

Prayers for the week beginning 5th August 2024

The prayers this week have been taken and adapted from the Church of Scotland Worship resource and were used in our Songs of Praise Service on 28th July.

Monday 5th August:

Loving Father, in you we find life in abundance. As we bring our voices in song we recognise You are worthy of praise. As we read scripture we are reminded of Your goodness in the past and the present. As we share thoughts and reflect on who we are in You, as we take moments of silence and give You space to speak to our hearts and minds, as we pray and recognise that You are the God who hears us, **Lord let our hearts be turned to You.**

Tuesday 6th August:

Forgive us, when we see the sins of others and are unable to see our own. Lead us in this moment to the places where we fall short of Your ways, where our lives point away from Your light. As these things fill our minds call us back to the right paths, back to Godly ways. May we know Your love, which leads us to repentance. May we know Your power, which helps us break free from unhealthy cycles of behaviour. May we know Your invitation to shine Your beauty into our world. We recommit ourselves to You and Your ways.

Wednesday 7th August:

You are the God who loves us, who knows us and sees us in our good and bad moments and still chooses to embrace us, so we say, Thank you God.

You are the God who gives good gifts, who chooses to bless us. You taught us to call You Father and to expect the kindness of a good parent. So we say Thank you, God.

You are the God who gives strength to Your people, who knows, first hand, the strains of being human, who has walked on the soil and dirt of the world and knows what we need and provides it. So we say, Thank you God.

Thursday 8th August:

You are the God who breathes peace into chaos, whose voice formed the cosmos and breathed life into Adam's nose. Order and peace in the vastness and in the intimate. So we say, Thank you God.

You are the God who blesses us with insight, who calls us into Your adventure, who welcomes us into Your plans and lets us see Your vision of what could be. So we say, Thank you God.

Friday 9th August:

Father we pray for those who are disempowered and at the mercy of those stronger than them. We ask for Your intervention as the God who defends the righteous, sustains those who fall, raises up all who are bowed down and brings down the wicked - will You intervene on behalf of those who love You and those who are broken and fallen. Cause Your mercy to be poured out on all Your works.

Saturday 10th August:

We thank You for the example of leadership we see in Jesus and ask that in any of the spheres of life where we have leadership responsibilities we will act with kindness, compassion and grace. Make us reflections of Your grace and mercy, fill us with your spirit, that we may be filled with loving kindness and that by living in the resurrection power of the risen Jesus, we may also, like You, be slow to anger and gentle towards others.

Sunday 11th August:

We pray that where leaders are using their position and authority to crush and exploit the weak and poor, that You would raise up men and women of faith and integrity, who can speak and act on behalf of the voiceless. Show us also where our lives intersect with the powerless - in purchases we make, the investments we hold, the effects of the choices we make on the climate, make us people of action who make this world a better place. In Jesus name....Amen

We concluded our prayers by singing the Lord's Prayer