

# Daily Prayer Guide

## September 2021



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### 1st September

Father we give thanks that you call us and equip us to serve you in different ways, in different times and seasons. We pray today for the new National Team members starting at BUS today. May they know your blessing and provision this week as they step into the new roles you have for them.

### 2nd September

Lord we pray for the hospitality industry, still emerging from the pandemic, as they struggle to recruit staff and we pray that you would give them creativity as they seek to attract people to work in this sector. We pray for pay and working conditions to be improved to encourage people to seek employment in the sector.

### 3rd September

Give thanks for the Magnitude conference held at the end of July. Please pray for the young people who attended the online conference, that they would grow in their faith as a result of the conference.

### 4th September

Please pray for young people who are heading off to university for the first time. Pray that they will settle in to university life quickly and that it will feel more normal and less stressful for freshers this year.

### 5th September

**Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers' Association** – Please pray for our leadership team and committee, which has recently changed. Pray for God to lead them and to give vision. Pray for the ongoing work of the SBLPA supporting the local church in a season where it has been challenging and where preachers have had to seek new fresh ways to reach out with the Word of God. Pray for God to bring fresh input into SBLPA with new and young members.

### 6th September

**Lerwick BC** – We give thanks for the church family at Lerwick Baptist and we pray that God would use them mightily in the coming months to share Jesus with the local community. We pray for creativity and wisdom in this season.

### 7th September

Please pray for the BUS Council, which takes place online today. Give thanks for those who serve our Union on Council and pray for discernment and wisdom as they come to discuss various items on the agenda.

### 8th September

Lord Jesus we pray for all those countries around the world who are suffering from the effects of climate change. For

those experiencing the extremes of the weather, fire, flood and excessive heat. Lord help us to know how to help and pray for others in these situations.

### 9th September

**Leslie BC** – We give thanks for a safe return from lockdown as a fellowship, and the ways in which our socially distanced gatherings have been particularly meaningful in this season of transition.

### 10th September

**Leven BC** - Please pray for guidance and wisdom for our leaders in this time of rapid change. Pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire and energise fresh vision. Pray for continued fruitful partnerships within the local community. Pray that God will bring healing and restore confidence following the pandemic.

### 11th September

Give thanks for the changing seasons and as summer gives way to autumn pray for the ripening of a harvest for God's kingdom as well as the harvest being grown in fields across the land.

### 12th September

Pray for people across Scotland who may have recently dipped their toe into the water of church, who have had no previous faith connection. Pray that the seeds sown during this season will bear fruit and that many will come to faith at this time.

### 13th September

**Scottish Baptist College** - Pray for all new and returning students as they embark on their studies in the new academic year. Pray that as they learn and delve deeper into God's life they will be shaped and formed for the ministry that lies ahead. Pray for all the teaching staff and administrative staff as they support the training and education of students across the whole of Scotland and beyond, particularly in this new season of on-campus and online delivery.

### 14th September

**Lighthouse Central, Prestonpans** - We're grateful for the many opportunities to love and connect with folk in our local communities, especially through our Foodbank+ and Baby and Toddlers group. Please pray for us that we can serve these precious people well and in time see many families come to know Jesus and the healing that He brings.

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## 15th September

Pray for the young people from our churches who may be starting university or college this year, that they will keep on with their faith in Christ in the midst of the many temptations which student life can bring.

## 16th September

Please pray for those people who may have lost their jobs at this time as the furlough scheme winds down. Please pray that they will find new employment quickly.

## 17th September

**Linwood BC** - We give thanks to God for his faithfulness and help over the past year as we have met online.

Please pray for us as we restart meeting in person that God would enable us to grow closer to Him and share His love in the community.

## 18th September

**Lochgilhead BC** – We give thanks to God for the recent completed summer holiday outreach program that was specifically geared for the children in our community.

Pray that every gospel seed sown, every bible story told, every song sung and every conversation had with a leader would be remembered by the children.

## 19th September

**European Baptist Federation** - Please pray for the EBF Council in September. Because of Covid-19 situation, the preparations have been complicated and many people might have travel restrictions. Please pray for a smooth and inspiring hybrid meeting which would encourage and equip the EBF family for the future. Pray also for the elections of the new EBF General Secretary at the Council, which has been delayed due to Covid-19. Pray for the committee to have a good discernment process in spite of difficult circumstances.

## 20th September

**European Baptist Federation** - - Please pray for the conflict areas in the EBF region where people are suffering from the consequences - Syria, Ukraine, Armenia and Azerbaijan - and strength and wisdom for the churches to embody God's love to the victims.

## 21st September

Give thanks for the INVEST training programme and Training Hub to encourage and develop younger leaders in our network of churches. It is anticipated that the trainees will start at the beginning of October. Please pray that they will be encouraged, stretched and grow in their faith during this year.

## 22nd September

**Lossiemouth BC** - We are grateful for the easing of restrictions that are continuing to happen which allowed us to have two weeks of holiday club in the church. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to restart some of our ministries as we are able, and that the congregation would be able to gather together again as one safely.

## 23rd September

**Maybole BC** – We give thanks for over 100 years of service in the town and for the help and encouragement given to the recovery groups meeting in the church until lockdown. As we continue to meet online for fellowship, we value greatly your prayers for clear guidance regarding our present and future ministry.

## 24th September

Please pray for the final preparations for Canopy 2021 as the core team seek to pull things together. Pray particularly for the people taking part in the live sessions and also for the technical team as they seek to make the online event run as smoothly as possible.

## 25th September

'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble' (Psalm 46:1). May those who are being tossed about on stormy seas today know the presence of God in the midst of their circumstances. Give thanks that God is our refuge and strength.

## 26th September

Give thanks for the work of UCCF and other organisations seeking to support Christian students. Pray for the Christian Unions at colleges and universities across Scotland, that they can share the love of Jesus in creative ways during this time.

## 27th September

**Baptist Union of Scotland** - Please pray for us as we seek to serve the churches in our network in their mission and ministry across Scotland. Pray for the team as we look to encourage, support and resource our churches as we together seek to make disciples in our nation.

## 28th September

**Milestone BC** – We are rejoicing in the joy of resuming in-person worship, and we give thanks to the Lord for his faithfulness in bringing us through tough times. Please pray for us as we prepare to rebuild a range of community outreach and evangelism activities which have been on hold for the last year and a half.

## 29th September

**Montrose BC** – As we look to a new and different future, pray for us that we will be faithful to who God has called us to be, and to trust in God who calls us to authentic worship, faithful witness, faith-filled prayer and generous service. We are grateful that He who calls also equips, and can be depended upon for sufficient grace and diversity of gifts, as we respond in obedience and service.

## 30th September

**Motherwell BC** - We are thankful for all the groups that have started using our building over the last 9 months and the safe reopening of our community café. Please pray for us as we continue to reach out into our community – may we do this in a way that demonstrates the love of God in our post-Covid world.