



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 21 March 2021

Lent 5 PASSION SUNDAY

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.

Join in the Daily Offices at
<https://tinyurl.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>
9am Morning Prayer & 530pm Evening Prayer
(Monday to Friday)

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. Also are included the Benedictine Prayers of Union which Rev Reuben uses everyday being an Oblate of Alton Abbey in Hampshire.

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JOINT CALL TO PRAYER

each SUNDAY 7pm



Light a candle in your window at 7pm on Sunday, along with Christians of all denominations. You can say the prayer below as you do so.

*God whose love endures
And is revealed in Jesus Christ,
May we hear the words of the Psalmist
Who calls us to remember:
The steadfast love of the Lord endures for ever.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*God whose love endures
And is revealed in Jesus Christ,
Be with us in all we endure at this time.
Grant that we may know your love
In days of light and in days of shadow.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*God whose love endures
And is revealed in Jesus Christ,
Be with all who find themselves
At the limit of their endurance
And embrace them in the depths of your enduring love.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*God whose love endures
And is revealed in Jesus Christ,
As a mother comforts her child
May you comfort all who call upon you.
Hear us, as we give thanks for all who have nurtured us in this life.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*God whose love endures
And is revealed in Jesus Christ,
Grant to us a vision of a community and society
That will endure in times to come*

*And hear us as we pray: Thy Kingdom Come.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*God whose love endures
And is revealed in Jesus Christ,
May we live our lives
In response to the gift of the life of your Son
In whose life is love embodied.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

In a joint message, church leaders in Scotland said:

"We have endured much during these past months. Personally and communally, we have endured challenges which we could not have anticipated, or imagined, even a year ago. We have endured much and undoubtedly there have been times when the limits of our endurance have been tested.

"Woven into this has been the recollection of that which has also endured, the steadfast love of God. The Psalmist recalls the people of God to a remembrance of the 'steadfast love' of the Lord which 'endures for ever'. (Psalm 107: 1) As we remember and recall, we bear witness to the truth that the love of God spans the whole breadth of our lives and embraces all that we experience and endure. This is given supreme expression in the self-giving of God in Jesus Christ: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son'. (John 3: 16)

"In all we have endured and will endure, the 'steadfast love' of the Lord 'endures for ever' in the God whose love is revealed in Jesus Christ."

Signed by:

Most Rev. Mark Strange, Primus, on behalf of the College of Bishops, Scottish Episcopal Church
Rt. Rev. Dr Martin Fair, Moderator of the General Assembly, Church of Scotland
Most Rev. Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Roman Catholic Church
Rev. John Fulton, Moderator, United Free Church of Scotland
Rev. Donnie G. MacDonald, Moderator, Free Church of Scotland
Rev. Lindsey Sanderson, Moderator, United Reformed Church (Scotland)
Rev. Martin Hodson, General Director, Baptist Union of Scotland
Rev. Mark Slaney, District Chair, Methodist Church (Scotland)
Rev. May-Kane Logan, Chair, Congregational Federation in Scotland
Lt. Col. Carol Bailey, Secretary for Scotland, Salvation Army
Adwoa Bittle, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Rev. Claire Fender, District Superintendent, British Isles North District, Church of the Nazarene
Pastor Chris Gbenle, Provincial Pastor, Province of Scotland, Redeemed Christian Church of God
Bishop Francis Alao, Church of God (Scotland)/Minority Ethnic Churches Together in Scotland (MECTIS)
Rev Fred Drummond, Director, Evangelical Alliance (Scotland).

Some prayers for use during the pandemic

God of all mercy and compassion,
life and death are in your hands.

Hear our prayers in this time of illness and infection,
of isolation, fear, and uncertainty:
for the sick, and those weighed down by pain, distress,
loneliness, and anxiety;
for all who care for them, conscious of the risks they bear;
and for those who have responsibility for public health and social order.
Hear the cry of the afflicted and let them be comforted,
so that all who suffer may come to know
that they are joined to the sufferings of Christ,
who gave his life for the salvation of the world;
and by your blessing on them and those who care for them,
may they be restored, according to your will,
to soundness of body and mind,
and offer you joyful thanks in your Church.
Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

God of our Salvation,
you have ordained that we should serve you
in serving one another.
Look upon this nation,
burdened at this time with many cares and anxieties,
with infection, sickness, and untimely death.
Grant us grace to work together,
with honest and faithful hearts,
each caring for the good of all;
that, striving first for your kingdom and its righteousness,
we may have added to us all things that we need
for our daily sustenance
and the common good.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Based on a prayer of Geoffrey Fisher)

O God, whose love we cannot measure,
nor even number thy blessings:
we bless and praise thee for all thy goodness,
who in our weakness art our strength,
in our darkness, light,
in our sorrows, comfort and peace,
and from everlasting to everlasting art our God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, world without end.

(Supplement to the Indian Book of Common Prayer)

The doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked (John 20. 19)

Ever-present God,
be with us in our isolation,
be close to us in our distancing,
be healing in our sickness, be joy in our sadness,
be light in our darkness, be wisdom in our confusion,
be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar,
that when the doors reopen we may with the zeal of Pentecost
inhabit our communities and speak of your goodness
to an emerging world.
For Jesus' sake.

(A prayer by Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark)

Faith in action – Asylum Seekers

We hold before you children throughout our world who are separated from their parents because of asylum issues.

We pray for children who find themselves in places where no-one understands their language or who are effectively imprisoned in a detention centre.

We pray that they will be able to reclaim their childhood rights and be enabled to grow in love for You as they grow in years In Jesus' name.

AMEN

We remember all those who work with asylum seekers.

We pray that they will be helped to respect the humanity of each person they meet; that they will find ways to ensure that people are helped to express themselves and to be clear about their needs - physical, psychological and spiritual; that they will recognise the risen Christ in each person they meet. In His name. AMEN

Daily Intercessions in the United Charges of St John's Johnstone & St Margaret's Renfrew

Sunday 21st March intentions Passion Sunday

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Church of England

In the SEC we pray for

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the people of Scotland.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Moray, Ross and Caithness (Bishop Mark Strange).
- Good Shepherd & Ascension, Hillington; Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley (Deborah Davison).
- St Paul's, Rothesay, Isle of Bute (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).



In our local Charges

We pray for hope for an end to the coronavirus pandemic throughout the world and healing for all who are suffering from Covid-19 at home and in hospital.

We pray for those named on our pewsheet – for health, healing, and wholeness in their lives.

We pray for each other as we worship together by telephone or online and for our Zoom evensong this evening.

We pray that we may continue to keep each other safe as we look forward to a gradual easing of the lockdown..

We pray for growth in the lives of our Charges, we pray that we may each take part in inviting new people to become part of the life of our churches in Johnstone & Renfrew by telephone, on Zoom or online.

We pray that we may all keep a good Lent and learn to follow our Lord more nearly, asking forgiveness for those ways in which we fall short in our attempts to live as Christian disciples.

In our communities

We pray for all affected in their lives, work and finances by the restrictions required for the safety of all.

We pray for those longing to visit loved ones in care homes soon.

We pray for those who are homeless and any at risk of losing their homes and for those seeking to put an end to homelessness.

We pray for wisdom and integrity and a worldwide vision for our Nation's leaders – may they help us to work together for the common good of all.

We pray for all those involved in the vaccination programme against COVID, that all those most at risk throughout the world will have access to the vaccine soon.

We pray for parts of the world suffering because of war, terrorism, or natural disasters and that we may share in responsibility for our brothers and sisters across the world.

Monday 22 March intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of the Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the people of Scotland.
- Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator (Anne Jones).
- St John's, Johnstone; St Margaret's, Renfrew (Reuben Preston).
- St Peter's, Stornoway and St Moluag's, Eoropaidh, Isle of Lewis (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).



In our local Charges

We pray for the work to apply for funds for the improvement in the facilities at St John's and for those planning for the Leading Our Church into Growth (LYCIG) initiative at St Margaret's.

We pray for those in the leisure, travel, hospitality and retail sectors as they look to emerging from lockdown.

We pray for Charges in the Renfrewshire Region as they plan how and when to safely reopen churches.

We pray for those using our Lent leaflet to help them keep the season at home and for all our services at this time as they give us different ways to worship together.

We pray for all those providing resources for prayer and spiritual reflection at this time.

In our communities

We pray for families experiencing food poverty and pray that all children have access to wholesome food.

We pray for our Government Ministers and the Scientific advisors as they continue to bear heavy responsibilities in managing the risks posed by COVID-19.

We pray for all who work in the NHS, for social care workers in care homes and in the community, that they may have the strength to continue caring for the sick and the dying.

We pray for all those with responsibilities for migrants and asylum seekers and for just and compassionate responses to those risking their lives to escape violence, persecution and exclusion to find safety. We pray especially for children separated from their families.

Tuesday 23 March intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Bakuru – The Church of Nigeria
(Anglican Communion) (Jos Province)



In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the people of Scotland.
- St Bartholomew's, Gourock (Vacant).
- St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt).
- The Episcopal Congregation from the Isles of Easdale, Seil and Luìng meeting at Kilbrandon, Isle of Seil (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

We pray for the youngsters in our families at church and in our extended families who are away from us as we hope to meet again later this year. We pray for any whose lives are restricted because of long-term conditions or disabilities, that they continue to feel safe time as restrictions are lifted.

We pray for trans young people that they are accepted for who they are and receive the support they need and for all young people that are free to discover and live out their identities.

We pray that we may continue to be shaped as disciples through our liturgical tradition and we pray for the work of those who continue to safeguard and develop liturgy within the Anglican Communion.

We pray for the Bishop's Lent appeal and for the work of the Aberlour Child Care Trust, that we can find imaginative ways to fundraise for it.

In our communities

We pray for all mothers and fathers and for foster carers and especially any who are stressed by the demands of providing for their families at this time.

We pray for people living completely alone and feeling isolated and cut off, we give thanks for people helping neighbours.

We pray for people who must shield or self-isolate, especially those protecting and supporting vulnerable family members.

We pray for homeless people and for those in unsuitable or unsafe accommodation, including those living in buildings with cladding that is not fully fireproof.

Wednesday 24 March intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Ballarat – The Anglican Church of Australia (Victoria Province)



In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the people of Scotland.
- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark.
- St Mary's, Bridge of Weir; St Fillan's, Kilmacolm; St Mary the Virgin, Port Glasgow (Audrey O'Brien Stewart, Robert Chambers, Gerard McKeown).
- The Chapel of St Columba, Bishop's House, Isle of Iona (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

We pray for our telephone church service this afternoon that it may help us to be an inclusive church.

We pray for our online service this evening: that it may be a time of blessing to us all.

We pray for the work of the Aberlour Child Care Trust and this week for Aberlour Options and the support they give to families with a child with disability to live full lives and be part of their communities.

We pray for Canon Audrey as she takes up her role as Transitions Minister in Renfrewshire.

We pray for Christian unity, for strong ecumenical relationships and for a shared Christian witness to the people of Scotland.

In our communities

We pray for Key workers and those who are working as child-minders and carers in the residential care settings of our Charges.

We pray for Outreach Workers of Glasgow City Mission and their support to the homeless and the vulnerable people of our region and

for all those community initiatives that are helping to feed those in need.

We pray for those who have been furloughed and any at risk of losing their job, that they will have sufficient income to meet their needs and have hope of an improvement in their situation.

We pray for our Prime Minister – Boris and First Minister – Nicola in their work for the common good. May they be wise in the discharge of their duties for the Nation.

We pray for areas of conflict throughout the world, including the people of Syria, and for the work of international agencies and charities who provide relief.

We pray for people of Myanmar that they may be safe from violence.

Thursday 25 March intentions

The Annunciation of Our Lord

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Bangor – The Church in Wales



In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the people of Scotland.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: St Andrew's, Dunkeld and Dunblane (Bishop Ian Paton).
- Canon Missioner (Audrey Stewart); Digital Missioner (Petko Marinov).
- Holy Trinity, Motherwell; St Andrew's, Wishaw (Richard Kilgour, Charles Sargent).

In our local Charges

We pray for all those who have lost a loved one and find this a difficult time, that they will be consoled.

We pray for Bishop Kevin as he serves the Diocese.

We pray for a spirit of mission within the Church that ways may be found to draw others towards the hope we have in Christ.

We pray for the grace always to remain excited by the good news of God being born among us and ask that we may remember that we are called to be members of Christ's body here and now.

We pray that in this season of Lent we may draw closer to Christ, through fasting, the study of Scripture and generosity with our money and resources.

In our communities

We pray for manual workers, street repair workers, refuse collectors and open-spaces maintenance workers.

We pray for those in the retail sector, those still working that they may stay safe, and those not able to work at present, that they may have enough to meet their needs.

We pray for those living in care homes and their families who hope to be able to visit them safely soon.

We pray for people feeling frustrated and anxious, those worried about jobs, those seeking work and employment and for any who face economic hardship.

We pray for the groups which used to use our hall in Renfrew – AA & CA, and the Brownies and Dance classes, may they find new ways of working.

We give thanks for all volunteers helping to sustain the most vulnerable in our community.

Friday 26 March intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Banks & Torres – The Anglican Church of Melanesia



In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the people of Scotland.
- 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 those struggling financially, those without homes, those who are depressed, may God's mercy bring them consolation & resilience.

We pray for the BAME communities as they face the pains and challenges of the ongoing COVID19 situation in Britain and the impact it is having on them, along with the issues raised by the BLMs campaigns in the UK and abroad.

We pray for the work of Aberlour Childcare Trust and this week for Aberlour Options and the support they give to families with a child with disability to live full lives and be part of their communities.

We pray for ourselves in this season of Passiontide that, as we follow the story of the suffering of Jesus, we may feel empathy for the needs of others and a desire to respond in love.

In our communities

We pray that we may find an end to homelessness in our society once and for all and for the Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Action Group as they seek to find ways forward.

We pray for children living in refugee camps that homes may be found for them in safe places.

We pray for Mental Health Services in the NHS and voluntary sector. May they have the resources and capacity to respond to the great needs at this time.

We pray for spiritual renewal in Johnstone and Renfrew and that we may all feel empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the Good News.

We pray for peace and justice in the Middle East and for reconciliation and dialogue across religious, ethnic and political divides.

Saturday 27 March intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Barbados – The Church in the West Indies.



In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the people of Scotland.
- St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton; St Andrew's, Uddingston (Matthew Little).
- Episcopalians on the isles of Coll, Colonsay and Tiree, and Muck, Eigg and Rum (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

We pray for all those who are joining our services online that they feel a full part of our community of worship.

We pray that we will always see the face of Christ in those who are vulnerable and in trouble and may respond to them as our neighbours.

We pray for all those who will join in our worship tomorrow, the online congregations in the morning and our Zoom congregation in the evening.

We pray for our Lenten discipline that it may help us to grow as disciples of Christ Jesus.

In our communities

We pray for any struggling with relationships at this time and any at risk of abuse, that their homes may become places of safety.

We pray for world leaders in their work of helping the poorest areas and regions of the world during this pandemic time.

We pray for our First Minister Nicola as she leads Scotland.

We pray for people who are lonely, isolated, or desolate.

We pray for all those who work for the wellbeing of children and seek to prevent the lifelong impact of trauma and disadvantage.

We pray that new people will join the lives of St John's & St Margaret's.

From Alton Abbey Hampshire – Benedictine Foundation

Prayers of Union

For those in pain or sorrow:	Mother of Jesus, pray.
For those in doubt or fear:	Mother of Jesus, pray.
For all bishops, priests and deacons:	Mother of Jesus, pray.
For all monks and nuns:	Mother of Jesus, pray.
For all members of our Confraternity:	Mother of Jesus, pray.
For the unity of all Christians:	Mother of Jesus, pray.
May all who honour you, Saint Benedict, Father of monks,	Know the power of your prayer. Pray for us and all children.

Lord, arouse in your Church
the spirit which guided our holy father Benedict.
Fill us with that spirit and grant that we may love what he loved
and put into practice what he taught.
Help us to be steadfast in the service of your will,
that we may grow in number and holiness.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or

The Prayer Anima Christi (Soul of Christ) – Contemporary
Version, David Flemming, SJ

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.
May your body and blood be my food and drink.
May your passion and death be my strength and life.
With you by my side, enough has been given me.
May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.
Let me not run from the love which you offer,
but hold me safe from the forces of evil.
On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.
Keep calling to me until that day comes
when, with your saints,
I may praise you for ever. **Amen.**



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 fresh 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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