



**PERTH
NORTH CHURCH**

PRAYER DIARY

1 April – 31 May 2024

- April** Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.
- Mon 1**
- Tue 2** Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Let us give thanks for the love of God, which knows no limits, and the sacrifice made so that we could be saved.
- Wed 3** Pray for Church leaders everywhere, and in particular pray for Kenny, Anne and Stephen as they guide us. May they be able to tune in to the still small voice of the Lord.
- Thu 4** Pray for adults and children caught up in unsafe domestic disputes and abuse. Ask God to be with police, social workers and others who provide protection and support. Pray that wise, caring and workable solutions will be found amid brokenness and pain.
- Fri 5** Give thanks for the children who come to the groups in the church during the week and pray for the organisers. Pray that they would feel welcome in our church family.
- Sat 6** CATH is the local churches' response to homelessness in our midst. Pray for their work and that those they help will be able to see a more positive future.
- Sun 7** **There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. Acts 4, 34, 35**
- Mon 8** Lord, we pray that we would be as willing to live as a supportive community as the early Christians. Help us to extend our generosity to those who have need.

- Tue 9 Pray for the people of Ukraine suffering under war and pray that there would be leaders who work towards justice and truth, and who keep open the horizon of reconciliation and peace.
- Wed 10 With hearts full of gratitude we lift our voices in thanksgiving for Your unfailing love and patient care. You are the shepherd of our souls, leading us through the challenges of life and providing for our every need.
- Thu 11 Pray for those living with mental health problems. Give thanks for those working with them and pray that we would have understanding of those who are suffering invisibly.
- Fri 12 Conflict and arguments bring great pain and heartache, but we should turn to the Lord in prayer to seek his help. He has a pathway which leads to peace, and we must seek him and follow him through it.
- Sat 13 Thank you that your resurrection makes all things new. When the situation seems hopeless you always have a plan and it is good. You hold the keys over death and yours is the power and the victory. Help us live out the good news of Easter in our everyday lives and give us the confidence to share it with others.
- Sun 14 **The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. *James 3.17,18***
- Mon 15 Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Tue 16 O God, you delight not in pomp and show, but in a humble and contrite heart. Overturn our love of worldly possessions and fix our hearts more firmly on you.

- Wed 17 Pray for displaced people everywhere; those who have had to leave their homes because of war, natural disasters and political or religious intolerance. Give thanks for the relative safety and freedom in which we live.
- Thu 18 Pray that those who live alone would not live in loneliness. May they forge friendships and know that they are deeply loved.
- Fri 19 Pray for the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, that discussion and decisions would reflect the will of Christ.
- Sat 20 In the relative calm and security of our lives, let's give thanks that our Lord is always there for us.
- Sun 21 **Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. *Matt 5:16.***
- Mon 22 Pray that we would all be able to shine our light before others, that we would act as Christ to others, especially those who don't know him. Give thanks for Christians everywhere who are already shining their light
- Tue 23 We pray with and for our sisters and brothers in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Strengthen their resolve in the face of seemingly endless violence. Guide the leaders to know God's will.
- Wed 24 Father, thank You for this glorious day. I pray I show Your love and glory to everyone. Give me the words needed to share about You. Give everyone an open heart and a teachable spirit. Amen.
- Thu 25 Pray for those who are preparing for exams and deciding about future courses. May God guide them in the decisions they are making about their future.
- Fri 26 Risen Christ, break into our lives and shatter our complacency. Bring light to our darkness that we may be born anew and learn to love our neighbour as you first loved us.
- Sat 27 Pray for everyone who will be involved in leading, preaching or leading the worship at tomorrow's service.

- Sun 28 **As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. *Isaiah 55 10,11***
- Mon 29 Give thanks for the work of the Scottish Bible Society, and other Bible societies, as they spread the word of the Lord throughout the world.
- Tue 30 Pray for the folk who have left HM Forces and are unable to fit into civilian life. May God be close to them as they struggle with this massive re-adjustment. Give thanks for organisations set up to help.
- May**
Wed 1 God our maker, thank you for the amazingly rich diversity of character, culture, colour and creativity of people in our world. Forgive negative attitudes towards those different from ourselves and discriminatory actions that alienate. Please unite us by your spirit.
- Thu 2 Pray for awareness of the isolation that deaf people can experience. Pray that there would be an appreciation of the positive aspects of living with deafness, and British Sign Language would be promoted and increasingly used by deaf and hearing people alike.
- Fri 3 Give thanks for the Christian presence in Bertha Park, and pray for Anne and her volunteers who are making a difference in the community.
- Sat 4 Give thanks for those who are trying to make the world a better place through giving their time, energy and money.
- Sun 5 **Where there is no vision the people perish. *Prov 29.18***
- Mon 6 Lord, we pray that we would follow you, hear your word, ascertain your vision for us and do what you want us to do.

- Tue 7 God of freedom, justice and peace, we pray for all those who are denied their freedom - those in prison or under house arrest for their political or religious beliefs, those trafficked as slaves and forced to service the will of others, those who have sought asylum only to be held in detention centres and those who have fled homes and lands and dare not return.
- Wed 8 Father, we pray for foster or adoptive families for children who need to be taken into care. We pray that they would flourish and grow. Give thanks for the Guild Project 'Home for Good'
- Thu 9 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
- Fri 10 Thy Kingdom Come – In this time between Ascension Day and Pentecost, take the opportunity with Christians across the world and from different denominations and traditions to unite in prayer for friends and family to come to faith in Christ.
- Sat 11 When lives grow tired, and energy is low, the hint of Your nearness enables us to renew our strength, and in Your light, reflect Your glory. We give You thanks.
- Sun 12 **In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
John 1:4-5
- Mon 13 Thank You, Father, that the light of Jesus has shone into my heart. May the light of Your love shine through me; the light of Christ shining through me.
- Tue 14 In this Christian Aid week, pray for those around the world who are badly affected by the rising cost of food. Pray for the pigeon pea project in Malawi - creating a resilient crop that can help defend against drought and other dangers of climate change.

- Wed 15 Laugh as often as possible. You must. Because the world will offer you every reason to weep. So, as often as possible, laugh. That is part of the Great Love.
- Thu 16 Lord, help us to see the wonder in your creation, to find joy amidst the trials. In you we can rejoice and be glad. No matter what the world brings, we can find you in You.
- Fri 17 Pray for schools in our local area to be places where children and young people can flourish and grow. Pray that those struggling with mental health, academic and social issues would find a way through their difficulties and anxiety.
- Sat 18 We pray for those who have not heard or have rejected the Gospel. Pray that they will be drawn to the Lord and find the grace they need in their lives.
- Sun 19 **For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.**
Acts 2: 39
- Mon 20 Loving Provider, you gather us in the upper room with your son, to be fed by your love. Jesus told us to "love one another" and we know that is the heart of his gift, his sacrifice for us.
- Tue 21 Let us pray for all those on the margins of society: the poor, prisoners, the unborn and the elderly. We pray for seafarers, especially those who are sick or have been injured in accidents onboard ships, and those who are ill-treated or frightened.
- Wed 22 Empowering God, lift up the vulnerable and the victimised. Break the chains of discrimination and prejudice and set your people free. Let us stand in solidarity with the oppressed, hear their stories and lighten their load. May we all be rays of hope in a broken world.
- Thu 23 Pray for the people whose lives have been overturned by disasters. Give thanks for the relative safety in which we live.
- Fri 24 Pray for those who risk life and limb to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. May we too have courage and sensitivity in the sharing of our faith.

- Sat 25 Go in peace. May God protect you. May God show you the way. May God unfold to you the riches of this day giving peace to all that hinders or worries you, today and evermore.
- Sun 26 **I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and in thought 1 Cor.1: 10**
- Mon 27 Pray for all who feel let down, abandoned or rejected by the Church or a church, that all will find a welcoming home somewhere among God's people where they will be cherished and nurtured.
- Tue 28 Give thanks for those who supply us with the necessities of life, especially for farmers and all who bring us our food. Pray for fair trading systems to ensure that those who produce food are given a just reward for their labours.
- Wed 29 Help me God to remember that my life is a gift, that my health is a blessing, that this new day is filled with awesome potential, that I have the capacity to bring something wholly new and unique and good into this world.
- Thu 30 We pray for people who are in pain, of mind and body; those who suffer in silence, those who are neglected and lack resources
- Fri 31 Pray for the elderly people who come to our Kirk, and that we make them feel welcome at our services, in particular at the Thursday lunchtime service. May it continue to play a major part in reaching people and giving them a word of encouragement

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

