

Monday 1 August Bank Holiday

Pray for a sense of God's presence and favour at the Scripture Union holiday for P5-S4 at Lendrickmuir and the sailing adventure for a small group of S2-S6s to Dunstaffnage and the Outer Hebrides this week.

Tuesday 2 August

Lord we pray that people still in Ukraine will be protected from the violence; that there will be provision of essential supplies, such as food and clean water. For healing for people who are wounded or have experienced trauma; and comfort for those who are grieving.

Wednesday 3 August

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and restore those who are sick, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thursday 4 August

Pray for the current ruling government of Sri Lanka to have the wisdom to take care of the needs of the people. Pray for God to provide food and other essentials for the poor and for relief interventions to be started. Pray for the Church to show God's love in the midst of this crisis.

Friday 5 August

Lord of Life, give wisdom and insight to the police and intelligence services as they work to identify and intercept those who use the Internet for illegal purposes. Help them to understand the growing use of technology to commit crime and guide them in the most effective way of tackling it.

Saturday 6 August

Thank you God for each new day with all it offers, and please forgive us for taking it for granted or for failing to appreciate it. Remind us, we pray, that whatever it brings you are there to sustain us.

Sunday 7 August

Mighty Father, help us to live in both Spirit and truth. May we hold fast to your word, not in judgement but with mercy and compassion. Enable us to bring freedom to the captives, binding up the broken-hearted and declaring the Lord's favour. Amen.

Monday 8 August

Lord we pray that the Commonwealth family may be united through this festival of sport in Birmingham. We pray that the witness of mission teams through word and action will have impacted many during the Commonwealth Games.

Tuesday 9 August

Lord thank you for all the children who attended Scripture Union camps over the summer. As the memories fade, we pray that the seeds of your word may grow in their hearts and minds.

Wednesday 10 August

Creator God, you made human beings in your own image and crowned them with glory and honour. We bring before you individuals and communities in the UK who feel 'left behind.' May they be treated with dignity and respect to enable them to flourish and feel valued for what they do, we pray.

Thursday 11 August

Lord we pray that leaders on both sides of the war in Ukraine will be filled with compassion, wisdom, calm and a desire for peace. That world leaders will balance responding to the injustice of the invasion with seeking ways to build bridges, de-escalate tensions, and restore global security.

Friday 12 August

Father, we praise you for what you are doing in the lives of teenagers who attend church regularly. We pray that they will continue on the journey towards faith in you. May we be authentic and honest as we encourage young people and share the gospel with them.

Saturday 13 August

Almighty God, we forever marvel at your creation, and we pray that as all are part of your grand plan we may protect your creation.

Sunday 14 August

Lord, please help us to deal with the changes that are happening in our lives. You are our rock and in You we find refuge because you are our shield. You Lord are our stronghold in the midst of uncertainty which change brings. So, Lord we choose to lean on You because You are the one constant in a world of inconsistency and transition. Thank You Lord, Amen.

Monday 15 August

Grant our teachers an abundance of your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our children, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak.

Tuesday 16 August

Unless the Lord builds the House, the builders labour in vain. Psalm 141:2

We pray for our politicians, that you will give them strength and wisdom and cause mercy and justice to be done in our nation today.

Wednesday 17 August. Stirling Schools start

Dear Jesus, Please help me as I start school to feel at home, to make new friends, to play games, learn new things and enjoy each day. Amen

Thursday 18 August

Praise God for the construction of the Lailenpi Airstrip in Myanmar. People will no longer have to travel for three days to reach their nearest hospital. In future it will take just 55 minutes by air with MAF.

Friday 19 August

Gracious and Holy God, we thank you for the bounty of the land and for those who plant and harvest that the world might be fed. We pray that you graciously watch over farmers as they gather their harvest. Grant them favourable weather conditions and keep them safe.

Saturday 20 August

O Lord, please give wisdom, courage and humility to all who seek to govern our land. Keep them from thinking more of their own ambitions and less for the good of the country.

Sunday 21 August

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church, open our hearts to the riches of his grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Monday 22 August

Almighty God, strengthen and direct, we pray, the will of all whose work it is to write what many read, and to speak where many listen. May they be bold to confront evil and injustice: understanding and compassionate of human weakness; rejecting the half-truth which deceive, and the slanted word which corrupts.

Tuesday 23 August

Lord we are thankful that the peace agreement for South Sudan, signed four years ago to unify the armed forces, is finally established. We pray it will work for the good of the people. We pray for wisdom for those in charge that they may use the vast natural resources in a way that creates growth for the country.

Wednesday 24 August

Light of the World, we pray for all those approaching retirement or have recently retired. May they be inspired to learn new skills and apply themselves to further learning and to help others. We pray that many Christians will take these opportunities to be equipped for God's service.

Thursday 25 August

Barnabas Aid has helped 200 South Sudanese Christian families living in a refugee camp in northern Uganda to become self-sufficient by enabling them to grow their own food. Praise God for the opportunity to provide for both physical and spiritual needs.

Friday 26 August

Lord we thank you for those who lead the Youth Cafe in Drymen and all the young people who come along. We pray that you will bless the new year that lies before the Youth Cafe. You are Alpha and Omega. Bless the firsts and the lasts that this year will bring.

Saturday 27 August

Teach us O Lord, to love like you love and to give and not count the cost or seek reward or gain.

Sunday 28 August

Lord we lift up to you the pastors, church planters and evangelists who share God's word in the face of violence and hostility. We pray that you will grant them wisdom, protection and strength.

Monday 29 August

Father, we seek your guidance in all we say. The tongue can be more powerful than the sword and can wound so easily whilst we are unaware of the damage we may be doing.

Tuesday 30 August

Give thanks today for all the cooks who serve God at Scripture Union camps. As SU look for nominations to attend the Cooks School in November, pray for a new generation of cooks to be raised up to continue to provide tasty food.

Wednesday 31 August

Good Shepherd, we bring before you all young people who are starting apprenticeships, college and university courses and other educational courses this autumn. Please guide them into friendships and activities that will help them to flourish as they grow into adult life.

Thank you to those who sent prayers for this issue of the church prayer diary. Our prayer is that these prayers may encourage you as you pray this month. Please send any prayers you wish to share in the next prayer diary to :

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Our Prayer Diary

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Show me your
ways, LORD, teach
me your paths
Psalm 25:4



Drymen and Buchanan Church of Scotland