

Daily Prayer Guide

December 2021



1st December

Lord, bring strength to the weary at this time. Jesus bring hope to the hopeless. Father bring rest to the burdened and burned out across the land. And Lord may your peace surround the anxious mind, bringing it to rest in You.

2nd December

Give thanks that during this month we can reflect on the birth of our Saviour and anticipate with joy the celebration of the Light of the World come to dwell among us.

3rd December

Lord we pray for Lisa Holmes today as she preaches in Leith Baptist this morning and also for Ali Laing as he shares with the young people at Newton Mearns Baptist tonight.

4th December

Stonehaven BC - Give thanks for the Baptist church in Stonehaven and please pray for them as they seek to be salt and light in the town this Christmastime.

5th December

As churches seek to hold some Christmas events and outreach activities again this year, please pray for creativity for churches across Scotland as they share the good news of Jesus with their local communities.

6th December

Stranraer BC - Please pray for the Baptist church family in Stranraer as they meet week by week either online or in person for some people. Pray that they will know the nearness of God during this time.

7th December

Father God, we pray for winter night shelters across the country and the staff and volunteers who run these important facilities. We pray that many lives will be saved this winter because shelter, warmth and other provisions are made to the vulnerable and homeless.

8th December

Lord Jesus we pray today for our brothers and sisters in many countries in the world who face persecution and who may even be in prison for their faith. Lord we pray that in the midst of suffering and hardship they will know your very real presence with them.

9th December

Strathendrick BC - We are in such an exciting new season in the life of our wee church, having just appointed our first ever Ministry and Outreach Worker! We praise God and give huge thanks for this amazing blessing and also for the journey He has brought us on to arrive at this place. Please

pray that God would continue to guard, guide and bless us all as we step out in faith to serve and honour Him in our community.

10th December

Stromness BC - We are thankful that our church has actually grown over the pandemic and we have been blessed with young families that have relocated to Orkney joining our church. We are now in a time of transition in the leadership of our church and we are looking to expand our leadership team and discern the way ahead. We would really appreciate prayer into this.

11th December

We give thanks today that you, Jesus, are the reason we celebrate Christmas. We pray that, in what can be a busy time of year, people might stop and reflect on the real meaning of Christmas and come to recognise the gift of a Saviour.

12th December

Please pray for staff faithfully serving in care homes and hospitals as they seek to make this time of year special for the residents and patients. Pray in particular for those looking to bring Christmas joy to the many children in hospital at this time.

13th December

Thurso BC - We Praise God for the response to our Christian College in which we have learned together about understanding Scripture and how to share it with others. We are thankful for the churches in Caithness joining monthly for prayer. We prayer for several folk interested in baptism, as well as for the crisis response training course we are working through. Please pray for the church as we consider the way ahead and whether to search for a new minister. Pray also that we have an effective out reach this Christmas.

14th December

Tillicoultry BC - We have seen some growth, both numerically & certainly spiritually as we enter this new season with renewed hope & gospel purpose! Glory be to God who has enabled us to serve our neighbours through the local community food bank & build relationships with the local schools too.

15th December

Jesus, we thank you for the work of Street Pastors across the towns and cities in Scotland. As they prepare for a busy weekend, we pray your blessing on those volunteering, protection for those who need it, wisdom to know how best to help others and the ability to serve as Jesus' hands and feet.

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Tiree BC - We give thanks for Tiree Baptist as they worship the Lord and seek to make Jesus known on the island. We pray for their Christmas outreach and services and pray that the church family knows God's provision at this time.

17th December

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13) Pray for an infilling of hope, joy and peace from God at this time.

18th December

Lord, we pray for food banks across Scotland today as they prepare Christmas hampers and festive food for those who need a helping hand at this time. We pray that these bags of blessing will help nourish both body and soul this Christmas. May the recipients of these hampers come to know Jesus and the hope that He brings.

19th December

Please pray for those who find Christmastime a difficult time of year for many reasons. Pray that these folk will know peace in the midst of their sorrow and a sense of hope in the midst of their darkness.

20th December

Viewfield BC - We give thanks to God for the growth we are experiencing, particularly the many new people. It is also been very encouraging seeing people engage in serving the Lord in the Church. We would value prayer as we seek the Lord leading for the next 3-5 year vision. God is on the move and we give him thanks.

21st December

Westray BC - We give thanks to God for the clarity with which He continues to speak to us regarding laying down overworking and busyness, embracing His rest, and freeing ourselves up. Please pray for us to increase in obedience to the Lord in this, and - in this and every other area - that we would bear witness to the transformative power of Christ and His Kingdom.

22nd December

Westwood BC - We are grateful to see the building opening up through the week again with a renewed focus on being a blessing and presence in our community. Please pray for our Foodbank and Café and our new ministries: the Toddlers Group; the Trauma Healing Course; Transforming Lives for Good (a mentoring programme in association with the local schools) and CAP Money. Pray we shine the light of Christ.

23rd December

Whytes Causeway BC - We give thanks for the incredible way God has provided over what has been such a hard season. We give thanks for the increase in our technological reach as well as the faithfulness of those who love Jesus and continue to share in encouragement, care and worship. We ask that God would be with us in our immediate future and that God would speak to us clearly.

24th December

Give thanks for the wonder and excitement that we can have in our hearts as we prepare to welcome the Christ-child again and remember the amazing love of God, who came down to the earth He created.

25th December

Father, we pause our focus on the tinsel and the turkey just now so that we can focus on you and give thanks for the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus. We marvel at your amazing love for us, that you would come and 'tabernacle' among us. We celebrate and worship you today Jesus - our Emmanuel.

26th December

Lord Jesus we give thanks that you are the Light of the World and that the darkness cannot overcome the light (John 1:5). Lord we pray today for those people who find themselves in darkness - Lord shine the light of your love and hope in their lives today!

27th December

Wick and Keiss BC - Give thanks for the partnership in the gospel that is developing among the churches of Caithness as we meet monthly to pray together. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel naturally with those the Lord brings into our lives. Pray particularly for a "Hope Explored" course that we hope to run in the new year.

28th December

Lord God as families and friends get to come together during the Christmas break, we pray that there would be a sense of unity, peace and harmony in these meetings. We pray for patience and understanding, love and respect at this time.

29th December

Wigtown BC - Praise God for blessings flowing from new ways of doing things during lockdown and beyond, such as using the church garden for services, displays and rest. Also for wonderful collaboration with local churches. Pray that coming out of restrictions will be as blessed, peaceful and united as lockdown was for us. Pray for a sense of adventure and joyful unity when discerning the way ahead is difficult.

30th December

Wishaw BC - We thank God for increasing numbers attending our Sunday morning services, for the faithful teaching that we receive and for encouraging attendances at our regular prayer meetings. Please pray for God's clear leading as we continue to seek a new pastor. Please also pray that those who have not yet ventured back to our services will feel comfortable about doing so.

31st December

Lord Jesus, as we stand before the gate of the year, may we put our hand in yours and trust in your love and faithfulness as we head into 2022 and all that may unfold within it. Thank you Jesus that we can put our hope and trust in you no matter what may come our way.