



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 26 April 2020

3rd week of Eastertide

For use at home during the COVID-19 social distancing
and isolation from corporate worship



The aim of this leaflet is to help you pray at home as part of the Worldwide Anglican family in the Scottish Episcopal Church. Please use this sheet in conjunction with weekly Pewsheets and the SEC Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer.

You can follow these Daily Offices online at

www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/

where you will find Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer each day of the week. All the Psalm and Bible texts are automatically there for the day and any commemoration or Festival.

Just before the Lord's Prayer you can insert these prayer intentions for the day and the names of those for whom we have been asked to pray in their different needs from the Pewsheets.

Stations of the Resurrection – *Love Lives Again* are now available on our website. 47mins to relax into the resurrection encounters of Jesus with the disciples. Dwell with the images, dwell with the bible readings and join in the prayers.

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER **each SUNDAY 7pm**

The Call to a National Day of Prayer, is in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, people of faith across our nation are invited to join in prayerful solidarity with this witness. Light a candle at 7pm each Sunday, in the window of our homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, the source of hope in this life.



A prayer to use when you light your candle:

For all that is good in life, thank you,
For the love of family and friends, thank you,
For the kindness of good neighbour and Samaritan stranger, thank you.
May those who are vulnerable, hungry or homeless,
experience support,
May those who are sick, know healing,
May those who are anxious or bereaved, sense comfort.
Bless and guide political leaders and decision-makers,
with wisdom,
Bless and guide health workers and key workers,
with strength and well-being,
Bless and guide each one of us,
as we adapt to a new way of living.

And may the light shining from our windows,
across road and wynd, glen and ben, kyle and isle,
be reflected in our hearts and hands and hopes.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Litany – from the Glasgow Diocesan daily prayer cycle

In the peace of Christ, let us pray: **Kyrie eleison.**

For the peace that is from above, let us pray: **Kyrie eleison.**

For peace in the life of the churches and their unity, let us pray:

Kyrie eleison.

That the Holy Spirit will bring strength and courage, let us pray:

Kyrie eleison.

For bishop Kevin called to be the next Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway:

Thanks be to God.

For the people, congregation and clergy of the diocese of Argyll and The Isles:

Thanks be to God.

For the people, congregation and clergy of the diocese of Glasgow and Galloway:

Thanks be to God.

For all those who work and worship in Scotland for the furtherance of the Gospel:

Thanks be to God.

Inspire us to spread the Good News as Moluag did:

Holy God, hear us.

Help us to be builders of your church as Columba was:

Holy God, hear us.

Teach us to love as Mungo the beloved, loved:

Holy God, hear us.

Grant us the perseverance of Ninian:

Holy God hear us.

Remind us of your promises never to leave us:

Fill us with the Holy Spirit.

Strengthen our hope in Your future:

Fill us with the Holy Spirit.

Empower us to speak and act in Your name.

Fill us with the Holy Spirit.

To God the Life Bringer:

All praise and honour be.

To God the Pain Bearer:

All praise and honour be.

To God the Joy Giver:

All praise and honour be.

Blessed Holy undivided Trinity:

Unite us all in and through your love. Amen.

Sunday 26 April intentions – 3rd Sunday of Easter

In the Anglican Communion from

<https://www.anglicannews.org/blogs/2020/04/anglican-cycle-of-prayer-jerusalem-and-the-middle-east.aspx>

This Sunday (26 April), as part of the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Anglicans around the world will be praying for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Here, ACNS introduces the province.

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East is undergoing a period of change. Its four dioceses – Jerusalem, Cyprus and the Gulf, Iran, and Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa – will soon become three, as the Diocese of Egypt will soon become the Province of Alexandria – the 41st Province of the Anglican Communion.

The Diocese of Egypt is one of the largest in the Anglican Communion. It covers the North African countries of Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, and Egypt; as well as the four countries in the Horn of Africa: Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia and Djibouti. When it becomes the Anglican Church of Alexandria, it will have four dioceses: Egypt, North Africa, the Horn of Africa, and Gambella.

In contrast, the Diocese of Iran is one of the smallest, with just a handful of congregations which operate with limited freedoms.

The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf is one of the most diverse dioceses in the Anglican Communion. It includes the island of Cyprus, which is very European in

culture; and eight Gulf states, including Iraq, Bahrain, Dubai, Kuwait, Oman and Abu Dhabi.

The Diocese of Jerusalem is probably the most visited diocese in the Anglican Communion, attracting pilgrims from around the world to the Land of the Holy One. The Diocese of Jerusalem includes Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. It is highly respected for its education and health care ministries.



The Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf, Michael Lewis, with the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall at the Bait al Noor church in the Ruwi district of Muscat, Oman.

The Primate of the Province is elected from its four bishops – although the Diocese of Iran has not had a bishop since Bishop Azad Marshall left to take up a role in the united Church of Pakistan's Diocese of Raiwind. The

current Presiding Bishop is Michael Lewis, Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf.

The province has elevated the Bishopric of Jerusalem to an Archbishopric, with the Bishop of Jerusalem known as the Archbishop in Jerusalem, in light of the special status of the city.

As you pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, pray for a smooth transition from one province to two. Pray for the new Province of Alexandria and the remaining dioceses in the province.

Pray, too, for peace in the region; for Christians in the Land of the Holy One – particularly the indigenous Christians of the region.

In the SEC we pray for

The Primus, Bishop Mark Strange, our Interim Bishop; Bishop Kevin Pearson, our Bishop-Elect; the College of Bishops, the Synod Clerk, and those who offered themselves through the discernment process; the people of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, and the whole Scottish Episcopal Church.

- Porvoo Link: Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad.
- Mothers' Union (Jill Cameron).

- St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang; St Mark's, East Kilbride (Paul Fletcher).
- Episcopalians of Tighnabruaich, Kames and West Cowal (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

We pray for an end to the coronavirus pandemic & healing for all who are suffering from covid-19.

We give thanks for the support we receive off one another by telephone calls

We pray for Jacqueline as she mourns for John as he is laid to rest on Thursday and she will watch his funeral at home on the computer

We pray for those named on our pewsheet – for health and healing

We pray for people facing unemployment and joblessness

We pray that our church buildings may be kept safe and sound during this time of non-usage.

In our communities

We give pray for people volunteering and giving support and help to those in need

We pray for parents looking after children and trying to help them learn in the isolation of their homes

We pray for the Police and Local Council as they seek to keep us safe.

Monday 27 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Mount Kenya Central (Kenya) The Rt Revd Timothy Gichere

Mount Kenya South (Kenya) The Rt Revd Timothy Ranji

Mount Kenya West (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Kagunda



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- St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton; St Andrew's, Uddingston (Vacancy, Jonathan Livingstone).
- Episcopalians on the isles of Coll, Colonsay and Tiree, and Muck, Eigg and Rum (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

as Sunday and we pray for the First Minister as she discusses a way out of the lockdown

In our communities

We pray for people who are frightened by the pandemic
 We pray for each other in our isolation – that we have receive the gift of Christ's peace and consoling presence alongside us, even if we do not recognize it.

We continue to pray for the Prime Minister as he recuperates after COVID-19

Tuesday 28 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Stanley Elilekia Hotay

Wusasa (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ali Buba Lamido

Ijesha North (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Isaac Oluyamo



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- Porvoo Link: The Lutheran Church in Great Britain.
- Interfaith Relations (Maggie McTernan).
- Christ Church, Lanark (Drew Sheridan, Lee Johnston, Robert Burgon, Richard Evans).
- St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands (PJ O'Maoil Mheana).
- Episcopalians on the Isles of Uist, Barra and Harris: Chapel of the Holy Cross and Chapel of St Brendan the Navigator (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).
- Episcopalians in isolated parts of the country.

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for each other that in this Lockdown time we may continue to keep our prayer lives alive with times of stillness and reflection with God.

In our communities

We pray for families coping with separation

We pray for people living with domestic abuse around them

We pray for those owning businesses and trying to think and plan a way ahead

Wednesday 29 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Mpumalanga (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Daniel Kgomosotho
Wyoming (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Smylie

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- Scottish Episcopal Church: General Synod Office (John Stuart, Secretary General).
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Provincial Standing Committee & Provincial Boards.
- Chaplaincy in Hospitals, Education and Commerce.
- Anglican Chaplaincy, University of Glasgow (Kevin Francis).

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for our young people trying to do school at home and for parents who are feeling frustrated, exhausted and isolated

In our communities

We pray for people living with addiction in their lives and those groups who are finding new ways to provide support

We pray for our local Hospices

We give thanks for everyone working and volunteering in the NHS

We pray for the gift of God's consoling grace when we feel worried

Thursday 30 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

Mpwapwa (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Jacob Erasto Chimeledya

Yambio (South Sudan) The Most Revd Samuel Peni

Yangon (Myanmar) The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo (Primate)

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- The Methodist Church in Scotland (Mark Slaney).
- The United Reformed Church (David Pickering).
- EMU Partnership Agreement.

In our local Charges

as Sunday and we pray for the elderly who are shielding in isolation to keep safe, and those providing help and support to them delivering their food and supplies

In our communities

We pray for online shopping companies and their staff in helping us to buy what we need

We pray for the Police in their dealings with the public as we get more frustrated

We pray for generosity of spirit when we are feeling frightened

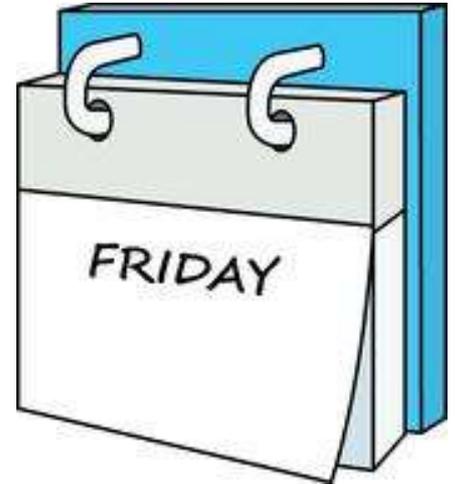
Friday 1 May intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Mthatha (formerly St John's) (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Hummingfield Ndwandwe
Yei (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Hilary Adeba Luate

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- Scottish Episcopal Church: Those in training for ordained and lay ministries.
- Bishop Gregor Duncan, Bishop Idris Jones, Bishop John Taylor, Bishop Gordon Mursell, all retired clergy and those in Post-Retiral Ministry.
- The Church of Scotland.
- The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland.

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for the gift of hope for a renewed future in all its apparent uncertainty and the challenges of moving forward in a new way

In our communities

We pray for Glasgow City Mission as our Lent Appeal cause this year

We pray for loved ones still going out to work day by day

We pray for researchers and Scientists researching a cure and vaccine for COVID-19

We pray for the Renfrewshire Council in their work of keeping essential services going – today praying for the safety of our dustmen.

Saturday 2 May intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Muhabura (Uganda) The Rt Revd Cranmer Mugisha
Yeri (South Sudan) The Rt Revd John Abraham Nyari
Ijumu (Nigeria) The Ven Paul Olarewaju Ojo

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- Porvoo Link: The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- Pastoral Assistants, Eucharistic Assistants, Worship Leaders and Spiritual Companions in the Diocese.
- North Ayrshire Team: St Andrew's, Ardrossan; St Peter's, Dalry; St Andrew's, Irvine (Sandy Montgomerie, Linda Whitby, Margaret Williams).
- St James, Ardbrecknish (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for our Local Political Leaders in their work and support to those in need and help to support the local grass-roots projects helping in the streets of our towns and villages

In our communities

We pray for all recovering from surgery newly out of hospital, for pregnant women and those with new babies to care for
We pray for those people working from home
We pray for those in parts of the poorer nations of the world with little option to watch their loved ones die.
We pray for an openness to the new life constraints that await us as we look to a lifting of the lockdown in the coming weeks



Leading your Church
into Growth

God of Mission
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

**Everybody is invited and welcome
but household by household and online
at this time of COVID-19 sadly!**



The SEC is dedicated to becoming a welcoming, open and inclusive spiritual environment for all people- irrespective of gender, sexual and sexuality identities. We seek to offer a place for you to connect with the true self that we believe God has made you. If you feel different – welcome! We are different because we believe that as we walk with Jesus Christ together our lives are transformed and find renewed meaning and purpose, sharing in the gift of life as we know it now.

You have found a new home and family to grow and flourish- welcome!



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