

AYR, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



APRIL PRAYER DIARY

(ATONEMENT, HEALING & RECONCILIATION)

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all —
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

(In Christ Alone)

Topics are arranged over 7 days which you may find helpful

SUNDAY

Commit this day to the LORD. Ask God by the Holy Spirit to anoint all who preach the truth of his word. Thank God for his involvement in your life. Please pray for our minister, our organist, the video, and audio crew as Sunday by Sunday, they lead us in worship bringing to life the presence and promises God. ask God to make every worshiper today a good steward of time and resources as we serve the LORD.

MONDAY

Thank God for his great act of love towards us all. The Greek term theophilia means the love or favour of God. God shows His love for us by not only forgiving us of our sins, but by going even further and bringing us into His family. As we switch from Lent to Easter this month reflect deeper on what it means to be loved by God. Thank God for the cross of Christ and all its benefits.

TUESDAY

THE LORD IS RISEN! We rejoice in the resurrection and the hope it brings. Let us pray together and set the captives free. Pray for someone you would like to become a child of God. "For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you 'Do not fear, I will help you'" Is 4:13 Pray for anyone, including yourself, who needs to hear these words.

WEDNESDAY

Pray for anyone known to you who is struggling with illness, relationship breakdown, financial trouble or any other pressure. Ask God to draw near. Pray for hospitals and health centres as they administer medical care; may God move through them bringing healing to many. Give thanks for all those who care for the elderly both within families and outside of the family structure.

THURSDAY

Thank God for Holy Saturday, reflect on the agony in the Garden" in which Jesus Christ prayed for strength to perform his ultimate act of sacrifice - death by crucifixion. Give thanks for St Andrew's, Auld Kirk, and St Columba and pray for the joint services that have been planned for the Holy Week. As we meet pray that God will move within and among us. Opening our eyes to see the wonderful and surprising possibilities of his Kingdom. Opening our hearts to experience his abundant and overflowing love. Opening our souls to see Christ in friend and stranger.

FRIDAY

Good Friday: Reflect on the Passion of Christ - the price that was paid for (y)our sins to be forgiven – this is the ultimate act of love. Thank you Jesus. Continue praying for the Presbytery of the South West of Scotland that will soon take off. Pray for wisdom and divine guidance as we move from the known to the unknown. Continue praying for Ayr Presbytery, its leaders and committees as we prepare to join other Presbyteries to form Presbytery of the South West of Scotland. Pray for congregation(s) that are preparing to join with other congregation(s), ask God for divine direction and wisdom.

SATURDAY

Thank God for Christ's death on the cross which brought healing and reconciliation between God and human. Prayer for a lost world. Pray for the world to know God. Prayer for justice - pray for a world full of love and compassion. Prayer for peace - pray for those who are suffering from the results of war and violence. Prayer for Broken Families - pray for each individual whose family has been torn apart by divorce, abuse, abandonment, drugs, alcohol, death, and any other circumstance.

A PRAYERS

Lord, we lift our hearts to you.

As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ.

Lord, we lift our eyes to you.

As the sun rises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colors of promise in your word.

Lord, we lift our prayers to you.

As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, you sustain us, keep us and work within us always.

And so, we lift our voices to you.

We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light. May we ever live to praise you!

Amen.

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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