

Daily Prayer Guide

June 2021



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1st June

We pray today for those countries struggling to contain coronavirus outbreaks. We pray for nations whose healthcare systems are struggling to cope and who have limited resources. We pray God that there will be a global effort to give help and resources where it is needed.

2nd June

Lord Jesus we rejoice in the surge of interest in prayer at this time. We pray for a turning of the tide and for an avalanche of your love and mercy to descend through the power of the Holy Spirit to soften hearts, bring conviction and change lives.

3rd June

Father God, thank you that this time is an opportunity for us as churches and individuals to pause, take stock and seek your will in this season. We pray that we may be stripped and pruned of anything that hinders us, so that we may bear much fruit for you and your kingdom.

4th June

God we thank you for the many agencies, charities and teams working across the UK to keep us safe. As we slowly come out of lockdown, we pray in particular for the mountain rescue teams and the lifeboat rescue services who aim to help people in difficulty on our coastlines and mountains.

5th June

Andrew Clarke (CMD Lead, BUS) - Lord we pray for Andrew as he transitions from part-time CMD Lead to full-time Leadership Development Lead within our Union. We pray that this will be a time of blessing, creativity and great fruitfulness for Andrew.

6th June

Dunrossness BC - We praise God as He continues to move through and among our church family and communities. Please pray for growth, vision, God's leading, passion for His name and for salvation for many.

7th June

God we thank you that we can meet together with people from other Christian churches to worship and pray. We pray today for Martin Hodson as he meets online with other Scottish church leaders from across the country.

8th June

Lord Jesus we are mindful of the current drug addiction crisis in Scotland and we pray for more to be done to support those with addiction issues. We pray for the Continuing Ministry Development workshop being held online today which is considering this issue and how churches can help support people with addictions.

9th June

East Mains BC, East Kilbride - We thank God for how we have been growing as disciples of Jesus and are excited about some new community engagement opportunities that God has opened up for us, Come Holy Spirit Come!

10th June

Father we do give thanks for the easing of restrictions and the ability to meet more people. We pray that churches will be able to utilise this in creative ways so that small groups can meet and have fellowship together. We thank you that

you have said that where two or three are gathered, Lord you are there also.

11th June

We give thanks for Jesus's example of table fellowship and the importance of sharing meals with others. Lord we pray that over the summer as people gather around the meal table, there will be love and laughter, a deepening of church family bonds and a greater awareness of your presence.

12th June

Peter Dick (Finance Director, BUS) - As Peter prepares to step down as Finance Director and hand over the reins to someone else at the beginning of September, give thanks for the 10 years of service he has given to our Union. Please pray for a smooth transition and hand-over period.

13th June

Easterhouse BC - Father God we give thanks for the church family at Easterhouse Baptist and we pray that they would have a real sense of your presence with them at this time as they worship together and serve the local community.

14th June

Father God we pray for those today who may once have worshipped you in one of our churches and who now find themselves jaded, faded, perhaps disillusioned by church and far from you. God we pray that you might fan into flame any embers in their hearts, that they may find their way back to you. Show us our role in connecting others to you.

15th June

Elgin BC - We give thanks to God for the provision of a new building that will aid our outreach into the community. Please pray that as we engage in this project it will result in many more people being reached with the gospel and coming to faith in Christ.

16th June

Lord we pray today for the Scottish Baptist Ministers' Fellowship conference that is taking place over the next couple of days. We pray that although the conference is online this year, that it will still be a great time of teaching, worship and fellowship for our ministers across Scotland.

17th June

Give thanks that we are Jesus's hands and feet on earth and can give a voice to the voiceless. Pray for issues of injustice, inequality and poverty whether locally, nationally or globally and ask that God would show each of us how we can partner with him in bringing justice to these situations.

18th June

Ellon BC - Please pray for us as lockdown eases and the options to gather together increase, that what we do is both safe and of great spiritual value. We would also welcome prayers for our building project which the church has agreed to move forward with and is nearing the tender stages, please pray God leads us to the right companies to work with.

19th June

Martin Hodson (General Director) - We give thanks for Martin and his diligent service to our network of churches, particularly during this last 16 months of the pandemic. We pray that you will

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give Martin refreshment and continued creativity and wisdom for the months ahead.

20th June

Erskine BC - We pray for Erskine Baptist as they seek to grow in Christ together and as they reach out into their local community within the town.

21st June

Falkirk BC - We give thanks that during the pandemic we've seen a number of new people start to attend FBC having engaged with us through our online service. We've also been largely unaffected, in terms of physical health, as a church by Covid-19 for which we give God thanks. Please pray that as things move towards opening up again that we re-capture the momentum of growth and discipleship that we had pre-pandemic.

22nd June

Lord we give thanks for church leadership teams who have been working so hard during these months to navigate their way through restrictions to provide worship services and pastoral care. We pray that the next few weeks over the summer will afford them a chance to rest, reset and find refreshment.

23rd June

Forres BC - We give thanks and praise as a Church that people have used the lock-down situation to grow as Disciples of Christ, making good use of the time. Please join us in praying for our building which was flooded back in February and is awaiting refurbishment, and thank God for the alternative accommodation he has provided for us to meet in.

24th June

Fort William BC - We give thanks to God for His faithfulness over the last year; for everyone we have been able to reach/teach and support through the on-line work, for the way the congregation have pulled together to offer support to one another and our extended church family. We give thanks for the new folk that have attended our services in person recently. Please pray for us as we look to the future – that God will be at the heart of the plans that continue to unfold.

25th June

Alan Holloway (BUS Solicitor) - Give thanks for the encouragement and stimulus of being part of the dynamic team serving the Union. The privilege of meeting church leadership groups all over Scotland, and endeavouring to advise appropriately in the context of each church. Being able to help churches re-structure as Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations to be better equipped for the challenges of future ministry and mission. Pray that those leaders who serve our churches so faithfully will not carry unnecessary concerns or liabilities, and will be able to find or be connected to the right support and advice when needed.

26th June

Fraserburgh BC - We give thanks for the church family at Fraserburgh Baptist and we pray God's blessing as the church meets for worship each week.

27th June

Galashiels BC - We give thanks to God for our Interim Moderator, the Rev George Mackenzie, who has given us so much support and encouragement during lockdown and our time in vacancy. Please pray for both, our vacancy committee as they seek God's guidance for the future and the fellowship as we seek ways to reach out to the surrounding community.

28th June

Garioch Church, Aberdeen - Our worship together as a church has had moments of joy during the pandemic but overall zoom church has been a tough medium to stay engaged on, especially for the children. Please pray for us as we seek to find ways to engage the children with fellowship at this time. Three families in our church have also moved away during this time including our two church leaders. As a closeknit community, this has been a difficult and strange time for us and feels like a season of pruning and uncertainty. We would appreciate prayers for discernment, joy and renewal.

29th June

Give thanks that many people will be taking time out during the summer for a break and a rest. Please pray that those families visiting our holiday cottage in Findochty will find blessing and renewal as they sample the delights of the Moray coast.

30th June

Gerrard Street BC, Aberdeen - We pray for Gerrard Street Baptist in Aberdeen as they worship together and serve their local community. We pray that the church community will know God's presence with them in their work, worship and witness.