



# Weekly Intercessions

in the Scottish Episcopal Church  
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone  
Week beginning Sunday 16 May 2021

## Easter 7 ASCENSION

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

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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. We pray:**



*Living God,  
You call us to love because we have first of all been loved.  
May we know that love abides in you  
And is expressed in your love for the world.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.*

*Living God,  
You call us to love because we have first of all been loved.  
May we know the depth of your love  
In the contemplation of the life and death and resurrection of your Son.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.*

*Living God,  
You call us to love because we have first of all been loved.  
May we hear the call to live by a new commandment  
And so bear the mark of a disciple.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.*

*Living God,  
You call us to love because we have first of all been loved.  
May we know what it is to be embraced and affirmed  
And called a friend of the One who has given his life for us.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.*

*Living God,  
You call us to love because we have first of all been loved.  
May we, who have been embraced and affirmed,  
Reach out to the lonely that they might know true friendship.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.*

*Living God,  
You call us to love because we have first of all been loved.  
May we know the abiding presence of your love  
In the life we share in the community of the Risen and Ascended Lord.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.*

In a joint message, church leaders in Scotland said:  
"In the Gospel of John, the 'new commandment' to 'love one another' transforms the idea of a 'commandment'. In fulfilling the 'new commandment', we are called to give of ourselves in order that we might follow the pattern and example of Jesus. We love because we have first of all been loved and to do so is a mark that we are a disciple of Jesus. (John 13: 34-35)

"The 'commandment' to 'love one another' is taken up again in the Gospel and we see that the love of Jesus expressed to us is a love that flows from God: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.' As an illustration of the 'commandment', Jesus says: 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' To be loved by God, though Jesus, is to be changed by the experience of being loved. As we are embraced and affirmed, we are changed and called a 'friend' of the One who has loved us and given his life for us. (John 15: 9-17). "In our fragile world, we are called to follow the pattern of Jesus and to love because we ourselves have first been loved."

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. Paul Whittle, 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.

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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)

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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)*

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*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 – Aid Agencies**

During May we pray for national and international aid agencies. Christian Aid Week is 10-16 May 2021.

#### **Lord,**

You come to us in neighbours we do not know and are unlikely to meet.  
You come to us when people's needs are measured in statistics, argued  
about in political programmes, or estimated in development plans.  
Give us the grace to see past numbers to the real lives behind them.  
So that we might, with you, build your Kingdom. AMEN

#### **O God, pour out on us**

the water of life that we may quench our thirst and draw our strength  
from you.

Help us to stand alongside those who struggle daily for clean water  
So that all may be refreshed and renewed by your love. AMEN

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

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May intentions** *Ascension,  
Thy Kingdom Come*



**In the Anglican Communion pray for**

The Anglican Church of Korea

**In the SEC we pray for**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland.
- St Mungo's, Alexandria (Vacant).
- St Augustine's, Dumbarton (Heller González).

**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 enter 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.

In these days of hopeful waiting and praying between Ascension and Pentecost, we pray we may all be renewed by the Spirit and be made new in Christ.

Help us to tread lightly on the earth, praying for others that we may all find for ourselves the way of being human that God shows us in Jesus.

## **In our communities**

We pray for all those involved in the recent elections in Scotland, Wales and England and give thanks for the democratic process.

We pray for anyone for whom the easing of lockdown causes anxiety, whose business will not be reopening or who has lost loved over the past year.

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 all those involved in the vaccination programme against COVID, that all those most at risk throughout the world, especially the people of India and Brazil, 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 17 April intentions *Thy Kingdom Come***

### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Butare – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda



### **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Edinburgh (Bishop John Armes).
- Diocesan Architect (Rebecca Cadie); Diocesan Surveyor (Elliott Glenesk).
- All Saints, Bearsden; (Kirstin Freeman).
- St Michael & All Angels, Helensburgh (Dominic Ind, Pat Smith, Kevin Boak).

### **In our local Charges**

We pray for our efforts to be an inclusive church, for our Zoom, online and telephone worship and that we can support more people to access these.

We pray for the work on the new Diocesan Office in Glasgow, that it may be an accessible and useful facility for all across the diocese. We pray for those in the leisure, travel, hospitality and retail sectors as they emerge from lockdown.

We pray for Charges in the Renfrewshire Region as they continue to serve their congregations and communities with in-person and online worship.

Jesus said 'I am the way, the truth and the life'. We pray for those we know who do not yet know Christ. Holy Spirit help them to feel their way and find Him. And today may others see and receive this offer of life through me.

## **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.

We pray that the spirit of joyful giving may transform communities across this nation and the world this Christian Aid Week.

## **Tuesday 18 May intentions**

*Thy Kingdom Come*

## **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Butere – The Anglican Church of Kenya



## **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church in Wales.
- Drumchapel Ecumenical Partnership.
- All Saints, Jordanhill (Sydney Maitland).

## **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 soon.

We pray for any whose lives are restricted because of long-term conditions or disabilities, that they continue to feel safe 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 for the rights of native peoples and give thanks for the diversity of cultures and expressions of faith.

Holy Spirit, help us to pray for others, that they may come to know Christ for themselves.

## **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 19 May intentions

*Thy Kingdom Come*

### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Buye – The Anglican Church of Burundi



### **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Diocesan Property Committee (Reuben Preston).
- St Aidan's, Clarkston (Nicholas Taylor).
- St Margaret of Scotland, Newlands (Gordon Fyfe, Maggie McTernan, Charlotte Methuen).

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

We pray for teachers of the faith and all who help us to understand the faith and inspire us to live it.

We pray that the Spirit will set us free to help others, especially those who have drifted from Christ's way, or who find it impossible to believe, or who are trapped by fear and guilt. Thy Kingdom come.

### **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, among them members of the Interfaith Food Justice Network.

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 the people of Northern Ireland and that the Good Friday Agreement will continue to be upheld.

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

## **Thursday 20 May intentions** *Thy Kingdom Come*

### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Byumba – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda



### **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Lusitanian Church of Portugal.
- Diocesan Centre Staff (Christine Hughes, Iolanthe Stack, Marion Noble).
- St Oswald's, King's Park (Vacant).
- St Ninian's, Pollokshields (Paul Romano, Eamonn Rodgers, Kenneth Roach).

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

We give thanks for those with a calling to the religious life and pray that their ministry may reach out to others.

We join with Christians of many denominations and across more than a hundred countries of the world in praying, Holy Spirit let your Kingdom Come and work in us for others.

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.

### **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 returning to work soon that they may stay safe, and those who fear their jobs may be at risk, that they may find suitable employment.

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

We pray for those in poverty and those worried about money that they may have sufficient income and security for themselves and their families.

We pray for the groups which were users of our hall in Renfrew – AA & CA, and the Brownies and Dance classes - that they may find ways to meet safely again.

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

## **Friday 21 May intentions, *Thy Kingdom Come***



### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Calabar – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)  
(Niger Delta Province)

### **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Moray, Ross and Caithness (Bishop Mark Strange).
- Good Shepherd & Ascension, Hillington; Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley (Deborah Davison).

### **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, especially considering the real issues of racism which affect people's lives, hope, health and aspirations.

We pray for all those persecuted for their Christian faith and for those who stand up for their beliefs without regard to the consequences. Holy Spirit let your Kingdom Come and work in us for others: We pray to be saved from wanting more than our share. There are so many people who are hungry for love and thirsting for peace. Help us to help others find their place at God's table.

### **In our communities**

We pray for the work of the Alliance to end homelessness that it will bring about real change and for Mark as he takes up the leadership role in the organisation.

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 22 May intentions *Thy Kingdom Come***

#### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Calcutta – The (united) Church of North India



#### **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church.
- Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator (Anne Jones).
- St John's, Johnstone; St Margaret's, Renfrew (Reuben Preston).

## **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 my 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 Canon Audrey in her role as Transitions Minister Renfrewshire.

We pray for grace to allow the resurrection life to be born in us afresh this year.

Holy Spirit let your Kingdom Come and work in us for others:

Let us pray that the people we know, and the whole world, may find the way of Christ.

## **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.

# Regina Caeli

– Said daily throughout Eastertide

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

**R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.**

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

**R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.**

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

**R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.**

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world  
through the resurrection of Thy Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
grant we beseech Thee,  
that through the intercession  
of the Virgin Mary, His Mother,  
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.  
Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **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,

**Know the power of your prayer.**

Saint Benedict, Father of monks,

**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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