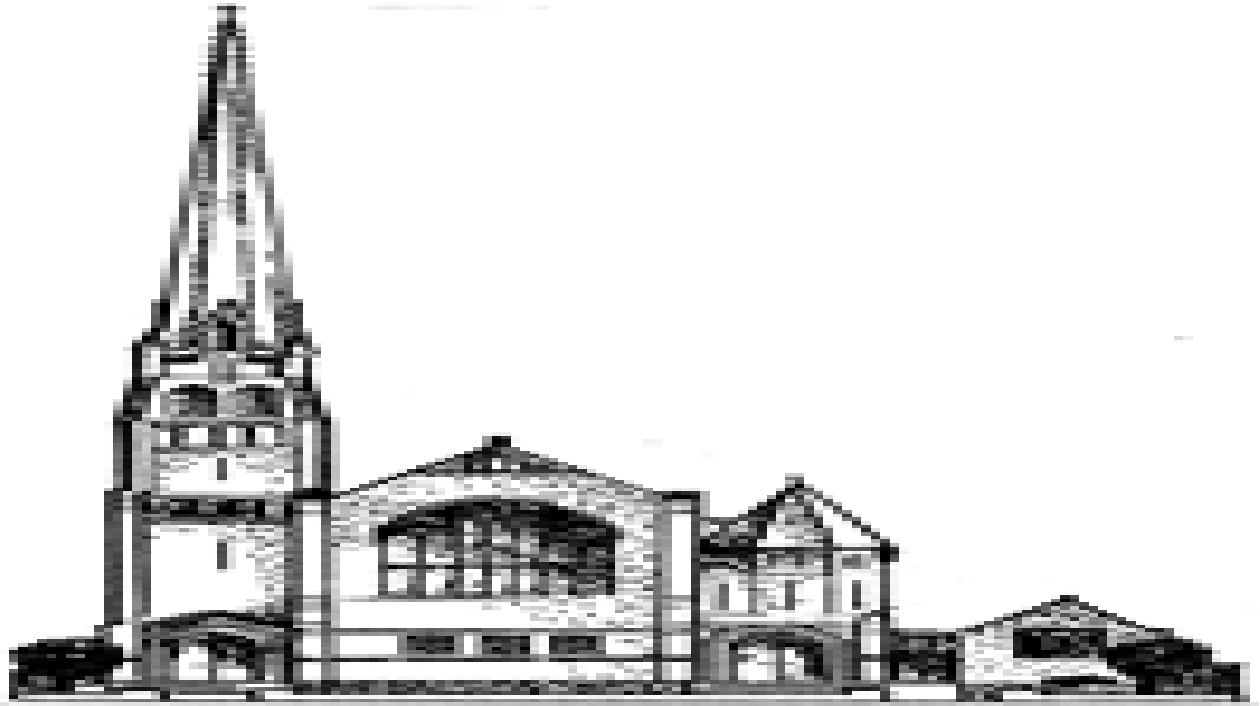


AYR, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



DECEMBER PRAYER DIARY

(*HOPE*)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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Always start your prayer with thanksgiving and praise

Topics are arranged over 7 days which you may find helpful

SUNDAY

“Then he said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.’” Luke 8:48. God is our Master and Healer. All around the world, every Sunday believers gather in worship, ask God to soothe his suffering people and heal every troubled soul or body. Ask God to make each Sunday service a unique moment of encounter

bringing hope to the hopeless. Pray for worship leaders in our congregation and other congregations you can remember.

MONDAY

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned” (Isaiah 9:2). Pray for persecuted Christians in dark situations today – in prison, under house arrest or displaced – to experience the life-transforming love of Jesus. Ask God to touch them, and fill them with his light and hope; to give them strength when they are weak, love when they feel forsaken, courage when afraid, wisdom when they feel foolish, comfort when alone, hope when rejected, and peace when they are in turmoil.

TUESDAY

We stay and worship in a community surrounded by people, some are lovers of God while some are yet to encounter our Lord Jesus Christ; pray for all who hear our voices raised in joyful praise, that they will sense God’s presence. Pray for the area where we live or work: for the people who welcome us and those who do not; for the needs that are hidden behind closed doors. Lord, please shine your ever-present light upon them, bringing healing, help and hope. Pray for refugees and asylum seekers that they may find support in their host community.

WEDNESDAY

And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded.” 1 John 3:23. As exuberant sound of joy will fill most corners of our world, there will still be others whose lives are exposed to harsh realities of life. Remember those in such situation in your prayer – especially, the people in Ukariane. Pray for Olga and her family and for others in similar situation may they find hope and comfort in God - our Shield and Defender.

THURSDAY

Thank God for all the activities that have been on going in our congregation. Thank him for Bible Study and Prayer group, thank him for Women Fellowship, for Men Fellowship, for Come and Sing, and Messy Church. Thank God for the Boys Brigade etc. Pray for different groups and activities in our congregation that in the coming year God will fill us more with his spirit so that in whatever we do and wherever we go, we will spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. And desire to become more like him. Ask God to help us desire these things so much more than the sin that entices us.

FRIDAY

During this Advent of hope and waiting and the Christmas of joy and merriment let us pray and ask God to bring deep conviction of sin, spiritual brokenness, a holy fear of God and genuine repentance among His people. There will be no revival without these elements and only God can produce them in His people. On our own, we cannot program or work up genuine brokenness and repentance. (2 Corinthians 7:10). Pray earnestly for people you know who are not Christians.

SATURDAY

This year will end on a Saturday. So beginning from the first Saturday in December, give thanks for the year 2022 and get yourself ready for the coming year. Reflect on your journey through 2022. The ups and the downs. The countless times God has been there for you, your family, and your friends. Spend some time giving thanks to God. Pray for the coming year. Ask God to lead us all out of darkness to hope in Jesus. Ask God to unite us in our commitment to establish his reign of love, justice and peace, bringing light to those living in the darkness of despair and disillusionment. Pray that God shine his light upon us and surround us with the warmth of his love and lift us up so that our lives may glorify him in 2023.

PRAYERS FOR THE SEASON

ADVENT

And now we give thanks
that in the coming of Christ
the day of our deliverance is dawning.
For he comes to judge the world with justice,
and the people by his faithfulness.
We wait for the Lord with longing,
like those who watch for morning.
For the Lord is love unfailing,
and great is his power to save.

CHRISTMAS

And today especially we give thanks that at the
appointed time you sent your son, born as a child,
the child of Mary: that through him we might become
the children of God, one with you
for ever as you in Christ became one with us.

(Prayers from the Church of Scotland's Book of Common Prayer)

**If you have a prayer request or a favorite prayer which you would care to share in a future
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