



# Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church  
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone  
Week beginning Sunday 31 July 2022

## Pentecost 8

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/](http://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.

**Zoom Morning Prayer is on the link  
below**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83241840407?pwd=YnBqWkxEeW5NMlBuTDRmbDc0cFZhUT09>

Tel: 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407 Passcode: 076546  
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## Prayer for Ukraine



### PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

O God, the divine seeker, you are light to the lost, bread to the hungry, deliverance to the captive, healing to the sick, eternal vision to the dying, and harbour to every soul in peril.

Gather all those who are facing fear, hunger, oppression, death and injury through war and violence into the community of your mercy and grace.

We lift up to you those in Ukraine and throughout the world who cry for justice, peace and renewed hope.

Grant us the strength and will that with grace and compassion we may respond with your love.

Amen.

## 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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## **Faith in action (August) – The Elderly**

The elderly are an all too neglected group within contemporary Scottish society. Although some elderly citizens enjoy an active social life, others suffer from acute isolation and worthlessness. To combat this latter tendency there is a wealth of things that you can do to help.

You may wish to try the following:

- Pray for the elderly
- Adopt a Granny which allows you to sponsor an elderly person in the third world to ensure that they receive vital support in the way of food, clothing and medical care.
- Join the RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Programme) provides quality opportunities for people aged 50+ to volunteer their skills and experience within their local community. It has 8,500 active volunteers across Scotland, England and Wales, providing valuable services in health, education and the environment. RSVP operates under the umbrella of CSV, Community Service Volunteers.
- Consider becoming a member of Age Scotland. This will provide you with up-to-date news about the welfare of the elderly in Scotland, news of campaigns and volunteering opportunities. They provide a range of factsheets on topics from Community Care to Crime Prevention T: 0845 125 9732
- Set up fundraising projects either by yourself or in your congregation to help organisations in this field carry out their vital work.

- Volunteer with Age Scotland which runs a range of voluntary projects for the elderly including their Handyperson project which enables DIY enthusiasts to help the elderly in their area with minor household repairs.
- Volunteer to work in one of the many charity shops Age Scotland has which always need new staff and goods, as well as a post called Church Friends who liaise between the charity and the elderly people in Church congregations. Volunteer with Contact the Elderly which is a national organisation which seeks to combat isolation amongst the elderly by organising weekly tea-parties for small groups of elderly people.
- Volunteer with Alzheimer Scotland which is the leading, national organisation to help both those who care for and those who suffer from dementia by helping out in their local drop in centres or being a telephone operator on their 24 hour Dementia hotline.

Lord,

when the death of our friends leaves us lonely;  
when we lose the confidantes

to whom over the years we have turned;

help us to be renewed in the company of the saints

and find ourselves sustained by their prayers and your comp. AMEN

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

This is the now post-pandemic season list of our weekly intercessions from the Worldwide Anglican cycle of prayer and the monthly Diocesan Cycle of prayer – and above is the Provincial monthly cycle of prayer FAITH in ACTION

### **Lambeth Conference Prayers for the week**

from <https://www.lambethconference.org/resources/prayer-guide/>

### **Sunday – Day 5**

The Community of the Gospel, the Episcopal Church.

O good and gracious God, we come with joyful hearts of expectation, offering prayers to you for unity, strength, and great success at the Lambeth Conference.

As the bishops of your church gather to seek your direction, to share with each other, and to carry out your will, we pray, dear Lord, that you continue to fill them with the Spirit of love, and that it is manifested in the transformed lives of these shepherds, and the flock to whom they minister.

And then, Lord, it is our plea, that the transformed children of your Kingdom would, through missionary zeal, seek to transform others, by your love flowing through us.

These mercies we ask, in the name of the one loved us to death; Jesus the Christ. Amen.

## **Monday – Day 6**

### **The Brotherhood of St Gregory, The Episcopal Church.**

O God, by your grace and Spirit you have raised up witnesses and servants in many lands and cultures: Pour out your blessing upon the churches and provinces of the Anglican Communion, and upon their leaders as they gather for fellowship in the Lambeth Conference, that their diversity may enrich their common witness and service to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Tuesday – Day 7**

### **The Congregation of the Companions of St Benedict, Anglican Diocese of Cameroon, Church of the Province of West Africa.**

Lord God, who reconciled people to you through Jesus Christ's intercession and resurrection, you granted us peace in Christ through your blessing to your followers and you call upon us to build peace among human beings, just as your apostle Paul did when he exhorted their followers to be at peace with all people, (Ro 12:18); You call us to pray and supplicate to you with gratitude (Phil 4:6): we pray for peace

for all those who will attend the Lambeth Conference and for the life of the Anglican Communion. Yet, let us understand that all genuine reconciliation can only be attained if we ourselves are first reconciled to you: And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil.4-7). Amen!

## **Wednesday – Day 8**

**The Third Order, Society of St Francis, Province of the Americas, The Episcopal Church. Also in Caribbean and South America.**

Spirit of Love, illumine our hearts and minds to discern the way forward as brothers and sisters ready and willing to respond to the desperate needs of your creation.

We recall St. Francis who reminds us:

“All things of creation are children of the Father and thus brothers of man. God wants us to help animals if they need help. Every creature in distress has the same right to be protected.”

Help us, gentle Spirit, to have the ears to hear the cries of creation, the eyes to see the tears of creatures on the brink and the will to act to heal the suffering all around us.

Inspire our time together, dear Lord, to find a way to rekindle the love for all Creation and embrace the care exemplified by indigenous peoples.

Spirit of Love, keeper of life, inspire us to keep a loving vigil over the needs of creation and take such action that will truly serve to protect and preserve it. Amen.

## **Thursday – Day 9**

**The Community of the Holy Name, Diocese of Zululand, Anglican Church of Southern Africa.**

Lord Jesus, you are the father to all the people of the world Especially, those who had confessed that Jesus is Lord. We pray for peace and unity among the Christian family. Let your

Holy Spirit dwell and intervene among us when we have different views so as to do the work you sent us to do and fulfil your will. You are the only one who can bring peace and tranquillity among your people. Without you, there is nothing we can do, you are our rock and salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Friday – Day 10**

### **The Order of St Benedict – Mucknell Abbey, Church of England.**

Holy and loving God, we thank you for calling us to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

As we grow in our discipleship we ask for the gift of eager curiosity to discover ever deeper and richer meaning in Jesus' way of life and teaching.

Give us the grace to recognise their implications for our own attitudes and ways of living, and rather than take refuge in past assumptions, give us the courage to respond to the challenges with trustful obedience.

May our discipleship be our increasingly faithful witness to your Risen Christ who dwells in us and to your unbounded love for all your creation.

We ask this as members of Christ's mystical body here on earth. Amen.

## **Saturday – Day 11**

### **The Sisters of Jesus Way, Church of England.**

Our prayer for the Lambeth Conference is the prayer of Jesus for His Disciples and for All Believers in John 17;

“Holy Father protect them by the power of your name – the name you gave me – so that they may be one as we are one.” (John 17:11). “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May

they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me...I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me".  
(John 17:20-22)

Captain of Israel's host, and guide Of all who seek the land  
above, Beneath thy shadow we abide, The cloud of thy  
protecting love; Our strength, thy grace; our rule, thy word; Our  
end, the glory of the Lord.

By thine unerring Spirit led, We shall not in the desert stray; We  
shall not full direction need, Nor miss our providential way; As far  
from danger as from fear, While love, almighty love, is near.  
(Charles Wesley)

## **In the Anglican Communion**

### **Sunday 31 July 2022**

*7th Sunday after Trinity*

***The Church of the Province of West Africa***

### **Monday 1 August 2022**

**The Diocese of Matlosane – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa**

### **Tuesday 2 August 2022**

**The Diocese of Mauritius – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean**

### **Wednesday 3 August 2022**

**The Diocese of Mbaise – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)  
(Owerri Province)**

### **Thursday 4 August 2022**

**The Diocese of Mbale – The Church of the Province of Uganda**

### **Friday 5 August 2022**

**The Diocese of North Mbale – The Church of the Province of Uganda**

### **Saturday 6 August 2022**

*The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

# The Diocese of Mbamili – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Province)

## **In the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway**

### 31st Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- The Anglican Communion.
- The Primates' Meeting.
- The Anglican Consultative Council (Alistair Dinnie).

### 1st Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Those in training for ordained and lay ministries.
- Bishop Gregor Duncan, Bishop Idris Jones, Bishop Gordon Mursell, all retired clergy and those in Post-Retiral Ministry.
- The Church of Scotland.
- The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland.

### 2nd Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- 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 (Lee Johnston, Linda Whitby, Margaret Williams).

### 3rd Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- The Dean (Reuben Preston).

- Lay Representatives, Alternate Lay Representatives and members of Regional Councils.
- Holy Trinity, Ayr (Martyn Trembath).
- St Oswald's, Maybole (Jim Geen, Liz Crumlish).

#### 4th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania.
- St Columba's, Largs (Mark Goodman).
- St Ninian's, Prestwick (Jane Ross).

#### 5th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Aberdeen & Orkney (Bishop Anne Dyer).
- Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Harriet Johnston).
- St Ninian's, Troon (Keith Thomasson).

#### 6th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church of Norway.
- St John the Evangelist, Annan; St John the Evangelist, Eastriggs; All Saints, Gretna; (Martin Callaghan, Melvyn Redgers).
- All Saints, Lockerbie; St John the Evangelist, Moffat (Paul Singh, John Stevenson).

## In the SEI

### 31. SEI staff

**1. Niccolò Aliano**, Diocese of Edinburgh, Mixed Mode ordinand

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**6. Maureen Farquhar**, Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness,  
ordinand

We Pray for Alton Abbey as they consider the way ahead, and the future  
ministry offered there. May the Abbot, Chapter and Governing Body  
have courage and wisdom in the decisions they face.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

**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.**



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



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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