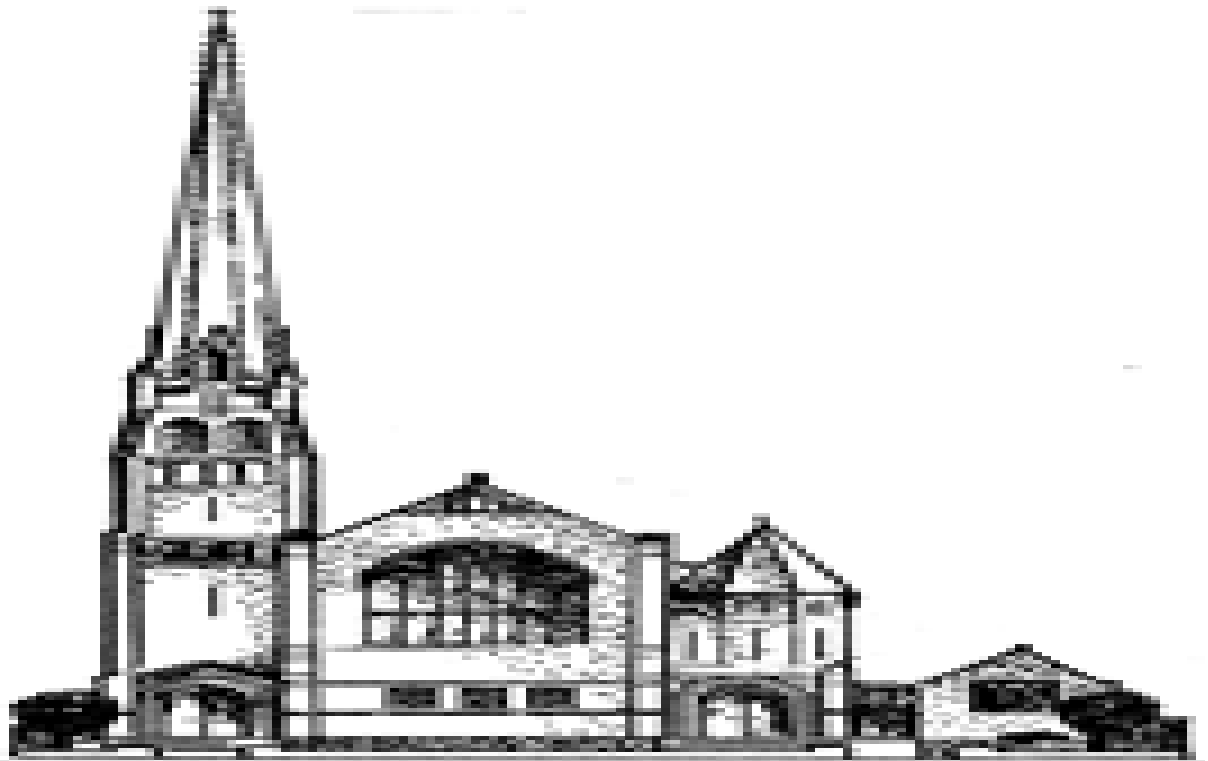


AYR, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



AUGUST PRAYER DIARY

Love is the touch of intangible joy;
Love is the force that no fear can destroy;
Love is the goodness we gladly applaud;
God is where love is, for love is of God

(CH4 hymn 115)

Enter his presence with thanksgiving and his court with praise. Pause to be still, to breath slowly and to recentre your senses upon God's presence.

Jesus, open my eyes to see you alive, present and powerful today. Help me to be awake to your presence, and attuned to your voice as I pause to adore you.

Always start your prayer with thanksgiving and praise

Topics are arranged over 7 days which you may find helpful

SUNDAY

As we come to worship Sunday by Sunday, we gather together and give thanks to God. We pray for the team of church workers who work tirelessly, often behind the scenes, to ensure the smooth running of our services and other activities. Pray that will bless them with wisdom and renew their strength day in and day out. Pray for St Andrew's Parish Session, pray for Sunday Club teachers and children.

MONDAY

Covid19 has had tremendous impact in every aspect of our life. Many families are struggling to overcome their loss and move on with life. With restrictions being lifted many families and churches are looking for support in order to continue functioning. Pray that God will lead them to the best support network. Pray for nations that are seeking support from developed nations in order to combat pandemic or insecurity. Pray for support for the homeless; those who are physically homeless and those who are spiritually homeless. Ask God to provide shelter and protection to the homeless.

TUESDAY

The Church of Scotland has expressed sadness after new figures revealed that 1,339 people died of drug-related deaths in 2020. The rate is a 5% increase on the previous year and the highest on record. CrossReach, the operating name of the Church's Social Care Council, provides services for people suffering from substance misuse in Inverness, Glasgow, Stornoway, Edinburgh and Dundee. Pray for support for CrossReach in carrying out their work. Remember the many CrossReach services as they continue to work with compassion and in God's name. Remember staff who are unwell, may God's blessing be on each one to restore their health and wellbeing for future days.

WEDNESDAY

Every day the various emergency services – police, ambulance, fire, coastguard – are called out to help people in difficulty. Pray for those whose job it is to face danger and put their own lives at risk so that people might find help in their hour of need and all of us live in safety. Pray for doctors, nurses, and providers of social care; for God's grace and strength as they work together serving God and Jesus to care for others.

THURSDAY

This year is crucial in the struggle for climate justice. To rise to the challenge, we must underpin it in prayer. Pray for the willingness of decision makers to listen to calls for climate justice and make real and bold commitments to change at COP26 as they meet in Glasgow from 31 October – 12 November 2021. The UK is committed to working with all countries and joining forces with civil society, companies and people on the frontline of climate change to inspire climate action ahead of COP26. Pray for wisdom and God's guidance on the government as they plan and prepare to host this all important summit.

FRIDAY

Pray for members of our church family and to everyone the Spirit of God will lead you to intercede for. That God, help our church body to walk in a manner worthy of the calling we have received. Ask God to help us in all our interactions with one another to have humble and gentle hearts. To grant us patience for one another, bearing with one another in love. Pray that as God's body we may live in unity and walk humbly with our God, allowing him to show us our wrongs and lead us to the right path.

SATURDAY

There might be something threatening, worrying or confusing you right now. Bring your fears to God, ask him to fill your heart with his peace. Pray for someone in your neighborhood who feels like they're trapped by fear. Ask God to meet them in their fear and worry and bring them his peace.

-PRAY ALONG -

Christ, as a light
illumine and guide me.

Christ, as a shield
overshadow me.

Christ under me;

Christ over me;

Christ beside me

on my left and my right.

This day be within and without me,

lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.

This day be within and without me,

lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Christ as a light;

Christ as a shield;

Christ beside me

on my left and my right.

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

'Taken from [Morning/Midday/Evening] Prayer from Northumbria Community's Celtic Daily Prayer published by
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*If you have a prayer request or a favorite prayer which you would care to share in a future in a future
prayer diary, please e-mail:*

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