

### **Tuesday 22nd**

Dear Lord, we bring to the foot of Your cross the lonely people in our communities of Drymen and Buchanan. We ask that they will feel your presence with them today in whatever they do. Guide us in our support of them and prompt us to visit them and to share your love, salvation and kindness with them.

### **Wednesday 23rd**

Lord, the scale of global poverty is beyond our understanding. Please give bread to those who are hungry, and hunger for justice to those of us who have bread. Give thanks for the life-saving work of foodbanks nationally, and for the generosity of those who give to the Stirling Food Bank in particular. *The Lord gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry. Ps 146:7*

### **Thursday 24th**

Bless all who care for the elderly, the infirm and the disabled. Grant them patience and empathy.

### **Friday 25th**

Gracious God, we pray for honesty, morality and openness among politicians and nations. Remove from the hearts of all people the greed for wealth, success and one-up-man-ship so that the world may be at peace. Give our Christian politicians courage to speak out when you prompt them to.

### **Saturday 26th Drymen Show**

Lord, we marvel at your creation and thank you for the joy of being part of this rural community even if it is just for today. Let us enjoy and give thanks for the beauty of farm animals and the skills and warm fellowship of country folk

### **Sunday 27th**

*"Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18*

Thank You Lord for dying on the cross for my sins. I do not deserve such a gift, but I am grateful for it.

### **Monday 28th**

As we travel through this 'Year of Young People' and beyond, Lord Jesus, help us to come alongside children and young people to draw them closer to you, to answer your call to follow, to serve, and to share together.

### **Tuesday 29th**

*I delight to do your will, O my God. Psalm 40:8* Teach me simple obedience, Lord; joyful, eager, unquestioning obedience, for this is what gives you the greatest pleasure.

### **Wednesday 30th**

Lord, forgive me when I am grumpy and feel sorry for myself. Take away my lack of self confidence and fill me instead with your Spirit of determination and perseverance.

### **Thursday 31st**

Lord, I come in darkness to your light.

I come in weakness to your strength.

I come in sadness to your joy.

I come in weariness to be renewed.

Today I put my trust in you and in your almighty power

*Thank you for reading our Prayer Diary. We hope you find it helpful. If there is a topic or theme you would like included in a future diary, please tell us:*

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# Our Prayer Diary



## May 2018

Drymen  
and  
Buchanan  
Church of Scotland

### **Tuesday 1st**

Merciful Lord, we pray for a swift end to the horrific civil war in Syria, with people of peace rising to leadership. *Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God. Mat.5:9*

### **Wednesday 2nd**

Dear Lord, thank you for the amazing display of athleticism that we witnessed at the Commonwealth Games in April. We pray for the organisers of Christians in Sport and ask for your blessing on the conference planned in June to train sports players across Europe to live out their faith in their sport.

### **Thursday 3rd**

Today let us intercede for Christians suffering persecution because of their faithful allegiance to God's kingdom. Pray for courage to persevere in the midst of their trials and ask God to meet their needs, bestowing his grace and love on each one of these precious believers.

### **Friday 4th International Firefighters Day**

Give thanks for the courage and skill of over 45,000 firefighters in the UK, responding to around 700,000 incidents a year. Keep them safe, Father God, and may we never take their commitment and perseverance for granted.

### **Saturday 5th**

One of the secrets to a long and fruitful life is to forgive everybody, everything, every night before you go to sleep. It's the key to having personal peace. Lord Jesus, I pray for a forgiving heart. *Grow in grace. 2 Peter 3:18*

### **Sunday 6th**

Lord, we worship you today and recommit ourselves to follow you. Thank you, Holy Spirit, that you live within us, giving us wisdom, grace and strength to put Christ's kingdom first in our lives and to trust the Father for all we need. *Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. Mat 6:33*

### **Monday 7th Spring Bank Holiday**

Pray for students everywhere who are taking exams over the coming weeks. Pray for energy and good health, self-discipline, and conducive circumstances in which to study.

### **Tuesday 8th**

God of wisdom and discernment, we pray for Christians in leadership through the country having to make strategic decisions every day. We pray that they would lead with love, courage and humility.

### **Wednesday 9th**

Thank you, Lord, for the beauty of the area in which we live .... for the majesty of the hills, the vastness of the sky, the sound of the wind on the lochs, and the joy of birdsong. May we welcome all the visitors who come to enjoy these precious things this summer.

### **Thursday 10th Ascension Day**

#### **Thy Kingdom Come Global Wave of Prayer 10th—20th May**

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom. Inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you. *(This prayer will be said at thousands of 'Thy Kingdom Come' events across the world)*

### **Friday 11th**

Heavenly Father, help us to reach out to the people in our valley in love, whether it is a word spoken, a prayer, or a helping hand in time of need. Help us to be followers of Jesus and remember to thank you every day for your unconditional love.

### **Saturday 12th**

Pray for the many people who are struggling to make ends meet. Help them to seek help to avoid spiraling debt.

### **Sunday 13th Christian Aid Week**

#### **Christian Aid Lunch—Drymen Church**

Creator God, we are sorry for the thoughtlessness and neglect that have caused serious damage to our natural environment, especially in our oceans. Show each of us how we can make a difference through recycling, reducing waste and supporting initiatives to clean up our local environment.

### **Monday 14th**

Father in Heaven, you know that peer pressure, academia and the internet can make life for young people disturbing, distressing and sometimes leave them in a very dark place. As important exams approach please be near to them and show them that you can give them the comfort and encouragement they seek..

### **Tuesday 15th**

Lord I pray for boldness to spread your **Good News** to my family, neighbours and colleagues. *God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible. 2 Timothy 1 v7 TM*

### **Wednesday 16th**

You call us to follow you. We come now to answer your call, to lift our minds and voices to you, and to thank and praise you for the children and young people in our churches, communities, country and world. We ask that you would walk alongside them and grant them courage, strength and wisdom as they face the challenges of life.

### **Thursday 17th**

Remember **Pray for Schools**. Pray that many more Christians will pray for their local schools regularly. Pray that those who teach our children will find ways to unlock their students' potential and inspire them to fulfil their dreams and ambitions.

### **Friday 18th Church of Scotland General Assembly Week**

Lord Jesus, we pray that our national church leaders may seek humility and vision from on high as they meet this coming week. Above all, may your name be glorified.

### **Saturday 19th**

**Together We Pray** is a national prayer initiative calling the church to join together in prayer. The General Assembly has asked the Church of Scotland to focus on prayer and particularly to pray as the Church thinks about its priorities for the future.

### **Sunday 20th Pentecost Sunday**

#### **Heart and Soul 2018, Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh K4C boys at SU Weekend at Lendrick Muir**

Almighty God, send your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. Let the wind and the flames that the disciples felt renew our faith, and help us to show the Holy Spirit in our lives that others may know your love and feel your presence.

### **Monday 21st**

Heavenly Father, we bring to you families broken by mental health problems. We pray your healing Holy Spirit into these homes, bringing peace and harmony to each individual and family unit. In particular we pray for parents dealing with children of all ages who are in the valley of despair. Lead them to the mountaintop to rejoice in your faithfulness and love.