



PERTH NORTH CHURCH

PRAYER DIARY

1 June – 10 August 2018

- 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.** *Psalms 40*

- Mon 11 Forgive us Father when we take you for granted and fail to appreciate the wonderful world around us.
- Tue 12 Loving and gracious God, we ask Your blessing on those in our congregation who are unwell and waiting for test results or treatment. We pray that your love and strength will sustain them at this time.
- Wed 13 Pray for Open Door, for the volunteers who make it happen, and for the people who come in for a coffee and a chat. May there always be sufficient helpers to continue this outreach.
- Thu 14 Pray for the people who attend Nosh at the North, for the volunteers and those for whom this is a friendly place to have a hot meal and discuss spiritual matters.
- Fri 15 Give thanks for our faith, for the support we receive from each other in the church and for the opportunities we have to strengthen our faith through good preaching and discussion.
- Sat 16 Holy God you are the wellspring of life, the source of living water. Inspire your church to passionately work to provide for that basic need of clean water and sanitation for all your children.
- Sun 17 **Please, Lord, rescue me! Come quickly, Lord, and help me.**
Psalm 40:13
- Mon 18 God, our Rescuer, we lift to You everyone who is struggling with an addiction. Please show them a way out of this problem, which so often results in serious debt, relationship breakdown, mental health issues and other difficulties. Amen.
- Tue 19 Give thanks for Tuesday Fellowship, for the opportunity for people to listen to interesting speakers and catch up with their friends.
- Wed 20 CrossReach provides specialist counselling services for post-natal depression. We pray for all those whose joy in the safe arrival of a new baby is reduced by this illness, asking that they will know Your presence as they regain their health.
- Thu 21 Give thanks for the health care that we receive. Pray for the doctors, nurses and others who work in health care.

- Fri 22 Pray that there would always be enough volunteers to maintain the various North Church projects.
- Sat 23 Give thanks for the transport providers who will bring people to church tomorrow.
- Sun 24 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God ... And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us.**
Psalm 90:2,17
- Mon 25 Lord, please demonstrate your mercy and grace to our world at this time of revolutionary change as robots and A.I. become increasingly integral to our lives. Help us to discern what is good, and where developments could undermine what it means to be human, made in your image. Amen.
- Tue 26 Pray for those who are suffering with chronic illness, especially those whose illness is not visible. May we be understanding in our relationships with them.
- Wed 27 We pray for those in our church family who are grieving for the loss of a loved one, whether it be recent or long ago. Lord, we ask Your blessing on them and ask that they may be sustained by Your love and strength during these difficult days.
- Thu 28 Worldwide, women represent half of all adults living with HIV/AIDS, and the 15-24 age group is particularly affected. Many of the Church of Scotland's partner churches have programmes to raise awareness, reduce stigma and support those women in practical ways. We ask God's blessing on all these efforts to reduce suffering
- Fri 29 Pray for school children and teachers as they start their holidays. May they have a happy holiday time and may those who travel remain safe.
- Sat 30 Lord of all compassion, please draw near to our brothers and sisters suffering in many countries for their Christian faith: persecuted, outcast, tortured and even killed. Grant them courage and perseverance as they shine for You in the darkness.

- July
Sun 1 **Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.**
Colossians 3:12,13
- Mon 2 Lord Jesus, Shepherd of the flock, help us not to be blind to those in our midst who need our love and care. Help us not to exclude anyone from the love offered to Your flock. Help us to look afresh at the shepherds in our lives, those gentle enough to be the care givers. Remind us to say thank you for their gentleness.
- Tue 3 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.
- Wed 4 Pray for Christians who have gone abroad – as short-term volunteers, Bible translators and missionaries, or to work and witness in the context of a professional role. Ask the Holy Spirit to encourage them with answers to prayer, fresh strength and renewed hope.
- Thu 5 We pray for all staff and councillors involved in Perth and Kinross Council as they try to provide services with reduced funding and reduced staff numbers.
- Fri 6 Redeeming God, we intercede for those who formerly believed in You, but no longer do so. Amid life's circumstances and through the lives and prayers of Christian family, friends and colleagues please stir up their spirits to respond once again to the gospel. Amen
- Sat 7 Today is the Guild Strawberry Tea. Pray for those who are organising the event and for those who will attend. Give thanks for the work of the Guild.

- Sun 8 **Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? *Romans 8:35***
- Mon 9 Dear God, we intercede for our 215 million brothers and sisters in the 50 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. Amen.
- Tue 10 We ask God to open our eyes and see the resources he has given us, that we may use them for his glory.
- Wed 11 Give thanks for the church website, for those who maintain it and for those who use it to find out what is going on at Perth North Church.
- Thu 12 Today the volunteers at Nosh at the North will be providing a hot meal for the homeless and vulnerable in our city. Lord, we give thanks for the volunteers who shop, cook, serve food and wash dishes each week of the year.
- Fri 13 We pray for those who are homeless. Please be with them all Father and we pray that they will know Your strength during this difficult time in their lives.
- Sat 14 Tonight we remember the Perth Street Pastors who will be patrolling in the city centre and. We give thanks for their commitment to this organisation and for their dedication in helping people, both young and old, who are in need and who may be alone and vulnerable.
- Sun 15 **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. *Isaiah 42:3-4***
- Mon 16 Give thanks for the generosity and compassion of Christians and others around the world towards those who are despairing and helpless as they face danger, poverty, homelessness, poor physical and mental health – through no fault of their own.
- Tue 17 Pray for an ability to speak about our faith.

- Wed 18 Give thanks for Hospice UK, the national voice for over 200 hospices providing vital care to 200,000 people with terminal or life-limiting illnesses, and supporting their loved ones. Pray for staff and the 125,000 volunteers engaged in caring, fundraising and advocacy.
- Thu 19 The North News team will be preparing the next issue of the newsletter soon. Give thanks for the volunteers who carry out this worthwhile work and we pray that they enjoy this time of fellowship.
- Fri 20 Pray for those on the margins of society. For those who are different to us, or who we find it hard to accept. All who face prejudice, judgement, or persecution, because of their lifestyle, faith, choices, or health problems.
- Sat 21 Pray for our Minister, our organist, the choir, the reader, those working with the young people, and the church officers as they all prepare for Sunday Worship.
- Sun 22 **Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope, comfort you and strengthen you in every good thing you do and say.** *2 Thessalonians 2:16,17*
- Mon 23 Lord, You have compassion for those who lack strength and we lift to You every child and adult living with physical and learning disabilities, serious illnesses and emotional problems. Please grant great skill and patient tenderness to all who teach and care for them. Amen.
- Tue 24 Pray for those who suffer domestic violence, or abuse. All who are harmed by those who should be protecting them. May each one receive the help and support they need to find a way out of their situation
- Wed 25 Pray that governments and political leaders in all areas of the world might promote justice and equality for all, rather than seek to benefit a rich minority.

- Thu 26 Pray for those who are swamped by the darkness of depression or grief, who feel they have nothing to live for. Show us practical ways in which we can demonstrate God's unconditional love for them.
- Fri 27 Lord, take us from where we are, to where you want us to be; make us not merely guardians of a heritage, but living signs of your coming Kingdom; fire us with passion for justice and peace between all people; fill us with that faith, hope and love which embody the Gospel
- Sat 28 Give thanks for the people who will welcome worshippers to North Church tomorrow. Pray for them as they greet people.
- Sun 29 **The LORD detests the use of dishonest scales, but He delights in accurate weights ... Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker; but helping the poor honours Him. *Proverbs 14:31***
- Mon 30 Heavenly Father, please prosper people who conduct their business with integrity and treat their workers honourably. May those who are dishonest and exploit others be found out, brought to justice and where possible, make amends. Amen.
- Tue 31 Give thanks for the property team who ensure that our buildings are fit for purpose.
- August**
- Wed 1 Give thanks for initiatives around the world to raise awareness about the human contribution to climate change and what we can do to reverse the problem. Pray that we would be inspired to engage more deeply in working for climate change.
- Thu 2 Pray that we would be gentle enough. Gentle enough to tend the hurt and broken. Gentle enough to care each other. Gentle enough to gain the trust of the lost and forgotten.
- Fri 3 Pray for those suffering in the tragedy in Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia and many other countries where nearly 20 people each minute are forced to leave their homes because of conflict or persecution. May God have mercy on them in their desperate plight and provide the food, shelter and protection they need.
- Sat 4 Give thanks for the times when we see God's work in action – the work of the Vine Trust and Vanilla Cottage in Kenya.

- Sun 5 **Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land ... buying the poor with silver ... I will never forget anything they have done.** *Amos 8:4,6,7*
- Mon 6 Father, we intercede for the millions of people who have been forced into slavery, suffering physical, emotional and sexual abuse. Nothing is hidden from Your eyes and we trust You will bring justice to both the victims and perpetrators of this evil trade. Amen.
- Tue 7 Give thanks for our beautiful country, and for the times when we can enjoy it in sunshine and warm weather.
- Wed 8 Give thanks for the pastoral team who keep in touch with those not able to attend church services.
- Thu 9 Pray for people who are coming to faith. May we be an encouragement to them.
- Fri 10 Give thanks for the people who arrange the flowers in the church, and for those who receive the flowers after the services.
- Sat 11 As we approach the beginning of a new school year, pray for pupils, teachers, helpers; for their new schools, new friends, and new activities; and for their well-being.
- Sun 12 **Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks of this water [from a well] will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again".** *John 4 14*

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