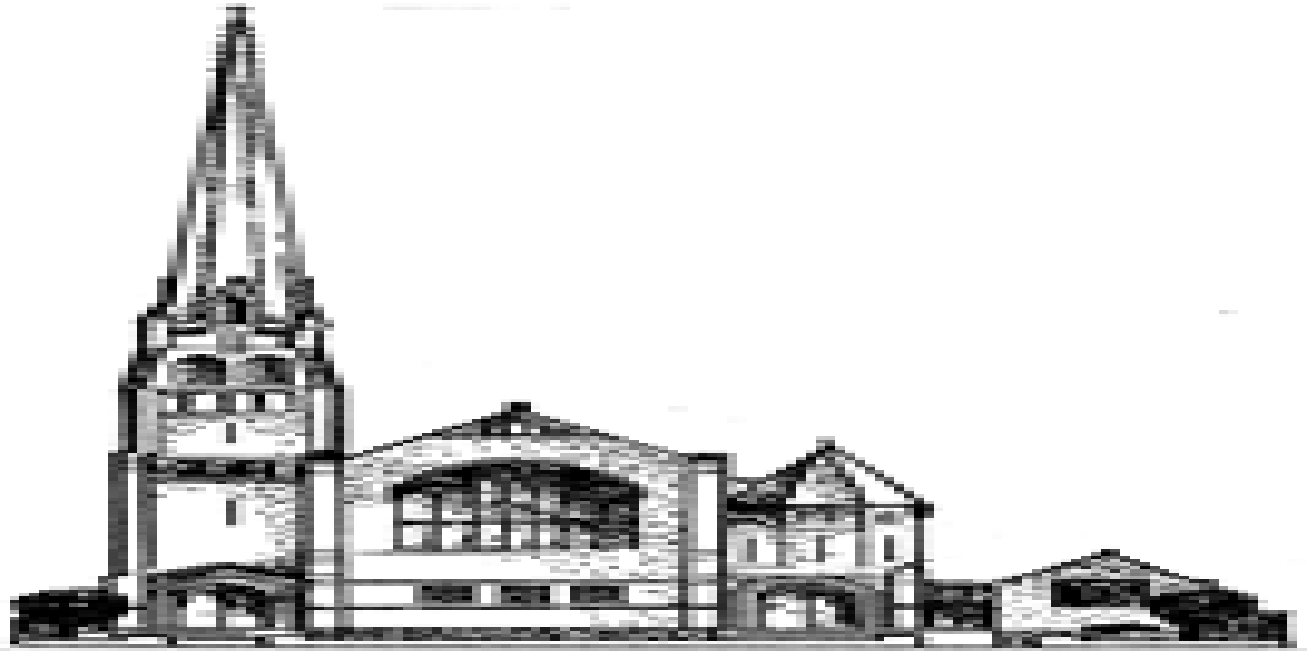


AYR, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



FEBRUARY PRAYER DIARY

(THE DAWN OF GRACE)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now I'm found

Was blind but now I see

(CH4 Hymn 115)

For it is by grace you have been saved,
through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God
not by works, so that no one can boast.

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

Topics are arranged over 7 days which you may find helpful

SUNDAY

Sunday after Sunday as we gather to worship, we do so in faith we never worship alone but in company with God's people in heaven and on earth. Please pray for Stanley, our organist, the video, and audio team as Sunday by Sunday, they lead us in worship bringing to life the presence and promises God.

MONDAY

Give thanks for life and health of members of our congregation and our community. Pray for those who are struggling with one health challenge or another; be it at home, care home, hospital, hospice, etc. God says, I sent my word and it heals you, I am the Lord your hearer. Let the healing breath of God move through their nostrils to their entire body. From the crown of their head to the sole of their feet; renewing and perfecting their health. In Jesus name.

TUESDAY

Let us thank God for the work and mission of Auld Kirk, St Columba and St Andrew's congregations. Thank for the ministry of ministers within these congregations. Pray that as these congregations plan and work together for the possibility of coming together as one, let God grant us wisdom in all that we do in his name. May all our activities and missions in view bring glory to God. Pray for harvest of souls into God's kingdom through our joint service. Pray for the Presbytery of South-West Scotland, ask God to prosper all her endeavours.

WEDNESDAY

We are instructed by God to pray for our nation and its leaders. With thanksgiving pray for Scotland and the UK at large. The state of affairs in the nation politically, economically, and socially is alarming. Pray for God's wisdom over our political leaders and the Monarch. Ask God to revive the nation's economy and put an end to the increasing industrial actions across the nation.

THURSDAY

Thank God for the work and mission of CrossReach. Thank God for all the carers in the broader community and the teams across CrossReach. Ask God to bless each of them with strength and grace as they go about their work. Thank God and pray for the people that support the work of CrossReach. Pray for all staff members of CrossReach who despite the challenges facing social care providers in 2023, are committed to ensuring the work continues.

FRIDAY

Our world is full of hurting families and nations torn apart by war and violence. Through prayer, we can "seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:14). Pray for peace for fragile contexts and conflict zones and for children and families living through difficult times. Pray for peace in Ukraine, Russia, and other nations at war. Ask God to transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace.

SATURDAY

Pray particularly for Ayr St Andrew's Church. Thank God for his presence among us. Ask God to let his grace on our congregation begin to attract people of all ages into his church. Pray for divine increase concerning church growth across every city and nation in Jesus' holy name. Pray that every church will be vibrant, filled with the power and working of the Holy Spirit. We stand on God's Word in Isaiah 54:17, that no weapon formed against his church shall prosper. In Jesus' name. Amen!

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ, wept over Jerusalem.
Today, we weep over Ukraine.
We weep for those uprooted from their homes and lives.
We weep for those cowering in basements.
We weep for those who have witnessed death and destruction
on their streets.
We weep for those separated from parents, from children,
from spouses and siblings.
We are amazed at the resilience of people seeking to comfort
those in need and so we pray for
Governments opening up borders so that Ukrainians can have
safe passage.
We pray for churches and individuals providing food,
clothing and shelter.
We pray for medical workers ensuring that shattered bodies
are put back together again.
We pray for ordinary Russians demonstrating and voicing their
disapproval of the military actions in Ukraine.
May the Holy Spirit give us the willpower to turn our tears into
action also.
May we, through our words, prayers and example pursue the
things that make for a just peace in the world today and
especially in Ukraine.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. AMEN

**If you have a prayer request or a favorite prayer which you would care to share
in the future prayer diary, please e-mail: ayrstandrewschurch@gmail.com**