



# Longniddry Church

## PRAYER DIARY

**April 2022**

1 God of the past, the present and the future, our thoughts and prayers are with our sisters and brothers in Ukraine and the surrounding countries in their fear and distress. We pray too for all other religions of the world where there is conflict, unrest or oppression. We pray that reconciliation will overcome hatred, peace will conquer war and hope will replace despair. World Day of Prayer International Committee.

2 We pray for all those struggling financially as the cost of living rises and especially for those forced to choose between eating or heating.

3 Thank you for all the wonderful volunteers and generous business people who provide food and other essentials to those in need.

4 Dear Lord, your plans for me are good, your love for me is perfect and you want the best for my life. I put my trust in you. World Day of Prayer 2022.

5 We pray for those producing, transporting and selling food as they cope with so many increased costs and other pressures.

6 As we continue on our Lenten Journey we look forward to the promise of the risen Christ to always be with us.

7 We pray for strength and hope for the future when we are down-hearted.

8 As we begin to be able to gather together more freely, may we learn anew the precious gift of community with like-minded folk.

9 Thank you for the joy of pets and the companionship they give in good times and bad.

10 Lord, protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.

11 We pray for all refugees looking for safety from aggression. Let countries show hospitality to those in need.

12 We give thanks for spring flowers in parks and gardens.

13 Thank you for the work of the YMCA Scotland and for those donating shoe boxes and backpacks for those in need in Ukraine. We pray for safe journeys for those delivering aid to those who have lost so much.

14 Maundy Thursday. As we remember the Last Supper and prepare for Easter, we pray for all who cannot meet in person either due to restrictions or dangers in other parts of the world. We give thanks for Jesus' willingness to be a servant for all.

15 On Good Friday we remember how Christ suffered. Help those for whom worship is a risk and protect Easter celebrations.

16 Heavenly Father, thank you for your guidance on our Lenten journey as we travel towards Easter. May we commit as much as possible towards caring for others in need, near or far.

17 He is risen! We rejoice in the message of Easter Day which changed the world and pray for love and peace to triumph over hate and war.

18 On Easter Monday we pray that people will have an enjoyable a time with family and friends. Thank you for these joyful reunions whenever they take place.

19 We pray for those separated by circumstances from those they love and especially those who have lost family or friends.

20 We ask for inner strength for those dealing with addiction and for family, friends and agencies who do their best to help them.

21 On the Queen's birthday we give thanks for her service in this Jubilee year. We remember her unwavering commitment.

22 We remember all bereaved persons and their families and pray for all who help support them.

23 'I to the hills will lift mine eyes, from whence doth come mine aid? My safety cometh from the Lord, who heaven and earth hath made.'

24 Thank you for the progress made by WaterAid, meaning that 9 out of 10 people in your world have clean water to drink.

25 Thank you for the joy of Spring – lambs leaping in the fields, blossom, bulbs and opening buds.

26 Lord, you are in every part of our conflicted and unjust World. Help us to share knowledge and medicine to lead us through the pandemic: wisdom and strength to bring peace and justice to all nations.

27 Dear Lord, we pray for all suffering illness, frailty or infirmity, physical or mental. Draw near and stretch out your healing hand to calm any fears and uncertainties and strengthen them in spirit. Church of Scotland daily devotions.

28 No matter how alone you think you are, God is always just a prayer away.

29 We pray for young people as they adjust to a more 'normal' way of living and ask that they heal from the mental and social pressures they have faced.

30 'Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.' Help us trust in your presence with us every day. We ask that 'strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow' will be ours.