



Longniddry Church

PRAYER DIARY

September 2021

1 Thank you for the opportunities given to us to experience the beauty of nature all around us – in gardens, parks and surrounding countryside.

2 We give thanks for the chance to see some live music or entertainment once again.

3 We pray for all beginning a new academic year in schools and education as they deal with new ways of learning and catching up with lost educational opportunities.

4 Loving Father, may your love enable us to be honest, to be loving to ourselves and to others this day and always.

5 Please bless our Moderator Jim Wallace as he starts his term of office. We pray for all ministers and church leaders tasked with leading the reformation and renewal of our church.

6 Remember the warming of the planet and we pray for all affected by forest fires or drought. We pray for awareness of the environmental and human cost.

7 In relation to Covid we pray that groups of all kinds may again share fellowship. We pray that the Guild may restart.

8 'Feel for the lives by life confused, riddled with doubt, in loving abused. Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin, which longs to be pure but fears to begin.'

9 We pray for the dedicated staff in the ongoing work of Crossreach as they help and care for those in need.

10 May all those suffering with Covid and long Covid make good recoveries. Thank you for the skill and care of all nurses, doctors and carers.

11 You call us forward as disciples, embraced and energised by heaven. Help us hear and follow.

12 Caring God, please be with all who have lost a relative or friend to coronavirus or other illness during this difficult time. Let us remember them prayerfully. May they find peace.

13 We pray for young children who must find what is happening a bit scary that they will be reassured by those around them and find love and comfort to help them through.

14 For those who have found isolation with a harmful partner or family member to be a difficult or dangerous time we pray that they can find refuge and support.

15 We remember charities that have suffered loss of income over many months. May they manage to get the help they need.

16 May we rest in God, cherish those who love us and work patiently for the future of humanity.

17 Be with all making dangerous journeys in search of a better life. Help us to raise our voices to demand justice for those who end up on our shores.

18 We pray that our friends across the world can find a way to negotiate a peaceful way forward as they deal with the fall-out of the outcome in Afghanistan.

19 May your constant love and care strengthen and help heal those in need as a result of war, terror, famine and natural disaster.

20 Pray for those who are lonely and struggling with mental health problems, feeling overwhelmed by events out with their control.

21 Let your real Love enable us to be honest, to be loving to ourselves and to others this day and always.

22 Thank you for the goodness of friends and neighbours and volunteers who help so many.

23 We pray for those in the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups who feel so vulnerable in terms of health, social equality and acceptance of who they are.

24 “While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart. “Francis of Assisi”

25 We pray for those who have the weight of responsibility to make decisions on our behalf that they make them wisely and with deep consideration of their consequences.

26 We pray for families and individuals struggling to cope due to food shortages, unemployment or other issues.

27 May those anxiously waiting for medical treatment be reassured and cared for as quickly as possible. Thank you for those treated so well in emergency situations throughout the pandemic.

28 We pray for careful thought and mature dialogue in working out how to best provide health and social care for all.

29 Thank you for all the joy, laughter and sense of release as we return to more normal interaction with family, friends, neighbours and those in the wider community.

30 God of the Harvest, thank you for your continued goodness in providing us with all our needs, especially food.