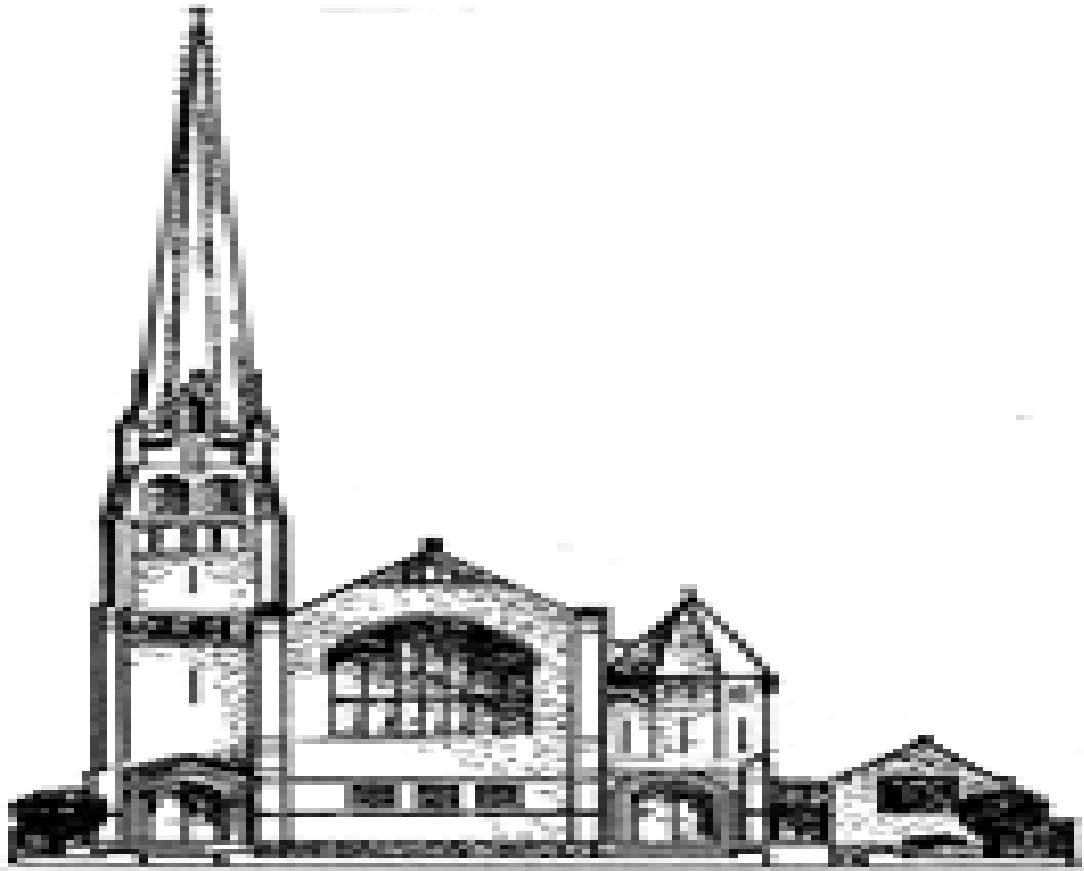


AYR, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



SEPTEMBER PRAYER DIARY

(The month of shalom)

SHALOM is the Hebrew word for **PEACE**

God of shalom, I offer you my worries,

I bring you my brokenness and I surrender my striving.

As I rest in your presence, I receive your peace. Amen!

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. Thank God for community of worshippers that will gather in worship around the world. 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, pray for messy church and guild as they return to their activities again.

MONDAY

Approach God with a grateful heart today. he made us, this world and everything in it. Thank him for life. Thank him too for the life of those who are yet to know him. Pray that God would put his Spirit within them. The great joy of salvation is being indwelled by God himself. Pray that God would grant this honor to those unbelievers, that he would choose to take up residence within them. God says, "And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules" (Ezekiel 36:27). Ask God to fulfill this promise in the life of nonbelievers.

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

A lot of people have been diagnosed with cancer. Some fear it might lead to the end of their journey. Pray for people with cancerous disease including Margret Clydesdale. Jennie Chinembiri, a staff at 121 has requested for prayer as she is fighting a cancerous disease. Doctors are concerned that there could be a growth on her C2 vertebrae. Pray that there is no growth at the C2 vertebrae and that every treatment she receives will yield the needed result. Thank God for healing both Jennie and other people who are having cancer.

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

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 submit.

Oversized and rude, fear is unwilling to share the heart with happiness. Happiness complies. Do you ever see the two together? Can one be happy and afraid at the same time? Clear thinking and afraid? Confident and afraid? Merciful and afraid? No. Fear is the big bully in the high school hallway: brash, loud, and unproductive. For all the noise fear makes and room it takes, fear does little good. ~ **MAX LUCADO**

“Do not worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” -Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

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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