and the Prince of Peace. Through you may we have peace in our hearts, in our homes and in the world. *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel. John 12:13*

### **Monday 15th**

This Holy Week, what stuns me the most, is not the many glorious things we think about you, Lord Jesus; rather, it's to realize you are always thinking about us. You are always praying for us, advocating for us before the Father. You're the one who knows us the best and loves us the most. With fresh gratitude and awe, we worship you.

### **Tuesday 16th**

Lord Jesus, as we travel through this holiest of weeks help us to know something of your sorrow and sadness. Grant us courage when we feel afraid. Renew our vision when we feel disheartened. Refresh our hearts and minds and give us courage to follow you.

### **Wednesday 17th**

As we approach Easter may we never lose sight of the hope and joy of the faithful women at the Cross, who experienced despair that turned to great joy. Let me remember even in the valleys of life to count my blessings and rejoice.

### **Thursday 18th Maundy Thursday Service at Drymen at 7pm**

*Abba Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will. Mark 14:36* Lord, we think of the distress and sorrow you experienced in the Garden of Gethsemane. May we be challenged by the enormity of your suffering for us.

### **Friday 19th Good Friday Service at Buchanan at 7pm**

Father God, today we remember how Simon of Cyrene carried the cross for Jesus. Father, I thank you for your unshakeable promises that death has been swallowed up. Thank you for sending Jesus to conquer death so that we could experience eternal life.

### **Saturday 20th**

Today let us remember how Jesus suffered death upon the cross and that the crucified Lord is now the risen Lord. The cross has become the crown. Father, fill me again with your Holy Spirit so I am empowered to shine for you.

### **Sunday 21st Easter Sunday**

#### **Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Allelujah!**

Almighty God, we thank you that Easter is not about a people, but all people; that your love and your salvation are for all who confess with voices, hearts and lives that the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen, that we might know forgiveness, that lives might be reborn and your name glorified now and for eternity.