

## **Tuesday 1**

At the end of the academic year and the beginning of the holiday season, Lord, we thank you for school, and further education teachers all over Scotland. May they enjoy rest and recovery from whatever the age or stage of the children/students they teach, so that they are able to return in August and September refreshed and able to teach successfully for another year. Please guide leaders looking for ways to reduce violence in some of our schools

## **Wednesday 2**

Lord please bless all those young people attending SU camps and their leaders. Be with young people who are training to become leaders themselves.

## **Thursday 3**

We thank you, Lord, for our families, especially those members who have sat national exams in the last few months and have to wait until next month for the results. May they be able to spend the summer productively...

## **Friday 4**

Loving God, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July we pray for the people of the United States and their government, that they may not be drawn further into destructive situations in the Middle East. We pray, too, for the Middle East situations that destruction might cease and peaceful settlements may be found.

## **Saturday 5**

Lord we thank you for the sum raised at the Drymen Gala day for the Christian hospital in the Gaza Strip, run by the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and supported by the Church of Scotland.

## **Sunday 6**

Lord we pray that you would still our minds and quieten our hearts as we approach communion today. We ask that you draw each one of us ever closer to you as we eat the bread and drink the wine, in grateful remembrance of what you did for us.

## **Monday 7**

Lord, we thank you for the work of the vacancy committee and rejoice that they have a sole nominee who will be welcomed by and able to bring together the two congregations of Drymen and East Loch Lomond linked with Balfron and Fintry.

## **Tuesday 8**

When we have hot weather we pray for the safety of young children and older people. May they be kept hydrated and protected from the harmful effects of a strong sun

## **Wednesday 9**

Gracious Lord, we lift our hearts to you with gratitude for all the selfless individuals who work tirelessly to bring aid and comfort to those affected by disaster, crisis, or conflict. Watch over these courageous souls, providing them strength and wisdom as they endeavour to make a difference in our world. Bless their families, dear Lord, and let their compassion inspire us all to greater empathy and love for our fellow human beings

## **Thursday 10**

With gardens and the countryside full of summer colour, Lord help us to see the beauty you have given us before our very eyes. We thank you for the wonders of this earth. Help us to protect and take care of all of them in this time of climate change

## **Friday 11**

Lord, we thank you for all the ministers who are taking our services during the vacancy. Bless them all and may we learn from them

## **Saturday 12**

Gracious God we pray for honesty, morality, and openness among politicians and nations. Remove from the hearts of all people the greed for wealth, success and one-up-man-ship, so that the world may be at peace. Give Christian politicians courage to speak out when you prompt them to.

## **Sunday 13**

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you. (*Psalms 33:20-22*)

## **Monday 14**

We ask for your guidance and favour upon the efforts of young people seeking skills development. May vocational training and access to quality education blossom, so that our youth may thrive with fruitful employment opportunities.

## **Tuesday 15**

We pray for the promotion of girls' education and women's empowerment worldwide. We ask, Lord, that you give each child a chance to receive quality education, regardless of their gender or circumstances. Strengthen our resolve to stand up for equal opportunities and support those who dare to break barriers.

## **Wednesday 16**

Loving God, thank you for the work of Tearfund, in countries in Asia, Africa and South America, where local people are encouraged and enabled to help themselves to solve local situations

## **Thursday 17**

May your divine grace guide the young minds and hearts across our world to actively engage with their faith and courageously rise to serve others. Empower them, Lord, to stand for social justice and compassion so that they may illuminate our societies with hope and love.

## **Friday 18**

Eternal Father, we ask for your divine guidance in addressing the challenges that come with an ever-growing population. Grant us wisdom to properly manage resources, courage to confront urbanization and crowding issues, and the heart to prioritize sustainable solutions that benefit all your children on this bountiful earth

## **Saturday 19**

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of chocolate that brings joy to so many. Where there have been weather difficulties in recent times we pray for those who labour in cocoa farming and production. Bless them with fair wages and good working conditions. May we, as consumers, be conscious of our choices, promoting ethically and sustainably sourced cocoa.

## **Sunday 20**

Heavenly Father, teach us to pray with hope and belief in our hearts, and guide us when we have to make difficult decisions.

## **Monday 21**

We pray for the healthcare clinics in Guinea, where healthcare is sadly lacking, that rely on MAF flights to meet the needs of isolated communities. Also for the flights that are needed to transfer patients to hospital in the capital, Conakry. We pray, too, for the MAF pilots as they continue transporting patients, staff, laboratory equipment and medicines to where they are needed most. (*Mission Aviation Fellowship*)

## **Tuesday 22**

Lord, we thank you for all health workers, including such as physiotherapists, radiographers, and also cooks, and cleaning staff who are so important in infection prevent; and clerical staff who are often the first contact of patients.

## **Wednesday 23**

Lord, we pray for the physical, emotional, and spiritual healing of individuals in prison, that they may find restoration and a new path forward. (*Prison Fellowship Scotland*)

## **Thursday 24**

At this time of holidays for many, may we appreciate the opportunities you give, Lord, us for physical and mental rest, and spiritual renewal.

### Friday 25

Lord, wherever in the world the summer is very hot and dry, please help us and those in affected places to be careful not to do anything that could start a fire. If it happens be with the fire services as they fight fires. Please be with those who lose homes and even loved ones to fire.

### Thursday 26

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! (Psalm 36: 5-7)

### Friday 27

We pray, Lord, for the guests of Glasgow City Mission who are affected by addiction. We pray that they engage meaningfully with the Mission's Rehab Pathways team and they take the opportunity to turn their lives around. (from GCM prayers)

### Saturday 28

Lord, we thank you for today, for all the blessings you have bestowed on us, and we pray for those who are less fortunate than we are, or who have difficulties at home. May they have the courage to seek help and be able to find it in you, and hopefully in the local services that are available.

### Sunday 29

Lord, we thank you for the recording of most of our Sunday services, meaning that those who cannot come to church on a Sunday, - for whatever reason such as caring responsibilities, having to work, or being ill or disabled, and at this time of year being on holiday, - are able to watch the services on line at a later time.

### Monday 30

Heavenly Father we pray for courageous park rangers throughout the world. Grant them unwavering strength to preserve the gifts you have bestowed upon our planet; empower them as stewards of your creation. May their dedication be honoured and their sacrifices remembered, especially those who have paid the ultimate price. Watch over them in their noble mission and shield them from harm while they safeguard our natural wonders for generations to come.

### Tuesday 31

We pray for lives lost, families torn apart, the lost and lonely, homeless, hungry and afraid, especially in Gaza and other areas of conflict.

## Dates for July 2025

*All Sunday services are at 10.00am  
and in Drymen and East Loch Lomond  
Church unless otherwise stated*

**Sunday 6 July:** Morning Worship,  
Rev Iain Armstrong  
**Communion**

**Sunday 13 July:** Morning Worship,  
Rev Ruth Kennedy

**Sunday 20 July:** Morning Worship  
Rev Iain Goring

**Sunday 27 July:** Morning worship in  
**Buchanan Church**  
Rev Iain Goring

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**You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows**

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