

SAT 22nd **Eph. 3 v 17-19: I pray that you being rooted and established in love, may have power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ...** Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and power. (A.Toplady -1740-78)

SUN 23rd **BUCHANAN CHURCH. John 3v16: For God so loved the world that he gave His only son, that whoever believes will not perish but have eternal life...** How wonderful to know, Lord Jesus, you lived in a human body and can understand our frailties and temptations and that you uphold us at all times. Thank you for doing this for our salvation.

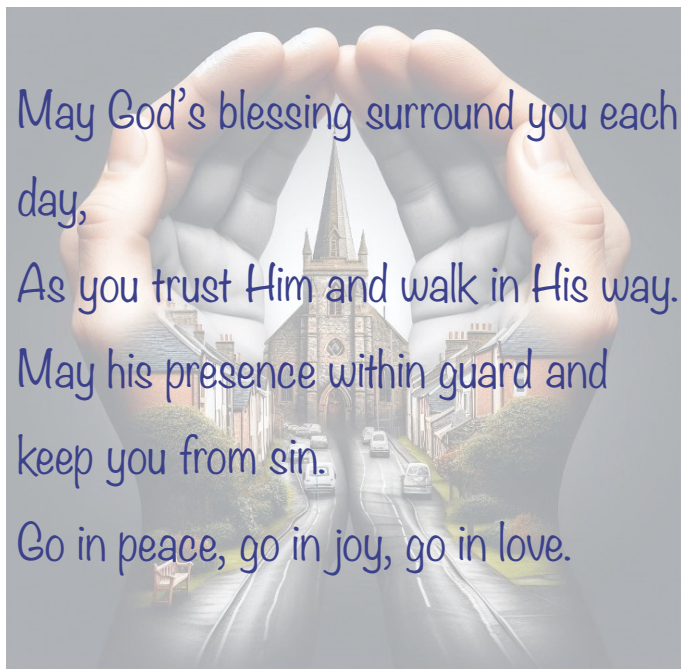
MON 24th **1John 3v1: How great is the love the father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God...** Today, Lord, we pray for families experiencing difficult circumstances, that they may see the way to put their trust in you. Help them to believe you are with them and grant them renewed hope, that all will be well.

TUE 25th **Ps.57v3: God sends His love and His faithfulness...** Heavenly Father we pray that we would recognise you when you are at work in our lives in unexpected ways. We thank you that you are part of our daily lives and we can always trust you.

WED 26th **Ps. 103v1: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him...** We pray for Christian Padres/Chaplains who serve in our armed forces. Who bring the message of hope and comfort to their colleagues who work in very difficult circumstances and can sometimes face death or serious injury on a daily basis.

THU 27th **Ps. 136v1: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, his love endures for ever...** Thank you Lord, that you care for us and give us what we need so that we can live. May we not take your bountiful blessings for granted and remember to continually praise you. Thank you Jesus.

FRI 28th **Rom. 12v9: Love must be sincere:** Dear God, today we would remember those who reach out to others who have troubled minds and are suicidal. We pray for organisations such as The Samaritans and ask that, as the staff answer each call, you will give them insight and understanding of the caller's needs so that they can help them as they seek help.



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What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with God. *Micah 6v8*

SAT *1 John 4v19: We love because he first loved us...* Dear God. Today we would remember GPs and staff at Health Centres who are under pressure to deal with the increasing demands of the sick and needy. We ask Lord, that you would give them wisdom, empathy and strength as they deal with many different situations.

1st

SUN COMMUNION. *1 John 4v10: This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins...* As Christians gather to worship throughout the world, we ask that your Holy Spirit will anoint those who preach your word. We pray each of us will respond in a way that will be pleasing to you.

2nd

MON *Deut.6v5: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength...* Jesus Christ, Light of the World, scatter the darkness from about me and within me and help me to walk as a child of the light. Help me to know that you love me and are here with me always.

3rd

TUE *Matt. 22v39: Love your neighbour as yourself...* Our dear Heavenly Father we would remember all the Street Pastors. We ask that you protect them and give them wisdom in dealing with difficult and sometimes volatile situations. We pray that through the love they show to their 'neighbours' with whom they interact, those people will see the love of Jesus and be challenged to know more of Him.

4th

WED *Heb.13v1: Keep on loving each other as brothers...* Lord of all strength and faithfulness, we thank you for everyone who reliably contributes, often unseen, to our community life, providing the resources, protection and skills that we need to lead safe and healthy lives and to care for the most vulnerable.

5th

THU *Rom. 13 v10: Love does no harm to its neighbour...* Today Lord, we would remember the many volunteers who serve their neighbours through giving of their time and finances. We pray particularly for members of the RNLI who risk their lives at sea to save others. Bless them Lord and keep them safe.

6th

FRI *John 15 v 13: Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends...* Father God, we pray for those who suffer in your name all over the world; our brothers & sisters who share in that great gift of salvation through your Son, but who face injustice, oppression and even death because of their faith in you.

7th

SAT *1 John 4v7: Let us love one another for love comes from God...* We pray for the work of Glasgow City Mission and other organisations as they help those who have hit rock bottom. Homelessness, addictions, debt and broken relationships are especially hard to cope with in these cold winter months.

8th

SUN *Matt. 22v37: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment...* As we contemplate, this day, the most important commandment, we ask Lord that you would forgive us for the times we get distracted by people, and things resulting in half-hearted efforts to serve you.

9th

MON *1 Cor.8v3: The man who loves God is known by God...* Dear God, we remember today, Alex, our minister. We pray that you will help him and give him insight as he studies your Word and prepares his sermons. We ask Lord you will bless & encourage him as he visits the sick and needy around the East Loch Lomond area.

10th

TUE *1 John 4v18: There is no fear in love. Perfect love drives out fear...* Gracious God, we ask for forgiveness for all our waywardness, our broken promises and forgetfulness of the redeeming love given to us by the death and resurrection of your beloved Son.

11th

WED *John 15v12: My command is this, love each other as I have loved you...* Dear God we would remember those who bring the Christian message to people who are in prison. We pray that you will give them the words to say and that their lives will shine in those dark places. We ask that the inmates will get a sense of your forgiving love so that they will seek you and ask you to help them to turn their lives around.

12th

THU *Luke 6v27: But I tell you; love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...* Lord, perhaps this is one of the most difficult commands Christians are asked to observe. It's easy to love those that like us – so Lord please give us grace to be more understanding of others and to be able to forgive those who have wronged us.

13th

FRI *Jer. 31v3: I have loved you with an everlasting love...* Father, we love you and thank you that our names are engraved on the palm of your hand. You love us unconditionally and nothing can separate us from your love. And as we live out that love, may our lives be a living testimony to you.

14th

SAT *Prov.17v17: A friend loves at all times...* May God, my heavenly Father, who has forgiven me so many times, make me forgiving too. God, our loving Father, forgive me for the times I have not been willing to ask for forgiveness or to make peace.

15th

SUN *1 John 4v16: God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in him...* As followers of Jesus our constant prayer is that others will see that your Spirit really does live in us and it will be evident by our attitudes and in our actions.

16th

MON *1 Cor.13v13: Now remain faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love...* It was your amazing love for us that drove your Son to Calvary to suffer and die for us. Help us this day to have an attitude of thanksgiving and joy for all you have done and are doing for us. Thank you, Jesus.

17th

TUE *Micah 6v8: What does the Lord require of you. To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God...* Lord in your mercy, we ask you to send your wisdom into the hearts of our politicians. May it move our leaders into a new humility and compassion that truly seeks to serve the people of our nation. Lord guide them, soften their hearts and enlighten their minds.

18th

WED *Prov.10v12: Hatred stirs up dissention, but love covers all wrongs...* Today we would remember refugees all over the world, travelling hard and dangerous roads to what they hope is a safe and better life. Keep them safe from traffickers, sexual abuse, physical harm, sickness and hardship, and bring them to a place of safety where they can live in peace.

19th

THU *1 Cor.13v4: Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast...* Lord, at times we say we will pray for someone, or about a situation, and it goes out of our mind. Please help us to remember our words and keep our promises. Remind us of how much we have experienced in receiving help and support from those who pray for us, especially in times of distress.

20th

FRI *1 Cor.13v8: Love never fails...* Our Heavenly Father, please strengthen and equip Heads, teachers, support staff and students in schools, colleges and universities. Draw near to anyone particularly in need of help. Especially Christians who are endeavouring to serve you in their Christian Unions and in the education environment generally.

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