

# Daily Prayer Guide

## January 2022



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### 1st January

Happy New Year! Please pray that many more people across Scotland would come to know Jesus in 2022. May our churches be beacons of hope and light and may we reflect the love of Jesus to others in our communities.

### 2nd January

**Abbeyhill BC** - We give thanks to God for holding us together during the pandemic. Please pray for us as we decide what are our core values as a church and how to embody them when we are together or apart.

### 3rd January

At the start of this new year, please pray that Christians in Scotland would rise up together in 2022, to share the good news of Jesus and to partner with God in all that He will do in Scotland this coming year.

### 4th January

**Aberdeen Christian Fellowship** – Give thanks for the work and witness of Aberdeen Christian Fellowship (ACF) and for the outreach to their community over Christmas, including the carpark carol service. Pray that 2022 would be a great year of worship and witness for Christ at ACF.

### 5th January

As many people go back to work, we pray God that you would give us opportunities to share our faith in some way, however small, in our workplaces and local communities. Give us boldness in 2022 to shine brightly for You and share the hope we have in You with those we meet.

### 6th January

**Adelaide Place BC** - Please pray for this busy city centre church in Glasgow. Pray for the ongoing ministries and connections the church has in the local area. Please pray for their missional communities as they seek to come alongside people in different communities and in different ways.

### 7th January

**Airdrie BC** - We give thanks for Airdrie Baptist as they continue to serve you and worship you faithfully. May the church family in the church know God's peace, presence and power in the year ahead.

### 8th January

Lord God we pray today for the continued crisis with people trying to come to the UK and risking their lives crossing the channel to do so. May you give governments both compassion and wisdom to know how to best to manage this situation so that vulnerable people are not exploited and lives not put in danger.

### 9th January

**Marylee Anderson (Chaplain, Aberdeen University)** - Please pray for those within our community who struggle with mental health issues and that as a chaplaincy we will be able to provide the right form of support. Prayer for wisdom as we look to future plans for the Chaplaincy at the university of Aberdeen and how we can better serve the community.

### 10th January

**European Focus** - We give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Baptist churches across Europe. We pray God that you would bless your people in churches across Europe this year. May churches share the message of Jesus Christ with boldness and faith in 2022.

### 11th January

**Alexandria BC** - We give thanks for guidance and assistance by a retired pastor! Please pray for wisdom in any possible future church appointments.

### 12th January

Lord Jesus as we continue through the dormancy and darkness of winter, we pray that you would help us to know your strengthening and rest in our lives, so that we can grasp the fullness of the vibrancy of spring to come!

### 13th January

**Alloa BC** - Although a mainly ageing congregation, we are grateful to God for a number of families worshipping with us. Pray that the nursery and school age children, as well as adults, will grow in knowledge and the love of God and experience the fellowship of being in God's family.

### 14th January

**Alness BC** - We give thanks to God for the opportunity of 'Digital Ministries' over the last 20 months and for opportunities. Please pray for us as a fellowship, as we finish our building work and seek to use our building as an integral part of our evangelism and outreach when we return in person.

### 15th January

Give thanks for the work of various Christian debt counselling agencies. Please pray for the volunteers from within our churches who work with these agencies to help people in debt and despair find freedom and hope.

### 16th January

**Graham Bell (Chaplain, HMP Glenochil)** - We pray today for Graham as he continues to support prisoners and share his faith with those he meets. We give thanks for the technology to enable chaplains to keep supporting and serving during the pandemic.

### 17th January

Lord Jesus we give thanks that you call people to ministry in many different ways. We pray for those coming before the Board of Ministry today as they continue to discern a call to accredited ministry within our network.

### 18th January

**Alva BC** - Give thanks for the church family at Alva Baptist as they continue to meet together to worship you. Bless the church family as they share their faith with others in the local community.

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## 19th January

Father God we give thanks for the pre-accredited ministers within our network who are continuing their journey of learning during their pre-accredited years. We pray for the pre-accredited ministers conference meeting in Pitlochry this week. We pray God that you will bless their time together.

## 20th January

**Ardbeg (Rothesay) BC** - Join us in giving thanks that we have survived the chaos of the past couple of years and pray that in the coming year Father God might weave us (newer folk and older folk, gathering folk and staying at home folk) together afresh into something beautiful for his purposes on our island.

## 21st January

Give thanks for Mae our Comms and Training Hub Assistant as she works with the BUS staff team. Pray for the Training Hub would be a time of growth, development and fun for those attending.

## 22nd January

**Arran BC** - We give thanks to God for Anne, who came to church having received our mini services on CD during lockdown and has now given her heart to the Lord. Please pray for us as our pastor retires in April and we seek God's leading to fill the upcoming vacancy.

## 23rd January

Please pray for the churches within our Union who work with people experiencing poverty and homelessness, as they seek to provide practical support, help and hope. May people come to know the transforming love of Christ through these ministries.

## 24th January

**Nick Blair (Chaplain, Merchiston Castle School)** - Give thanks for continued good health after major heart operation last year. Give thanks for a lively and varied ministry to over 400 in the School and wider community. Please pray for the regular Chaplains curry night for faith, food and fellowship. Pray also for our going deeper Bible study group. Pray for continued freshness, relevance and creativity.

## 25th January

**Ayr BC** - We give thanks for God's protection over our church family particularly staff and residents of Airlie House who have faced specific challenges during the pandemic. In recent months we have been exploring what a community of love and grace looks like in our context. Please pray for us as we continue to nurture and develop this going forward.

## 26th January

Father we pray for carehome residents across Scotland at this time. May you protect them and be with carehome staff, residents and their families during this wintertime. May there be fun and laughter in carehomes and a sense of community.

## 27th January

**Bearsden BC** - Give thanks that our garden has helped us during the lockdown to keep connected with our young families through our garden Sunday school and also with our older folks and the community through our Barista garden cafe. Please pray especially for our young people who have found the lockdown really tough and for re-connection with them through our youth programme in conjunction with other local churches and as and when we can return to the schools for our chaplaincy work and SU groups.

## 28th January

Lord Jesus we worship and adore you today. Thank you for all you have done, are doing and will do in our lives. We bow before you King Jesus, ready to serve you in whatever context you place us. Help us to share your love with those we meet today.

## 29th January

**Bellshill BC** - Please continue to remember the outreach from the church, in particular the work of the cafe during this season. Give thanks for the gospel message that goes outreach week at the cafe. Please pray that souls may be saved through this word.

## 30th January

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23) Thank you God that you are faithful and true. Thank you for your compassion and great love for us.

## 31st January

**Bo'ness BC** - Please pray for the church at Bo'ness as they seek to be salt and light in the town. Pray for renewed strength and energy for the church in the year ahead.