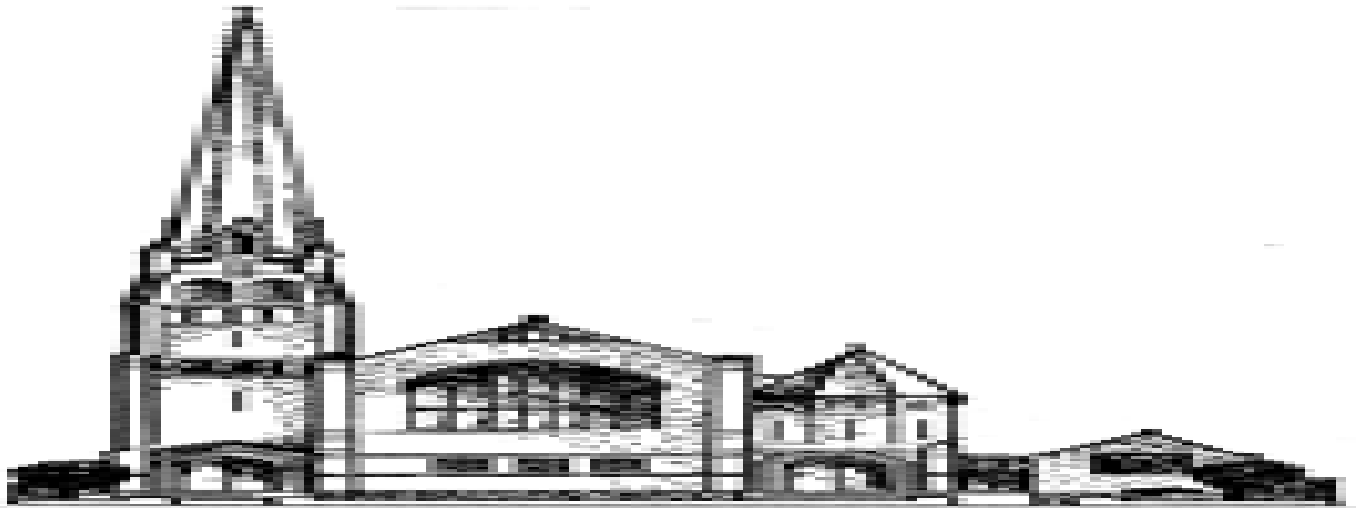


AYR, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



JANUARY PRAYER DIARY

(THE YEAR OF HOPE)

Lord for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks to you.

(CH4 Hymn 159)

Lord of the years, in the year ahead,
shower us with hope and light.
Illuminate our paths, dispel darkness,
and fill our hearts with the assurance of your presence.
May your grace and your love abound. Amen.

Topics are arranged over 7 days which you may find helpful

SUNDAY

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name. Thank God for the blessings of the past year and for carrying us through its challenges. Please pray for Stanley and the worship team as they lead us in worship in 2024, bringing to life the presence and promises of God. Ask God to bless them with wisdom and strength.

MONDAY

As we embark on this new year of HOPE, ask God to infuse our hearts with hope and a renewed sense of unity. May we look past our differences and seek common ground. Ask God to help us to

be agents of reconciliation and healing. May the love of Christ bind us together, transcending barriers and fostering understanding. Let this be a year of positive transformation and unity. The week of prayer for Christian unity is observed each year between 18 to 25 January. Join the global church and pray for Christian unity globally.

TUESDAY

Let us give thanks to God over our families for a new year. Pray and entrust our families to God's care in this new year. Ask God to bless each member with love, patience, and understanding. May our homes be places of refuge and growth. Pray that God strengthens the bonds between spouses, parents, and children. Ask God to guard our families against the pressures that seek to divide. Let His peace reign in our homes, and may we support and uplift one another.

WEDNESDAY

Pray and give thanks to God for our government leaders, lift up our government leaders to God as we begin this new year. Ask God to grant them wisdom, discernment, and a heart for justice. May they govern with integrity, seeking the well-being of all citizens. Ask God to guide them in decisions that promote peace, equality, and prosperity. Pray that the policies they put forward for 2024 be policies that seek the good of the general public. Ask God to strengthen the bonds of unity within our nation and lead us in paths of righteousness.

THURSDAY

Last year the world experienced so much setback from conflicts, natural disasters etc but the Lord brought us through it all. Give thanks to the Lord of all nations. Pray for peace among nations and an end to violence and conflict. Ask God to guide world leaders to pursue diplomacy and cooperation. Ask God to bring healing to areas affected by poverty, disease, and natural disasters. May God's love and justice prevail, uniting the global community in efforts to create a world where all people can thrive. Pray for a world where God's love is evident in every action, and where justice and peace reign. May the year 2024 be a year of positive transformation, healing, and unity. In this new year, Lord, let your love shine brightly, dispelling hatred, prejudice, and injustice. May unity and understanding prevail among people of different cultures, religions, and backgrounds.

FRIDAY

As we step into the year 2024, dear Lord, we lift up the youth of the world to your loving care. We thank you for the energy, creativity, and passion that they bring to our communities and societies. Lord, we pray for your guidance, protection, and abundant blessings upon them. Ask God to guide them in their journey of growth and self-discovery. Ask God to grant them wisdom to make choices that honor God. Pray that God surround them with positive influences and mentors who will encourage them in their faith and aspirations. May the energy and enthusiasm of the youth be harnessed for positive change and the advancement of God's Kingdom. In a world that often presents challenges and distractions, pray for strength, for youths to stand firm in their faith and convictions. Ask God to equip them to be lights in their schools, colleges, workplaces, and communities, reflecting God's love and grace.

SATURDAY

With the heart of thanksgiving lift up the church to God in prayer. Ask God to bless his Church as we step into a new year. Ask God to pour out his Spirit upon the global church, filling us with passion for his Word and mission. Ask God to unite us in love and purpose, that we may be a shining light in the world. Pray for church leaders for an outpour of wisdom and discernment upon them. Ask God to revive our spirits and lead us in paths of righteousness for the glory of his name. Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. May the Church be a beacon of light and hope in a world that desperately needs God's love and grace. Pray Until Something Happen (PUSH)

A PRAYERS FOR EPIPHANY

Holy Jesus,
before your infant form sages bowed the knee
and acknowledged your lordship
over all power and wisdom.
Grant us also clear vision and courage,
that in the light of your light
we may devote our power and potential
to your service,
even when that requires us to go home by another way.

Amen.

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

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of compassion who came into our world in the frailty of human form,
Breath your hope and grace over our troubled world. Teach us the ways of peace
And rid our hearts of all hatred and violence that lead to war
Make us hungry and thirsty for justice. Help us to see the other as made in your image.
Break down the walls of fear and separation,
And plant seeds of hope and rebirth in the places of despair.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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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