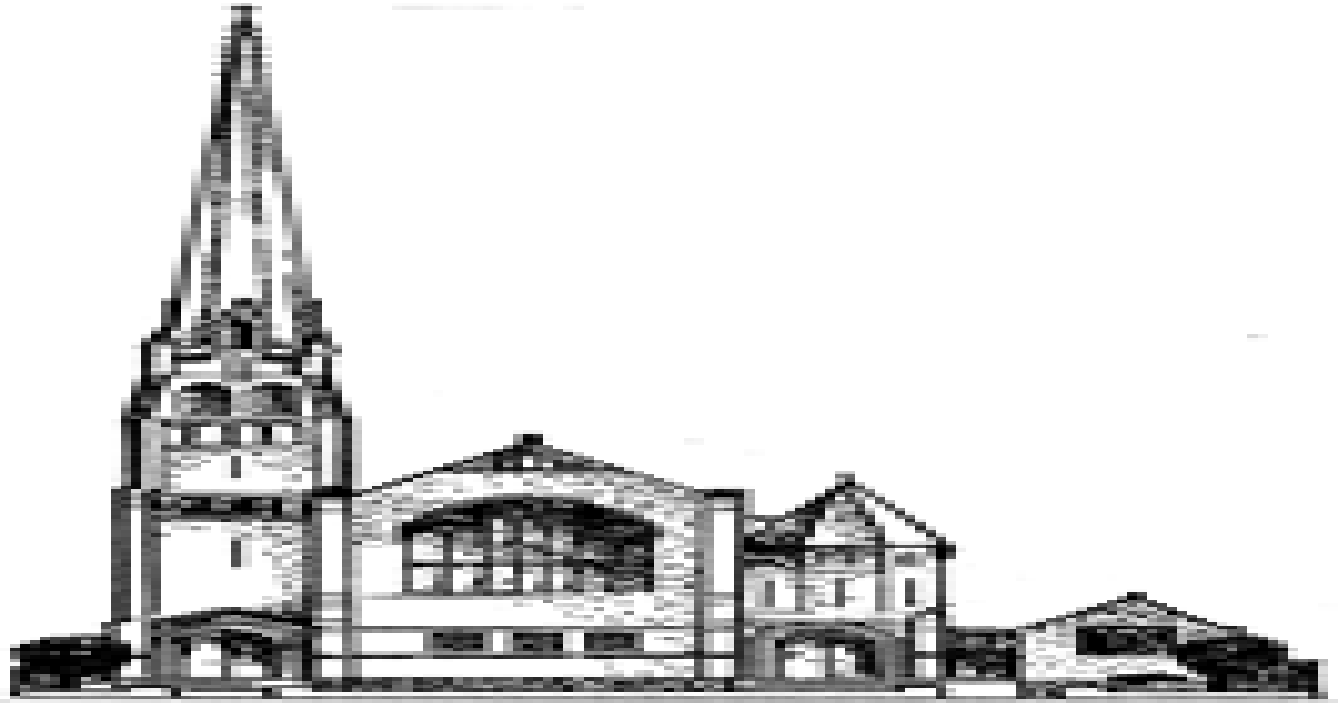


AYR, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



NOVEMBER PRAYER DIARY

(The month of Remembrance)

Healing river of the Spirit,
bathe the wounds that living brings.
Plung our pain, our sin,
our sadness deep beneath your sacred springs.
Weary from the restless searching that has lured us from your side,
We discover in your presence peace the world cannot provide.

(CH4 Hymn 707)

He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. **(Isaiah 2:4)**

Always start your prayer with thanksgiving and praise

Topics are arranged over 7 days which you may find helpful

SUNDAY

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of **remembrance** was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honoured his name. The Psalmist says, "Enter his gates with **thanksgiving** and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." As we gather in worship with other believers all over the world, let us remember God's amazing power and work in our lives and thank him for his goodness and for his blessings over us. Thank God bringing hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for his purposes. Thank him for our congregation and for worship team.

MONDAY

Look at your poppy. Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country. Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love. ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.

TUESDAY

“All they asked was that we should continue to **remember** the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along” (Gal. 2:10). Pray for children and families in extreme poverty globally. Ask God to meet their needs both physically and spiritually. Prayerfully ask God to give you strength and wisdom to become his hands and feet pursuing justice for the poor and upholding the cause of the needy. Ask God to send good shepherds to feed and care for poor and needy people. Lord, let the Gospel continue to be preached to the poor so that they may rejoice exceedingly!

WEDNESDAY

God sees the unseen and notices the unnoticed. Let us remember those who have been exploited and enslaved around world. Pray against modern slavery in all it's forms and guises. Pray for all those who labour, forced and unseen, to make our everyday possessions; for all who agonise for loved ones lost into this trade in humans. As God helped Moses and Aaron as they spoke boldly to Pharaoh on behalf of the Hebrew slaves in Egypt, ask God to us speak up against modern slaves around the world.

THURSDAY

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them. Remember those who are suffering, as though you were suffering as they are (Heb. 13:2). This passage from letter to the Hebrews is an icebreaker calling us to remember and not forget those suffering for different reasons around the world but particularly in our nation. Whatever form suffering God presses in your mind lift it before him and pray for solution. Thank God for divine intervention.

FRIDAY

With thanksgiving let us remember God's faithfulness, love and mercy over our congregation. Pray for members of our church family and to everyone the Spirit of God leads you to intercede for. Pray for deeper hunger of God in the lives of people in our community. Ask God to renew our zeal for evangelism. Ask God to make you an instrument for peace: connecting the world to the word of God. Pray for healing and recovery to all who are sick. Ask God to bless those who mourn with comfort and strength.

SATURDAY

Every weekend in November take time to develop spiritual discipline. **READ, REFLECT, & PRAY (RRP)**. **Read** a passage of the Bible, **Reflect** on the passage you just read, and turn that Bible passage to **Prayer** point. You can select your reading randomly or be guided by any Bible reading tool. God's word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105).

A PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF REMEMBRANCE

God of power and love,
bless our country and commonwealth.
Give wisdom and strength to the King,
govern those who make the laws,
guide those who direct our common life,
and grant that together we may fulfil our service
for the welfare of the whole people
and for your praise and glory.
Bless all members of the armed forces.
Defend them in danger

Give them courage to meet
all occasions with discipline and loyalty.
So may they serve
the cause of justice and peace,
to the honour of your name.

Bless our young people.
May they never see the flames of war,
or know the depths of cruelty
to which men and women can sink.
Grant that in their generation
they may be faithful soldiers
and servants of Jesus Christ.

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

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