



PRAYER DIARY

1 April – 10 June 2018

PERTH NORTH CHURCH

- April**
- Sun 1** *He has been raised from the dead! God of new beginnings, you shatter the half-light of morning with the utter joy of resurrection! Come among us now, that Easter words of love may soon become actions that transform the world.*
- Mon 2** Risen Lord Jesus, the stone was no barrier to you. Give us strength to allow ourselves to roll back the stones that imprison us and embrace the glory of the Easter morning,
- Tue 3** Pray for the work of Christian organisations at home and abroad. Give thanks for those involved with today's Blythswood collection.
- Wed 4** Give thanks for the activities arranged for children during the school holidays. Pray for the leaders and children attending Scripture Union camps during the school holidays.
- Thu 5** Many people around us are hurting - broken relationships, loneliness, chronic pain, lack of belonging. Pray that they will be comforted and that we can be sensitive to their issues and offer help when appropriate. Pray that we make the North Church a safe place for distressed people.
- Fri 6** Beckoning God, you called your servant Abraham to leave Ur in search of a new land of promise. Now may the light of your love bring courage, comfort and hope to all forced to travel the world in search of safety, life and peace.
- Sat 7** Pray for health for everybody, especially for people who are not well at this time so that they can get the best treatment and be touched by your Holy Spirit.
- Sun 8** **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."**
Lamentations 3:22-24
- Mon 9** Lord we thank you for the blessings that you shower on us. Help us to appreciate your goodness.

- Tue 10 Pray that as a church and as individuals, we may be open to new things, not be afraid to leave our comfort zones, or to step out into the unknown, following God's invitation to come and see what he is already doing.
- Wed 11 Holy God, in the raising of Jesus you bring new life to us all. Help us to share your new life with all people in working to build your kingdom here on earth, in the power of your spirit and in union with Christ
- Thu 12 Lord, we pray that our churches will increasingly become generous communities where practical care for vulnerable people demonstrates your compassionate and healing love to everyone, regardless of their background and present situation. Amen.
- Fri 13 Pray for women around the world who carry the sole responsibility for feeding their families.
- Sat 14 Give thanks for being able to live in a country at peace, and pray for those who have been bereaved in times of conflict.
- Sun 15 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.**
1 John 3:17-3:18
- Mon 16 Forgive us Lord when we ignore those in need. Help us to think of others' needs and lead us to take the appropriate action.
- Tue 17 Give thanks for all the volunteers at North Church, those who work behind the scenes as well as those we see regularly helping.
- Wed 18 Pray for teachers and pupils as they return to school. Give thanks for Scripture Union and Christian teachers bringing some Christian influence into schools.
- Thu 19 Pray for all who work in the caring professions, for patience, gentleness and kindness in all they do; for those who work with people who are unable to help themselves, and all who live with the frustrations caused by needing help from others
- Fri 20 Lord, we thank you for your kindness and sustenance. We thank you for your answer to prayer.
- Sat 21 Loving Lord, thank you that you create us all equally; sisters and brothers of a huge human family. Inspire us to overcome inequalities and divisions that the world may be a fairer home for all.

- Sun 22** **The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. *Psalm 24:1***
- Mon 23 God of heaven and earth, protect those who live lightly on the land. Protect those who defend their rights to be there. Protect the earth from greedy extraction. Protect us from apathy and complacency.
- Tue 24 Pray for our brothers and sisters living in countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian, suffering because of their faith. Grant them a powerful sense of your presence and love and help them to be courageous as they face persecution.
- Wed 25 Pray for those who fled fighting in Syria but who are now struggling to build a new life.
- Thu 26 Pray for those who will attend today's lunch-time service. Give thanks for them and for this opportunity to worship mid-week. Give thanks for those who prepare the snack lunch and for the leader who presents the service.
- Fri 27 Children need safe environments to meet, play and learn. Our halls provide such a place for our youth groups. We are grateful for this so that young people can be safe when using the halls. Pray for them.
- Sat 28 Lord, we pray that our churches will increasingly become generous communities where practical care for vulnerable people demonstrates your compassionate and healing love to everyone, regardless of their background and present situation. Amen.
- Sun 29** **He won't brush aside the bruised and the hurt and He won't disregard the small and insignificant, but He'll steadily and firmly set things right. He won't tire out and quit. He won't be stopped until He's finished his work—to set things right on earth. *Isaiah 42:3-5***
- Mon 30 Lord, please grant the will and the wisdom to those in local authorities and our national governments to understand the needs and find more effective ways to help the growing number of people who find themselves homeless. Amen.
- May**
Tue 1 Heavenly Father, please stretch out your hand to free the 300,000 fighters, cooks, suicide bombers, human shields, messengers, spies, or those used for sexual purposes. Grant success to those seeking to help them. Amen.
- Wed 2 Pray that the world might find alternative lifestyles that do not necessitate endless production and consumption.

- Thu 3 Pray for the staff and patients at Cornhill. Give thanks that we have such an excellent facility in our community.
- Fri 4 Loving God, like a mother, you gather your children as a hen gathers her chicks, for protection and care. Inspire your church to eradicate prejudice and violence against women, children and men, all created in your image.
- Sat 5 Pray this morning with those at the Prayer Breakfast, for those in our congregation who are not well.
- Sun 6 I am accepted, I am forgiven, I am fathered by the true and living God. The great mystery of your Love O God, that I am loved and granted every blessing, every privilege that heaven affords and the greatest privilege of all to learn to praise you for your generosity.**
Proverbs 27 v 7
- Mon 7 Father God, Thank you for the joy and the peace I have in Jesus Christ.
Amen
- Tue 8 Pray for the sustainable use of water so that water doesn't become a commodity that belongs to the rich and powerful at the expense of the poor and vulnerable.
- Wed 9 Pray about the 100,000 children in the UK who run away from home every year, mostly because of abuse, neglect, sexual exploitation or unhappiness at home or in a placement. Ask God to guide them to places of safety and for them be given long-term help.
- Thu 10 Holy God, your Son, Christ the teacher, taught disciples and multitudes in word and action. Inspire us to strive for a good education for all so that they may realise their full potential.
- Fri 11 Give thanks that many dangerous, dirty and strenuous tasks can now be done by machines. Pray for such technology that greatly improves people's lives to be available in the poorest parts of the world, resulting in better health and living conditions for many communities.
- Sat 12 Pray for today's Christian Aid coffee morning. Give thanks that we are able to support the work of Christian Aid in this way.
- Sun 13 **'The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.'** *Proverbs 29:7*

- Mon 14 Lord, forgive my blind eye, my deaf ear and my silent voice. I want to learn to love my neighbour as I love myself. I know this will be hard but I am ready to have my life reshaped by your Spirit - head and heart, hands and feet, credit card and purse.
- Tue 15 In this Christian Aid week, pray for those who have had their lives turned upside down by storms and hurricanes. Pray that we would be generous with donations to Christian Aid.
- Wed 16 Pray about the growing lack of knowledge of the Bible and the basic tenets of Christianity in our nation's children. Ask God to help us to withstand the drift in today's society towards a secular mindset and to protect our right to share the gospel freely
- Thu 17 Give thanks for the opportunity to join the short act of worship in the North Church at lunchtime today. Pray for those who attend, those who prepare the lunch and for the Thursday worship leaders.
- Fri 18 Pray for guidance, discernment and wisdom for all clergy, church leaders, and those in positions of responsibility within the Christian church worldwide. May they all be open to the movement of God's spirit, at all times and in all places.
- Sat 19 Pray for the General Assembly which starts today. Pray for guidance in decision making.
- Sun 20 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2,4**
- Mon 21 Lord, as we celebrate once again the memory of that first Pentecost, may it be for us as it was then, a moment of empowerment, an awareness of your glory in this dark world, a life changing experience.
- Tue 22 Pray for the unity of the Christian Church in Scotland and around the world, within and beyond denominational boundaries. May we be more aware of our commonalities than our differences, more inclusive and welcoming to those seeking God, and more tolerant of each other's faults, failings and differences.
- Wed 23 Pray for those who have lost their way - in life, in their faith. For all who are looking for answers in the wrong places; for all who have stopped searching, or who are living lives of quiet despair or increasing desperation.

- Thu 24 Give thanks for all who prepare the floral displays in the church, those who distribute the flowers, and for all who receive them.
- Fri 25 Give thanks for the opportunity to discover more about our faith through House Groups. Pray for all who organise and attend.
- Sat 26 Pray for all who long to attend worship, but are unable to do so, that we will find ways to make them still feel part of our worshipping community.
- Sun 27 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3:16***
- Mon 28 Loving God, ashes mingle with tears as we lift our hearts to you, crying for mercy and working for change, so that this world you so love may be healed by your reconciling touch. Amen
- Tue 29 Generous God, as your Son fed the hungry with loaves and fishes, and with the bread of life, help us to work together physically and spiritually to eradicate hunger in all forms.
- Wed 30 Give thanks for all the opportunities we have to worship and serve in Perth North Church
- Thu 31 Pray that the Church will be open to God's guiding into new or different paths. That as a church we may not be so bound by tradition, or what has been done before, that we are unwilling or unable to try something new or different.
- June** Pray for all who are seeking God, or looking for answers and meaning in their lives, but don't know God. For those recently come to faith, or struggling with their faith. For all who are journeying into the unknown, following God's call to them
- Fri 1
- Sat 2 Give thanks for those in the emergency services, who are prepared to risk their own lives to help others. May they be protected from harm, strengthened and supported in their work, and able to help those in need of their help.
- Sun 3 The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life. *John 4:14***
- Mon 4 Source of life, thank you for the water that quenches every thirst and for the water that enables fullness of life. Amen.

- Tue 5 God of compassion, you know our faults and yet you promise to forgive. Keep us in your presence and give us your wisdom.
- Wed 6 Father, we thank you for the people who make up the North Church; for their friendship and support.
- Thu 7 Give thanks for the work of Street Pastors, especially in Perth where they have been listening, caring and helping those in the night-time economy for the past ten years.
- Fri 8 Pray for people who are in hospital or awaiting appointments on health issues. Give thanks for our health service.
- Sat 9 Give thanks for Kenny and the strong message we are hearing in North Church. Pray for Kenny, Anne and their family.
- Sun 10 O Lord my God, you have performed many wonders for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list. You have no equal. If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them.**
Psalm 40

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