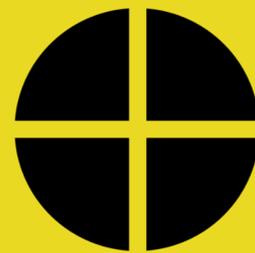


Daily Prayer Guide

April 2021



1st April

We pray for our churches across Scotland as they seek to share the good news of Jesus in slightly different ways again this year due to the ongoing Covid restrictions. We give thanks that although we might be physically limited in what we can do at present, God has no limitations and is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine.

2nd April

As we look to the Cross and remember Jesus the Lamb who was slain for us, we give thanks that Jesus laid down his life for us. We pray for our churches marking Good Friday online in some way today using video reflections. As we journey to the Cross, we give thanks that the darkness of that day was not the end of the story.

3rd April

As we wait in the silence between the disappointment and sadness of the darkest day and the dawn of resurrection victory, help us Lord to embrace the waiting, leaning in to the wild silence and anticipating the victory to come.

4th April

We give thanks for the hope that we have in Jesus' resurrection and we celebrate Jesus' victory over death and the powers of darkness. Please pray that this Easter people across Scotland will come to know this resurrection hope for themselves and the power of Jesus.

5th April

Jim Meighan (Chaplain, Royal Hospital for Children) - As we work our way through the second wave, there are many staff already running on empty due to Covid, PTSD and exhaustion. Lord we pray that they will get time to rest and recuperate. We also pray that many restrictions will remain in place in Scotland until the majority of people are vaccinated to help reduce prevalence.

6th April

Coastline Community Church - We give thanks to God for all the community work we have been able to do during the past year, especially within the foodbank and community resilience. Please do keep us in prayer as we seek what the Lord would have us do once we emerge on the other side of this pandemic.

7th April

Coatbridge BC - We give thanks for the church family at Coatbridge as they seek to make Jesus known in word and action. We pray Father that you would lead and guide them in the weeks and months ahead as they seek to share Jesus with the people of Coatbridge.

8th April

In this disruptive season, we pray that they good news of Jesus will continue to be shared in-person and online in communities across Scotland. Help us Lord to be your hands and feet in our communities. Embolden us to share our faith with those we journey alongside.

9th April

Collydean BC - Lord, we give thanks for our brothers and sisters at Collydean Granary Baptist as they seek to worship and serve God in the town. We pray for boldness for the church as they share Jesus with the people they come into contact with.

10th April

Cornton BC - We give thanks to God for the continued fellowship we share in these strange times and that folks remain connected online. Please pray for a new partnership, 'The Larder', which provides food and essentials for those who are struggling at this time, and for Easter activity packs distributed to all our church families as well as our Kids Club families in the community.

11th April

We pray for those churches who will be resuming in-person services this month, may they know your guidance and wisdom as they meet. We pray that people will know your presence with them today as they worship, whether in-person or online.

12th April

Father God we pray today for countries within Europe who are being hit with a third wave of Covid-19. We prayer for wisdom for the government as they seek to tackle this and for the health care systems in these countries at this time.

13th April

Stuart Murdoch (Chaplain, Strathcarron Hospice) - This last year has been difficult for everyone. As Chaplain to Strathcarron Hospice that is no different. The support for staff continued to increase as staff were feeling vulnerable and weary from the intensity of their workload. Pray for me and the staff that we will be sustained and renewed in our spirit to continue to work that God has called us to here in Strathcarron Hospice. Pray for us as we enter the community that we would be kept safe and keep our patients and families safe as we support them through these difficult times and through their Palliative Care journey.

14th April

We give thanks for the new posts being advertised for serving our churches within BUS. We pray for those applying for the posts and for the interview process. We pray for discernment for the interview panels as they seek to discern who you have chosen to fill these roles.

15th April

Cowal BC - We give thanks for the church fellowship in Cowal and we pray for the church as they seek to keep Jesus as the centre of all that they do.

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16th April

Cowdenbeath BC - We give thanks that despite not being able to meet physically, Cowdenbeath Baptist have enjoyed meeting for prayer and worship using technology. We also give thanks that, after a tip-off from BUS, we were fortunate to have an application approved for some iPads from the Connecting Scotland charity for members without tech access currently. We also continue to pray for the ongoing search for a new pastor.

17th April

Crieff BC - We give thanks for God's continued faithfulness while doing a mixture of struggling and striving, pushing and pressing our way through this awful Pandemic. Prayer always works best when spurred on with belief and need. Pray for us as we continue to Zoom and You Tube our way through to a new normality with a new consecration amid the amazing consideration of our Heavenly Father for us all.

18th April

Al Nicoll (RAF Chaplain) - Please pray as I support chaplains from all 3 armed services who deploy on military operations across the world, particularly with the added complications caused by periods of quarantine before and after long periods away from loved ones.

19th April

CBC Community Church - We give thanks for CBC Community Church in Crookston, Glasgow and ask Lord that you would bless them as they meet as a fellowship, whether online or in-person and as they continue to be your witnesses to their local community.

20th April

Father we continue to give thanks for the Covid-19 vaccine and we pray for the rollout of the vaccine both in the UK, in Europe and throughout the world. Lord we pray that those people most at risk from the virus would be quickly vaccinated both here and in the rest of the world.

21st April

Crown Terrace BC - We thank God that we have been able to establish a regular online presence with services and groups which support people within and out with the fellowship. Pray for God's guidance for the future and where we should concentrate our resources to have the greatest impact for the Kingdom.

22nd April

God, we give thanks for your written word and the depths and riches within it. We pray for the ministry development workshop being held today, which is looking at reading the Bible in community and how this can add to our richness in understanding Scripture.

23rd April

Culduthel Christian Centre - We give thanks that the church remains united despite the pressures of lockdown and that we have had opportunities to be creative in pastoral care, discipleship, worship and mission. We have seen new believers added and have many asking when they can be

baptised. We ask for prayer in rebuilding our youth and children's ministry which has suffered from a lack of face to face ministry during lockdown.

24th April

We give thanks that lockdown is slowly easing a little and that non-essential retail is about to reopen. We pray for the retail sector as they seek to reopen after being closed for many months. We think of the small businesses in our own locality and pray for them now.

25th April

Andrew Oliver (Chaplain, Royal Scots Dragoon Guards) - The next 12 months is a very busy time for the regiment with lots of time away from home training in preparation for deployments overseas. Please pray for me as I minister into this and in particular for opportunities to share the gospel. This is potentially a year of change for us as a family with the likelihood of another move in November. Please pray that the Lord will prepare the way especially for our children.

26th April

Culloden-Balloch BC - We give thanks for the church fellowship in Culloden and we pray for the church as they seek to live for Jesus and bring others to Him in both Culloden and Balloch.

27th April

Lord we thank you that you have commissioned us to share you with others and bear witness to you across the world. We pray today for our Mission Initiative Group who are meeting to look at ways to encourage and resource our churches for mission.

28th April

Father we recognise today the challenge Covid-19 has been to different strands of society, particularly to children and young people. We pray today for Ali Laing as he leads development workshops for ministers over the next couple of days on what coming out of Covid might mean for youth work and children's work in our churches.

29th April

Cumbernauld BC - We give thanks to God for the safe keeping of all our church members during the past year. We have been unable to meet but have utilised online services and BUS Prayer Live. We ask for God's guidance in the months ahead as we prepare to open and seek direction in to knowing God's will for us as a church in the community we serve.

30th April

Cupar BC - We have been adversely affected by the lockdown. Please pray that we will know the Lord's will for the way forward as a fellowship and that He will build us up again. We give thanks for the faithful support of our interim Moderator.