

Daily Prayer Guide

July 2021



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1st July

Lord we pray for the churches in our union who will be preparing for some form of summer holiday outreach activities. We pray that they would be able to find fun-filled ways to share Jesus with the children of their local communities during the summer.

2nd July

As most people will be taking holidays in the UK this year, we pray that it will be a time of refreshing and relaxation for people despite the circumstances. May it be a time when we can slow down and allow God to speak into our hearts and lives with greater clarity.

3rd July

Father we give thanks for the hospitality and tourism industry in Scotland and we pray that you would bless businesses this summer with good trade that would help to make up for the disruption over the last year or so. We pray that there would be job retention and job creation in this season.

4th July

Ali Laing (Next Generation Development Coordinator) - We pray for Ali as he is involved in the leadership of the Magnitude youth festival at the end of this month. Pray for Ali as he continues to support youth workers within our churches during what has been a very challenging 16 months.

5th July

Father we give thanks for the hard work of teachers across Scotland and the work they do in educating children and young people. Please pray that the summer break will bring much needed rest and refreshment to school teachers and support staff.

6th July

Glenrothes BC - Please pray for this church fellowship as they seek to make known the love of Jesus in the town of Glenrothes in these challenging times.

7th July

Father God we thank you that we are part of a family of Baptists from across the globe. We pray today for the Baptist World Alliance Congress which takes place online over the next few days. We pray for all the hundreds of people attending this conference from across the world. We pray that although it is an online conference that it would still be a time of blessing and connection for many.

8th July

Gourock BC - We praise and thank our Lord for the provision of new technology enabling us to stream services to those unable to be with us, and the enthusiasm with which this has been embraced by all. We have been blessed by the arrival of several new faces post-lockdown. Please pray they may find blessing as part of our church family and that our reach into the community might continue to gain momentum.

9th July

We give thanks that this is a season where we can reflect as individuals, churches and as a society to work out what is most important. Lord, we pray that as a result our lives would be lived at a more sustainable and simplified pace;

that churches would be able to listen for the wind of the Spirit and that society would learn how to truly care for others.

10th July

Granton BC - We pray for Granton Baptist in Edinbrugh as they meet for worship and as they serve the community in Granton. May your love be made known through their service and witness for you Jesus.

11th July

We give thanks for the many different organisations seeking to help people overcome addictions. We thank you God for the support, mentoring and accountability that these services bring. We pray that those in need of support for addictions would take the first step in getting the help they need.

12th July

Jim Purves (Mission & Ministry Advisor, BUS) - Join in giving thanks for creative movements in mission and ministry across our Union of churches. Pray for attentiveness within churches to the leading of the Holy Spirit, walking in obedience to our Father and pursuing the way of Christ. May God grant wisdom when guidance is sought for pursuing excellence in Jesus' name.

13th July

Granton-on-Spey BC - Give thanks for the church family at Granton-on-Spey Baptist. Pray for the church as they seek to serve and bless the local community.

14th July

Give thanks that in every season we are called to rejoice in God, despite our circumstances. Give thanks that God is our rock and our refuge during the good times and the bad times.

15th July

We pray for those who may be still a little unsure of socialising again and getting out and about as we open up after the Covid restrictions. We do pray Lord that people will feel safe and be able to make connections again.

16th July

Greenock BC - We are encouraged by four new people attending since we reopened our doors at Easter. Pray for the challenging work amongst our group of children and young people. Also seeking new ways to serve/reach the community as we emerge into 'normality'.

17th July

Thank you Lord for your love and faithfulness towards us. We pray today for those who simply need a fresh touch from you, a word in season and a sense of your presence with them.

18th July

Hamilton BC - Give thanks for the church family in Hamilton Baptist as they meet to worship God, serve their local community and make Christ known to those they meet.

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19th July

Beatrice Anderson (Finance Administrator, BUS) - Please pray for Beatrice as she provides admin support for Peter Dick and as she helps our churches with questions relating to matters of finance. Give thanks for the financial support of our churches, which enables us to continue to provide resources and support for our churches across Scotland.

20th July

Harestanes - Lord we thank you for the fellowship at Harestanes in Kirkintilloch and we pray that you will bless their times of worship together.

21st July

Lord we pray that you would make us vessels of your love, conduits of your kingdom and bearers of blessing to those we meet. May we ever be ready to give a reason for the hope that we have in you.

22nd July

Hawick BC - We give thanks for Hawick Baptist Church and the church family that worship there week by week. God may you grant them all wisdom, strength and creativity as they share the love of Jesus in the town.

23rd July

Helensburgh BC - Give thanks for the Baptist church in the seaside town of Helensburgh. Please pray for the church and community as they welcome more visitors to the town during the summer.

24th July

Magnitude Festival - Lord we pray for the opening gathering at the Magnitude Festival this year. As young people come together in their local church groups to watch the online content we pray for a real move of your Holy Spirit as young people across Scotland come together to worship and pray. Come Lord Jesus!

25th July

Magnitude Festival - We continue to pray for the Magnitude Festival over the next few days as they launch into the full programme of teaching, seminars and mission work in local hubs. We pray for those young people who have felt distant and disengaged with church in recent months. Lord would you move in power and make your love and presence known to the young people at the festival.

26th July

Lynn Scott (Administrator, BUS) - Please pray for Lynn as she looks after the administration of Union properties, and as she helps our churches and deals with enquiries.

27th July

High Blantyre BC - We give thanks for the creative ways we have been able to remain active in fellowship and worship online. Pray for our church and community as the long period of lockdowns comes to an end and we begin to re-establish face-to-face work. Many have been bruised and depressed by losses and isolation. Pray especially for the re-establishment of our school input, our SU work, our Men's breakfast and our Ladies' meeting.

28th July

Please pray for the Keswick Convention taking place over the next three weeks, which may be in-person if Covid restrictions allow or otherwise online. Pray that a blessed time will be had by all including those speaking and taking part in leading sessions.

29th July

We pray for the New Wine online gathering taking place over the next six days. We pray Lord that it will be a powerful time

of worship and encounter with you. We pray for all those speaking and taking part in the event and for all those across the country who will be united in worship together.

30th July

Hillhead BC - We give thanks to God for the opportunities that Zoom Church has given us to share in live, multi-voiced services, enabling full participation of people who would otherwise be excluded. We are enjoying occasional joint worship with congregations across and beyond Scotland, as well as inviting preachers from across the globe. We seek God's guidance as we move forward to develop welcoming, inclusive and authentic blended worship in the future, and for wisdom and discernment in encouraging a worldwide, online, community of disciples serving God in their local contexts.

31st July

Hillview & Kintore Community Church - We give praise to God for how we've seen new people from across Aberdeen join with us over the last few months and for two very encouraging online Alpha Courses that we've hosted. Please pray for us as we consider how to support our communities as we exit lockdown. Ask that God would help us to care well for those around us, building relationships and seeing them respond to the good news of Jesus Christ.