

**Friday 1** (All Saints' Day)

Today, Lord, we remember our relatives and friends who have died and are with you. We rejoice in the good times while remembering the not so good times and thank you for their lives. We pray that the families of those who have died recently may be comforted.

**Saturday 2**

Father, we bow before you, our great and holy God. Thank you for bringing us into this world and giving us that something which scientists cannot explain: the purpose of life. We are made in your image and as Christians you have placed that desire within us that draws us near to you.

**Sunday 3**

We pray for the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship in this their Global Week of Prayer. May all their staff be kept safe in the work they do, especially in South Sudan, Guinea, Mozambique, and Papua New Guinea. *(Adapted from MAF prayer diary for November 2024)*

**Monday 4**

Lord, we thank you that we have the privilege of living in such a beautiful part of the world, especially at this time of fruitfulness and colour in autumn. Please help us to keep it beautiful, to manage our use of resources so that there will be plenty for future generations. May the development of renewable energy sources and their necessary infrastructure progress throughout the world

**Tuesday 5**

Lord we pray for the citizens of the USA as they vote for their next president. May they choose thoughtfully and wisely

**Wednesday 6**

We thank you, Lord, for Christian Aid humanitarian partners in Gaza, providing psychological support, medical relief, shelters and sanitation, as well as enabling community-led kitchens. Please protect them from the growing threats of violence, and may urgently needed donations be forthcoming. *(from Christian Aid Gaza appeal)*

**Thursday 7**

Father, as we start thinking about gathering together in small groups, bless and inspire us. Prosper our study, our fellowship and our loving ministry to each other, growing our faith and our friendships, to your glory.

**Friday 8**

Father, I am reminded of the psalmist who said: 'Where can I flee from your presence?' Help me to always be aware that wherever I go, you are there too. I can never go anywhere where you are not.

**Saturday 9**

Lord, please bless all those service personnel involved in the Remembrance programme at the Royal Albert Hall this evening, as they represent those who have gone before them. And also all members of the audience

**Sunday 10** (Remembrance Sunday)

Today our prayers are with all those veterans from all over the country who are taking part in Remembrance Sunday parades and services. Also the young people of today's uniformed youth organisations also taking part, and all folk from our own church walking to Drymen Cenotaph. Please bless those who are no longer able to attend.

**Monday 11**

We remember all those suffering from the effects of the many conflicts throughout the world, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan and South Sudan, and pray for peace and relief from the suffering.

**Tuesday 12**

Lord, we pray for the safety of journalists and their colleagues and support staff who bring us the news from all those areas of conflict around the world. Help them to come to terms with what they see and hear without losing their humanity, and protect them from devastating subsequent PTSD

**Wednesday 13**

Father, help me understand why the first thing I should do when I am troubled – pray – is so often the last thing I do. Impress upon me that wishing things were better is no substitute for prayer. In Jesus' name

**Thursday 14**

Dear Lord, when we are troubled in mind and spirit may we be reminded of your Word: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you, I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

**Friday 15**

Father God, thank you for your wisdom and guidance to our new joint Kirk Session. Please infuse them with your Holy Spirit and lead them as they minister to our new united congregation

**Saturday 16**

As our parliaments discuss and vote on the matter of assisted dying, Lord, we pray that they may reach their conclusions and decisions after consideration of all aspects and opinions, and be able to build in all necessary safeguards if there is any following legislation.

**Sunday 17**

Loving Father, we are so blessed. Thank you for the sanctuary we call our spiritual home, our church. We remember those who are homeless and living in troubled parts of the world. Hear our prayers, Lord.

**Monday 18**

Loving Lord, please comfort those who are bereaved and lonely, especially older folks. Please inspire us to come alongside them and spend time with them and help us to really listen.

**Tuesday 19**

After nearly five years since the start of the covid pandemic we remember and pray for those who are still affected with long covid, some much worse than others. We thank you, Lord, that as time passes the researchers find more ways to help with the consequences of the long-term symptoms that many victims continue to suffer.

**Wednesday 20**

Lord, we ask that you bless Christian Unions held within our schools. We ask that you will give courage to those who choose to attend these gatherings and ask that your Spirit will be felt in the meetings and attendance will increase. Thank you for Christian teachers who initiate and support them.

**Thursday 21**

Father, please continue to teach me to be still before you and listen to what you want to say to me. I ask this in Jesus' name

**Friday 22**

Our dear Heavenly Father, help me never to forget that the first two letters of the gospel are 'GO'. May there be a 'GO' in my faith, and may I share your heart of evangelistic zeal I pray. In Jesus' Name

**Saturday 23**

Lord, we ask your help in remembering our life is a witness even to the youngest child. We are the first Bible our little children read. We are their first Gospel. We are their first Creed. We are the Lord's first message in word and deed. What if the type is crooked and the print is blurred? Help us, Lord.

**Sunday 24**

We give thanks for all those who volunteer with our youth organisations, whether religious or secular, who guide help our young people in ways of leading worthwhile and useful lives, rather than being influenced into the use of drugs, alcohol, and becoming criminals.

### Monday 25

As winter approaches we pray for the NHS and other health professionals that they may not be overwhelmed by the needs of the population. May we be resourceful in looking after our own health, on the one hand, but not to be fearful of asking for help when needed on the other hand. May those invited be encouraged to take advantage of the offer of vaccinations for troublesome viruses.

### Tuesday 26

Lord, we pray for all children in the care system, that they may be loved and looked after with empathy. Especially we pray for those approaching the age when they no longer qualify for the care, that they may be helped to find the best solutions for their needs.

### Wednesday 27

Let us pray for the future of the Church of Scotland in this area, that all may settle down in due course with the new arrangements working according to your will, including the call to the minister who will be willing and able to serve us all. Please help us to go forward and share the good news of the gospel

### Thursday 28

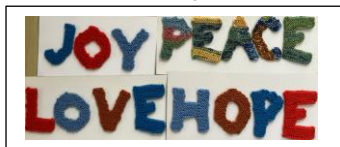
Lord, we pray for all those who make use of the food bank in Stirling that we contribute to on a quarterly basis. May they eventually manage to find resources to enable them to live independently without needing to resort to food banks. Meanwhile we pray that the foodbanks continue to be sufficiently resourced.

### Friday 29

Lord, we pray with Glasgow City Mission for the ongoing planning of the Overnight Welcome Centre, which will open on 1 December. Pray that they find favour with authorities and partners as they seek to do the best for those who may sleep rough in the wintertime. *(From GCM Connect Winter 2024)*

### Saturday 30

As we approach the season of Advent, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, and pray that we can escape from or avoid the razzmatazz that surrounds the secular world at this time, and that more people will come to realise the real meaning of Christmas.



### Sunday 3 - Communion Sunday

Please wait behind for the vote on the linkage with Balfron and Fintry Church, and the reviewable charge for a new minister

### Wednesday 6

Pastoral Team meeting 10.30am

### Sunday 10 - Remembrance Sunday

Please gather at the War memorial in Drymen at 10.50am for the 2 minutes silence at 11.00am and to walk down to the Church for the usual starting time of 11.30am

### Monday 11

Good companions lunch, noon-2.00pm. Please let Edith McKirdy know if you would like to go

### Thursday 21

Open prayer meeting 7.00-9.00pm, McKlintock Hall, Balfron. Join us to pray as united Christians regardless of denomination. Open session, come and go freely between 7.00 and 9.00 pm.

### Sunday 24

Service 10.00am in Buchanan Church

### Wednesday 27

7.30pm Session Meeting in the annexe

**Next Foodbank collection**  
**First two Sundays in December**

# Drymen and East Loch Lomond Church Prayer Diary November 2024

