



Longniddry Church

PRAYER DIARY

September 2022

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 return of praise nights and other musical events in the coming months.

3 We pray for all beginning a new academic year in schools and other forms of education as they deal with new ways of learning and a possible change in way of life.

4 'Loving Lord, we know you care, let the world your goodness share: Save us from our selfish greed, finding you in those in need.'

5 We pray for all working for Crossreach, reaching out through their many social groupings, helping all ages across the social spectrum in Scotland. We especially think of the Counselling Service for Children and Young People.

6 We are aware of the consequences of the warming of the planet and we pray for all affected by forest fires, drought or flooding. We pray especially for those suffering after the disastrous flooding in Pakistan.

7 We look forward to and give thanks for the new session of the Guild – “wee seeds, big trees”. Thanks for all the help provided to find suitable, informative talks such as Star Child helping special needs children in Uganda. Finding a Home for every Child finds the most suitable foster and adoption homes for Scottish children.

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 humility and wisdom in world leaders when making decisions about refugees and displaced people.

10 Thank you for the skill and care of all nurses, doctors and carers. We pray for their well-being as they cope with the pressures of their work.

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 and for their parents seeking affordable child-care to help them earn a living in these difficult times.

14 We give thanks for those who work with and find safe refuge for those at risk from harmful stalkers, partners or family members.

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

16 'Praise the Lord on a weekday morning, praise the Lord on a Sunday noon.....: Praise the Lord in your work and play, praise the Lord everywhere in every way'.

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 give thanks for the safe passage of Ukranian refugees to our country. We pray for them, for their generous hosts who have offered hospitality and for more to come forward in the days ahead.

19 'Loving Lord, we know you care, let the world your goodness share. Save us from our selfish greed, finding you in those in need.'

20 Pray for those who are lonely and struggling with mental health problems, feeling overwhelmed by events outwith 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 'For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord: For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.' As we head for a very difficult time, especially for those on limited salary, pension or benefits, 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.

25 'Loving God, give us peace, and more than this, show us the path where justice is: And let us never be remiss, working for peace that lasts.'

26 We pray for families and individuals struggling to cope with increasing inflation, food prices, soaring car and household utility bills. Help them be aware of your steadying presence and loving care and reach out to those who can give them help and advice.

27 Thank you for the work of the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society (EMMS) in Nepal. We are glad to have been able to financially support their projects. We pray particularly for Sunita's project, to help girls who drop out of school to care for their parents.

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 that we can now meet and join with others in our communities with resulting joy, laughter and sense of release as we return to more normal interaction. Everyone can enjoy these important events.

30 God of the Harvest, thank you for your continued goodness in providing us with food. Help us make good decisions to allow equable distribution in our society.