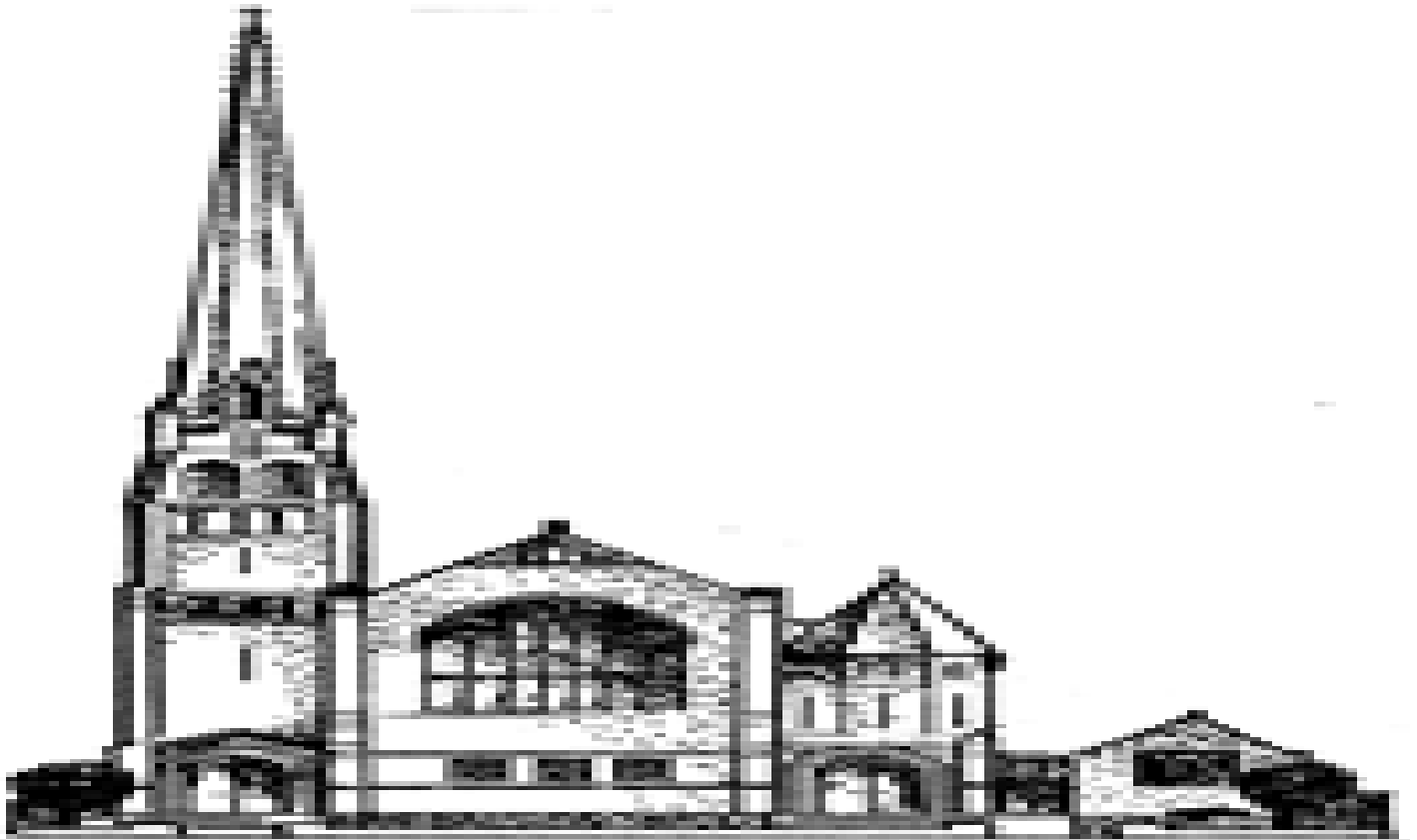


AYR, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



SEPTEMBER PRAYER DIARY

'..though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine..'

1 Peter 1: 6b - 7a

'Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.'

1 Peter 5:7

Topics are arranged over 7 days which you may find helpful

SUNDAY

We are the body of Christ and citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. His Kingdom will endure for all eternity. On this day when Christians gather to worship all over the globe, remember them as brothers and sisters in Christ, fellow members of His body, the Church. Pray that together He will bless us, encourage us, feed us and challenge us as we seek to know Him and become more like Him through His grace.

MONDAY

Pray for the leaders of our World to have wisdom, integrity and courage in addressing the climate crisis and the natural disasters that seem increasingly common and increasingly severe. Pray that fairer distribution of wealth in the world can become a reality so that people can make a living without having to harm the planet whilst doing so. Pray for all who are affected by natural disasters, from bush fires and plagues to floods and droughts. We think especially of those in Pakistan and pray that help will reach them quickly and efficiently. Thank God for the local climate security that is currently ours.

TUESDAY

Thank God for the peace, stability and freedoms we enjoy here in the UK. Remember those across the world who live in countries where things are very different, such as Afghanistan, Syria, Ukraine, Russia. We have freedom to worship and read our Bibles but do we value this freedom as dearly as we ought? We have freedom to speak out against injustice and can hold our leaders to account, but are we apathetic? Ask God to help us live as grateful people.

WEDNESDAY

Thank God for our healthcare system, social services, Police force and Education system. Remember the countries across the world where the poor do not have access to even the most basic of services, where there is no safety net. Have the courage to ask God to give you His heart for the sick, the poor and the suffering. Pray that modern society will be less selfish and that God's People will yearn to be the fragrance and light of Jesus in their communities. If we are willing to be used by Him, that is enough for He will do the rest.

THURSDAY

Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine and in all parts of the world where people seek power over others by force or through deception. Pray for those displaced as a result of conflict, those whose have lost everything including loved ones. Remember the children especially. Ask God to break the hearts of the warmongers and oppressors and bring them to a place of brokenness. Only when proud and stubborn hearts are broken can there be repentance and a real desire to change. Ask God to protect those who are risking their lives to protect others, those who are willing to take a stand and speak out. Ask God for the courage to do always what is right in our own lives.

FRIDAY

Pray for revival. Pray first for this to begin in your own heart. Ask God to open people's eyes to recognise all the shallow and meaningless things that the world chases after, and instead be able to see His glory in Creation not only in the world around them and in the skies above them, but in the inherent wonder of each human life. May He give us the courage and opportunity to tell others about Him and always be able to give a reason for our faith in Him.

SATURDAY

Thank God for those people of faith who have gone before us, especially those who built our church here at St Andrews. Ask Him to help us build His church here in Ayr, working alongside brothers and sisters at St Columba and the Auld Kirk especially. May His perfect will be done as we hope that St Andrews may yet stay open.

'How great are His signs

how mighty His wonders!

His kingdom is an eternal kingdom;

His dominion endures from generation to generation.'

Daniel 4 v 3

It is easy to be dismayed by the chaos of the world around us, the endless needs of people both near and far, the absence of reference to God in our media and in the narrative of our leaders, and the ongoing decline in church attendance in our country.

But God is God.

'Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm, He said:

"Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you and you will answer Me.

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone – while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?"

Job 38:1-7

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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