

Daily Prayer Guide September 2022



1st September

Give thanks that God calls us all to be ministers of the good news of Jesus wherever we are. Please pray for those people who may be exploring a particular call to ministry in some form or another. Pray that God's clear direction and leading will be found by those that seek it.

2nd September

Father God we give thanks for your Word which is 'a lamp for my feet and a light for my path' (Psalm 119:105). Help us to read familiar Scriptures with fresh eyes. May your Word go deep into our hearts and may you speak to us afresh from your living Word.

3rd September

Father we give thanks that you call and equip people in many ways to serve you. We pray for Stephen Illet today as he is ordained for ministry to serve alongside Rev Robert Adair at Alness Baptist Church. Lord, would you bless Stephen in his ministry in the community at Alness.

4th September

Leith BC – We are grateful for God's faithfulness over the past year. We have had great opportunities to reconnect with families from the local community in our Toddler Group and have enjoyed gathering and worshipping round tables in our morning gatherings. Please pray for wisdom and discernment as we seek vision following the appointment of a new leadership structure in the past year.

5th September

Lerwick BC - We are so grateful to God for His presence and blessing on us. It's been encouraging just recently with a few baby dedications and another baptism coming up plus an increase in staff as we have just employed a full time Youth Development Worker. Please pray for Lee Williamson and family as they settle into a new church and environment. We have recently advertised for a children/family worker. Please pray that God will provide for this important role.

6th September

Lord Jesus we give thanks for church leadership team across Scotland. We pray today for the Lead Academy taster session which takes place at Airth Castle Hotel. May the people attending know your leading and guiding during the day.

7th September

Leslie BC – We thank God for the completion of our building renovations and for continuing to provide an abundance of resources for us to support our local community through these economically challenging times. Pray for wisdom as we seek next steps in expanding the life and work of the church here in Leslie.

8th September

Please pray for young people who are heading off to university for the first time. Pray that they will settle in to university life quickly, make friends and enjoy the experience. We pray in particular for young people from our churches, that they would plug in to local churches and the Christian Union at their university.

9th September

'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in

trouble' (Psalm 46:1). May those who are being tossed about on stormy seas today know the presence of God in the midst of their circumstances. Give thanks that God is our refuge and strength.

10th September

Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers' Association - Please pray for the churches we serve throughout Scotland, that they would be receptive to the word we bring through scripture. Pray for our committee as we assess the recent results of our survey and decide on the actions to be taken. Pray for our Annual Retreat on 7th & 8th October facilitated by Lisa Holmes. Pray for the Action Group preparing plans for our Centenary in 2025.

11th September

Leven BC – We are emerging from a period of change and thankful for all that God has brought us through. We are grateful to God for new people joining us and people exploring faith through the Alpha Course. We also want to pray for those who have found recent changes difficult. As the new school year starts we pray that God's Spirit would be at work within the gatherings and groups. In each decision we pray we would know God's wisdom and guidance.

12th September

Lord we give thanks that we can worship you in song as well as in so many other ways. We pray today for the worship teams and bands within our churches. Lord, may you pour out your Holy Spirit on these teams as they seek to encourage worshipping hearts and voices. May you give us new songs to sing to you in this season.

13th September

Lighthouse Central, Prestonpans - We give thanks that we've been able to reopen our community cafe this month, providing a space of welcome and warmth in the local area! Please pray for us as we look to grow and strengthen our missional communities as we follow Jesus and hope to make a difference across East Lothian.

14th September

Linwood BC – We give thanks for God's provision over these last couple of years. Please pray for us as we seek God's plan for the future and how we can reach the community.

15th September

We give thanks for the changing seasons and the variety that the seasons bring. We pray for our churches in whatever season they find themselves in - whether in a summer season or a difficult winter season - God may you sustain them in the good times and hard times. May our churches know your presence with them as we seek to grow and increase in depth and reach in Scotland.

16th September

Lord Jesus we rejoice in the surge of interest in prayer at this time. We pray for increase in these days within our churches and for an avalanche of your love and mercy to descend through the power of the Holy Spirit to soften hearts, bring conviction and change lives in our communities.

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17th September

Father God we give thanks and rejoice with Denny Baptist today as they celebrate the induction of their new minister, Jonathan Boyers and welcome him into the fellowship. May you bless Jonathan's ministry in Denny and may he know your presence closely with him in the days ahead.

18th September

Scottish Baptist College - We give thanks for a rewarding year of learning. We think of our recent graduates who are moving on to new areas of ministry and pray that they may settle in well. We also gave thanks for the accreditation of several students, past and present, and pray for the continuation of their ministries. As we go into a new academic year, we pray for new students who will join us this year and ask for a full and fruitful year ahead. We give thanks for those who will continue their training and pray that they grow in wisdom and knowledge throughout their time at the College.

19th September

Lochgilphead BC - We give thanks to God for the recently completed summer fun children's holiday outreach programme that specifically focused on God's love for our lives. Pray that the launch of our new children's outreach program in September called "Blast Off" will draw many children in our community to be part of this.

20th September

Lossiemouth BC - We give thanks for the church family in Lossiemouth and pray that God would lead and guide them into new ministries, new fruit and new areas to share the good news of Jesus.

21st September

We give thanks that we are part of a larger network of Baptist churches across the world. We pray today for the European Baptist Federation Council taking place in Riga, Latvia over the next few days. We also pray for Martin Hodson and Mark Morris who are representing our network of churches at the conference.

22nd September

Maybole BC - We pray for this small church that you would be with them as they think about the future and what that might look like for them as the worship and witness in the town.

23rd September

As many churches celebrate the harvest season, give thanks for God's faithfulness and provision to us, which enables us to bless and provide for others in our communities. Please pray for foodbanks and other agencies that may be receiving donations from churches in order to help and support others.

24th September

European Baptist Federation - EBF will hold its annual gathering in Riga, Latvia between 21 - 24 September. Pray for national Baptist leaders to stay Covid free as we gather. Pray also that this council will give shape and direction to the future of EBF as it seeks to support the mission of God across Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East. Pray for the nation of Ukraine, its Baptist leaders and churches as they continue to suffer from the violent actions of the Russian Government and their armed forces. Pray for a positive impact in the nation from the humanitarian aid being brought through the

churches. Pray also for wisdom for Russian Baptist leaders as they seek to respond to the war, the sanctions and the impact on the future of the local church.

25th September

Give thanks for the work of UCCF and other organisations seeking to support Christian students. Pray for the Christian Unions at colleges and universities across Scotland, that they can share the love of Jesus in creative ways during this time.

26th September

Milestone Christian Fellowship - We give thanks for the different ways the church reaches out to the local community, through community lunches and community movie events. We pray that God would bring increase to the church in this next season as they continue to sow the good news and bring light and life to the community.

27th September

Montrose BC - We give thanks for the Baptist community in Montrose and pray God's rich blessing on them as they continue to work, witness and worship in the local community.

28th September

We give thanks for the men and women who serve our network through being members of our Council. We pray for the BUS Council as they meet today - Lord God would you give them creativity, wisdom and discernment as they meet together.

29th September

Lord Jesus, you have commissioned us to 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (Matt 28:19). We pray today for the Mission and Evangelism Forum as they meet today to spend time thinking about mission for our churches in this next season.

30th September

Motherwell BC - We are thankful for the LORD sustaining and guiding us through a difficult season - several of our church family have suffered ill-health and bereavement. Please pray that our continuing outreach into our town would grow and bear fruit.