



PERTH NORTH CHURCH

PRAYER DIARY

1 June – 31 July 2024

- June** Loving God, in our nation where so many have so much, forgive us that one in four children still live in poverty. Help us to play our part in righting wrongs and teach us in our plenty to remember those with so much less. For if we forget them, we forget you too.
- Sat 1
- Sun 2 **As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.**
Ephesians 4: 1-3
- Mon 3 Lord, no one is perfect and we often find it hard to work together in love. We pray for people everywhere who are living in strife-bound places with the hope that they would work together for peace.
- Tue 4 Father, we pray for those gripped by an addiction; their partners, families and friends. Grant them wisdom, courage and hope so that they can receive the appropriate support. Pray that support services would be available to all seeking them.
- Wed 5 In a world that can be rushed, give us patience and time to care. In a world that can be harsh, help us to be kind. In a world that can be fearful, make us bearers of hope. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.
- Thu 6 Pray that mums, children and carers who enjoy Toddlers today will have a real sense of God's presence in our building, and that they will want to know more about the Christian faith.
- Fri 7 Give thanks for the work of Street Pastors in Perth and in towns and cities around the country. Pray for their continued safety and for the people they meet who are hungry for the gospel.

- Sat 8 Pray that we would listen to what the Lord says, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
- Sun 9 **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.** *Lamentations 3:22-23*
- Mon 10 Lord, we pray that you will walk alongside us, guide us and fill us with your loving presence, shining as beacons of light across the land. May we bring your love and care into our communities.
- Tue 11 Lord, we pray for the leaders of our country. Grant them wisdom to know and do what is right and just; grant them compassion and willpower to do your will; fill them with a love for truth and righteousness.
- Wed 12 Pray that we would represent Jesus well in our interactions with others - that we would follow in His footsteps
- Thu 13 Pray for the work of Christians Against Poverty as they offer practical assistance, budgeting advice, and debt counselling. May lives be transformed, hope be restored, and individuals find freedom through the work of CAP.
- Fri 14 Pray for those living with trauma from earlier in their life - whether from abuse, adoption, addiction or other experiences. Give thanks for the people and organisations who help in these circumstances.
- Sat 15 Through the work of the Christian organisations working in the Middle East, we pray that those suffering in the continuing war will know that God is still with them.
- Sun 16 **When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.** *Leviticus 19 33-34*

- Mon 17 Help us Lord to be hospitable, welcoming those who have come to live in our communities: those who are fleeing war; those who are fleeing persecution and oppression; those who are fleeing climate change induced hardship and hunger; those who are coming to be with loved ones who went on ahead before them.
- Tue 18 In this Refugee Week, pray for refugees throughout the world, and for refugees and asylum seekers in our midst. May they find safety and stability as they attempt to forge a new life. Many are keen to return to their homeland when it is safe to do so, pray that this would be possible.
- Wed 19 Gracious Lord, we pray for the weak, the poor and the marginalised, that their cries for help, end to discrimination, deprivation of rights and dignity be heard and be acted on by those in power over them.
- Thu 20 “In the deepest struggle, in the face of great defeat, my unfair advantage is that Jesus stands with me.” Give thanks for the advantages that we have in knowing Jesus.
- Fri 21 In the UK, there are hundreds of unaccompanied minors staying in inappropriate hotels. Pray for the many agencies that are overseeing care and safeguarding for the many children who are in the UK with no support.
- Sat 22 Pray for the thousands of adults and children trafficked or smuggled in the UK who are destitute and have no legal status. Pray that they will have their immediate needs met and receive advice about legal and financial problems. In this Refugee Week, give thanks for the organisations who help refugees.
- Sun 23 **For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast.** *Ephesians 2: 8,9*
- Mon 24 Thank you God that you see me and love me. And in that love, you pour out grace unending, and you keep on doing it when I get it wrong.
- Tue 25 Dear God, Thank You for the gift of laughter. Thank You for giving us the ability to laugh at ourselves and at funny situations.

- Wed 26 Pray for teenagers in churches, youth groups and schools, especially those preparing to be leaders in Christian camps this summer.
- Thu 27 Loving God, we cannot always make sense of your purposes, but that doesn't mean you aren't at work. The way may be hidden, the path may appear dark, but sometimes when you seem far off you are at your most near.
- Fri 28 Pray for children, teachers and parents as the school holidays start. Pray for parents facing difficult issues during the school holidays – child-care, budgeting for extra meals, outings and added stress.
- Sat 29 Pray for everyone who will be involved in leading, preaching or leading the worship at tomorrow's service.
- Sun 30 **Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.** *Ps 32:11*
- July**
- Mon 1 Jesus, you sought out the lost, the used and abused and raised them up to feel loved and healed; may we in our brokenness know your touch of love, and in turn share that love with others.
- Tue 2 Pray for the French Bible Society as they plan Bible engagement activities during the Paris Olympics later this month. Give thanks for this cultural moment to share the Bible.
- Wed 3 Heavenly Father, I come to You today and ask for healing. My body is aching. My soul is aching. I don't know what to do. The pain is causing anxiety and depression. Please heal my body according to Your will. Please guide me through any discomfort.
- Thu 4 We thank you for the luxury of holiday, for refreshment and rest from work. We pray for those whose lives are made harder and busier by long summer breaks, and we pray for those without the luxury of a holiday. May your peace be made known in their daily life.
- Fri 5 Give thanks for the Christian presence in Bertha Park, pray for Anne and her volunteers who are making a difference in the community.
- Sat 6 Pray for the success of today's Strawberry Tea run by the Guild. Give thanks for the Guild, for the friendships formed and the support they give to various projects.

- Sun 7 **Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.** *Isaiah 55:6*
- Mon 8 Lord in Heaven, whose invitation is born on the breath of the universe, we are listening. In you we find recognition and belonging. Thank you.
- Tue 9 Father, when we are lost and weary, strengthen us. Revive our dry branches so that they yield good fruits again. Lead us into a life worthy of our calling.
- Wed 10 Pray for the Deaf community and for deaf culture. Give thanks for sign language and for all the times it has helped remove communication barriers. Pray for those learning sign language, that they would be encouraged in their learning.
- Thu 11 Pray that we would love and cherish each other and demonstrate grace in proclaiming the good news to those living in darkness. May we be ambassadors of God's great love.
- Fri 12 Pray for Christian camps; for wisdom and strength for leaders as they plan the teaching and programme, energy for the cooks and joy, fun, peace and enough sleep during the week. Pray that God's Spirit will speak to each child during the week and that there will be follow-up when the children return home.
- Sat 13 Tomorrow is Sea Sunday: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Employment terms are often harsh and do not meet the standards we would expect. Many report stress and poor mental health. Pray for all mariners and give thanks for their work.
- Sun 14 **A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.** *John 13:34-35*
- Mon 15 Love is the defining characteristic of true discipleship. It's not about grand gestures or displays of power, but rather the genuine care and compassion we show toward one another. Pray that, as followers of Christ we can make a lasting impact on the world around us.

- Tue 16 Pray for people who face unemployment and lack the money to sustain their families. Pray that in their difficult circumstances they would come to know God's comfort and provision.
- Wed 17 Pray that measures to address climate change will remain at the forefront of the agenda of governments worldwide, including ours.
- Thu 18 Pray for the people of Ukraine and give thanks that even in the midst of a terrible situation the Christian community is still able to share the hope they have in Jesus and share the Bible with others. Pray for families returning to Ukraine as they adjust back to life in a war-torn country.
- Fri 19 Give thanks for creation and the beauty of Perthshire, but we must also confess our collective role in causing climate chaos, and work to repair what we have destroyed.
- Sat 20 Give thanks to God that he hears our prayers and that He is a God who wants us to pray and communicate with Him.
- Sun 21 **Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.**
Matthew 18: 21, 22
- Mon 22 Lord, help us to forgive generously because we have been forgiven so much.
- Tue 23 God of peace, encourage those who seek to establish a fair and just peace in the Middle East. Bless their efforts as they work to end conflict. Lead those who engage in violence to put down their weapons and to live in peace with one another.
- Wed 24 Iranian house church leaders and members risk many ways of being persecuted, including denial of basic rights and long, abusive prison sentences. Converts from Islam are at particularly high risk. Pray for God's strength and protection for the almost 2 million Christians.
- Thu 25 We pray that justice will flow like rivers. That human dignity will be respected and that each of us may strive to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you our God.

- Fri 26 Pray for the success of the Paris Olympics, for the athletes, organisers and audience. Give thanks that the sense of international co-operation exists despite intense competition.
- Sat 27 Pray for the on-going growth and development of our pastoral care; all who visit those in our congregation who are unable to come to church; all who are sick in hospital, or at home, and all who care for them.
- Sun 28 **God sets the lonely in families .., Psalm 68:6**
- Mon 29 To be part of God's family - the church - is a privilege but brings with it the responsibility of care and concern for others. Pray that we would always be aware of the lonely and stretch out a hand of friendship.
- Tue 30 Give thanks for the work of School Pastors and Street Pastors in Perth. Pray for their continued safety and for the people they meet who are hungry for the gospel. Pray too that there would be sufficient volunteers to continue this outreach in the streets of Perth.
- Wed 31 Pray for all those who are in positions of power. Pray for politicians whose decisions affect so many. Pray that they would have wisdom and courage to make bold decisions. May the wellbeing of all be their goal.

Prayer points for inclusion in the Prayer Diary can be phoned in to the Church Office or sent to ncprayerdiary@gmail.com

