

## The Footprints Prayer

One night I had a dream...

I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and Across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; One belonged to me, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of my life flashed before us, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that many times along the path of my life, there was only one set of footprints.

I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in my life  
This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it.  
“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,  
You would walk with me all the way;  
But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life,  
There is only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why in times when I needed you the most, you should leave me.

The Lord replied, “My precious, precious child. I love you, and I would never, never leave you during your times of trial and suffering.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you

**If you have a prayer request or a favorite prayer which you would care to share in a future prayer diary, please e-mail:**

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## AYR, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



## MAY PRAYER DIARY

**As we move through the Easter Season and look towards the summer. We take time to reflect on the 7 sayings of Christ as he hung on the cross.**



*Topics are arranged over 7 days which you may find helpful*

## **SUNDAY**

Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do” (Luke 23:34).

If you have ever been in a situation when you have been hurt by someone you will know that forgiveness is not easy however Jesus wanted to forgive all of us for all our transgressions. Pray today for people who have been victims of crimes, pray that they will get the support they need, that the person who committed the crime would be caught and that the victims would find the strength to forgive.

## **MONDAY**

“Woman, behold your son!” (John 19:26-27).

In the midst of His great suffering Jesus took the time to think of the needs of his mother making sure that she would be looked after. He loves us and wants the best for us, however we also have a responsibility to care for others. Pray for the poor and homeless that they might find the help and support they need. Pray that we all can find a way to help with the world’s issues.

## **TUESDAY**

“You will be with Me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43).

Jesus spoke these words to the criminal hanging on the cross beside him because he had a change of heart after meeting him. Our hearts are changed after meeting Jesus. Pray for people that you know – neighbours, relatives and friends who don’t know the love of Jesus in their hearts, pray that their hearts will be transformed by Gods love.,

## **WEDNESDAY**

“Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46).

This shows us a glimpse of Jesus humanity – in our darkest hours do we feel that God has deserted us? Later, reflecting on our most difficult times we discover that he was carrying us. Do you think God ever asks of us, my child my child, why, have you forsaken me? Take time to thank God for all that he has done and is doing in your life.

## **THURSDAY**

“I thirst!” (John 19:28).

In all his pain and anguish Jesus was ensuring that the scriptures would be fulfilled and he was showing us his humanity. Jesus taught us earlier in his ministry - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5:6). Pray for the world. Pray that the people who are making decisions in governments and ruling bodies that they will be righteous and have their people at the heart of all their decisions. Pray for peace in the world.

## **FRIDAY**

“It is finished!” (John 19:30).

Jesus knew his work on earth was finished. What has God asked us to do, to start or to finish? Are we listening to God? Pray that we will be open to what God wants us to do here in our local community. Pray for our church and the other local churches that we might know God’s will for the future. Pray for the summer mission that will be taking place in August. Pray for the plans and for volunteers and that young people will come to hear about your love.

## **SATURDAY**

“Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit”” (Luke 23:46).

Jesus freely followed Gods will even though he knew the pain and suffering that was to follow. At the end, as he died Jesus gave himself back into God’s hands and he knew that God would welcome him home. Do we put ourselves into Gods hands? Pray that over the course of this month as we reflect on the sayings of Jesus on the cross that we will place ourselves in his hands and draw closer to him. Pray that he will guide us and help us be where h wants us to be, say what he wants us to say, speak to who he wants us to speak to and help those he wants us to help. Lets be open to him and ACT.