

# Daily Prayer Guide

## January 2019



### 1st January

Happy New Year! Please pray that many more people across Scotland would come to know Jesus in 2019. May our churches be beacons of hope and light and may we reflect the love of Jesus to others in our communities.

### 2nd January

Please pray at the start of this 150th Anniversary year for the Baptist Union of Scotland, that there would be a sense of excitement and anticipation as our churches join together at various points in the year to celebrate this milestone.

### 3rd January

As many people go back to work, pray that God would give us opportunities to share our faith in some way, however small, in our workplaces and with the people we meet.

### 4th January

Please pray for the churches within our Union who work with people experiencing poverty and homelessness, as they seek to provide practical support, help and hope.

### 5th January - Aberdeen Christian Fellowship

Please pray for this church fellowship in Aberdeen.

### 6th January - Abbeyhill BC

We praise God for Simon Schofield who will become our new minister in February. We are thankful for God's provision and strength during our vacancy. Please pray for the regular activities of the church where we seek to demonstrate the love of Christ to the city.

### 7th January

Please pray for the Pre-Accredited Ministers Conference being held in Pitlochry over the next couple of days. Pray that they would have a good time of fellowship together.

### 8th January - Aberfeldy Community Church

Give thanks for a sense of common purpose and joy - though still a handful of folk meeting together, our kids are walking with us. Our church meetings looking at Acts have been blessed. Give thanks also for a new after school club launch and ladies events.

### 9th January - Aberfeldy Community Church

Pray for fruit from among the seemingly numerous friends bewildered by life's turns but apparently looking 'elsewhere' as yet - may we be clear signposts/witnesses. Pray also for 'tent makers' to join the team in our beautiful Tay valley!

### 10th January

Give thanks for the number of newly accredited ministers we have within our Union and please pray as some of them meet today in Pitlochry to encourage one another and learn together.

### 11th January - Adelaide Place BC

We are so thankful that our church is growing and showing small signs of the kingdom breaking in. People are now more regularly coming to know Jesus and entering into a shared life together of discipleship. Our missional communities are maturing and reaching into the lives of people who wouldn't naturally come to our church.

### 12th January - Adelaide Place BC

We would value prayer as we go into this new year as we attempt a fairly significant refurbishment of our building in the city centre. Please pray we don't get distracted from our mission of being with Jesus, becoming more like him and joining in with God's work of renewal across our city. Pray that those in leadership would handle the stress well and that we would know our limits even better!

### 13th January - Marylee Anderson (Chaplain, Aberdeen University)

Please pray for Marylee as she seeks to support both students and staff in her chaplaincy role. Pray for strength, wisdom and good opportunities to help people in time of need.

### 14th January - Airdrie BC

Please give thanks to the Lord for his faithfulness to our Fellowship for 175 years and for the success of our anniversary celebrations in November. Please pray for us as some of our leadership team move to other ministries. Ask that the Lord would lead us, and that we would continue to be found faithful and fruitful in Christ's service.

### 15th January

Please pray for the weekly social media prayer meeting which Alan Donaldson is hosting on Tuesday nights at 9.45pm. Pray that these times of prayer would be powerful and encouraging for those who participate, as we pray for our churches and our nation.

### 16th January - Alexandria BC

Give thanks that we have received much encouragement from our Sunday speakers. Please pray for our mid-week meetings and in particular our coffee and craft group as well as our Bible studies, that God would strengthen us and bless our times together.

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## 17th January - Alloa BC

Please pray for the church fellowship in Alloa.

## 18th January

Please pray for the Deep Impact 2019 Children's and Youthworkers Conference as they meet together in Aviemore this weekend. Pray that the people attending Deep Impact will feel encouraged, equipped and energised as they go back to serve God in their own churches and communities.

## 19th January

Give thanks for the work of various Christian debt counselling agencies. Please pray for the volunteers from within our churches who work with these agencies to help people in debt and despair, find freedom and hope.

## 20th January - Graham Bell (Chaplain, HMP Glenochil)

Give thanks for God's love, grace and presence which walls and bars can't keep out; the good number of men who are attending church services and other chaplaincy groups - there is a real hunger, from some, for a God who is real. Many dedicated and caring staff members who do a difficult job well.

## 21st January - Graham Bell (Chaplain, HMP Glenochil)

Please Pray for the Chaplaincy Team as they seek to support prisoners and staff; the new Alpha course starting in January. Prisoners to be leaving at the end of a sentence with lives transformed. Physical safety from harm for both prisoners and staff. May the prison be a place of peace.

## 22nd January - Alness BC

Give thanks to God as we as a fellowship enter our 40th Anniversary year, and as we thank God for 40 years of faithful Gospel witness to the community of Alness. Pray as we seek God's guidance for the life of our fellowship, as we look to impact our community for the Kingdom and as we seek to see "on earth as it is in heaven" become a reality!

## 23rd January - Alva BC

Praise God for His hand upon our fellowship, as we continue to grow, in numbers of people in our community reached with the good news, some of whom are worshipping with us more regularly. Please keep us in prayer, as people from differing backgrounds are being transformed, and grow together in grace. We expect to agree, about our individual and corporate expressions of Christ's love in the community. We desire to be united and intentional.

## 24th January - Ardbeg (Rothesay) BC

We are beginning the year with a recommitment to prayer together across the church and a month of prayer for God's vision of and for our church. Please pray that we will hear, ponder and obey what God has to say to us. Thank God for the developments in our work with children and young people, cry out to God for their spiritual growth and protection.

## 25th January

Give thanks for our five Interns working with BUS and some of our churches. Pray for the Intern Training Hub taking place this weekend, that it would be a time of growth, development and fun!

## 26th January - Nick Blair (Chaplain, Merchiston Castle School)

Give thanks for a new Headship at the School. Please pray as the School assesses and sets some new directions, and pray for my part in that. Please pray for wisdom and spiritual strength in the many challenging pastoral situations encountered. For a small community these things resonate very deeply. I believe they do realise just how important chaplaincy is.

## 27th January - Arran BC

We give thanks to God for the opportunities we have in our worship services to share fellowship with visitors to Arran; for our fortnightly Lunchbox outreach into the local community and Fellowship meals which are also a great outreach tool. We pray for those who come along but who do not as yet have a personal relationship with Christ. We also pray for continued good relationships to be built amongst our brothers and sisters in other fellowships on the island.

## 28th January - Ayr BC

We give thanks for God's faithfulness and guidance, for His presence with us and opportunities to serve Him among the wider community.

## 29th January

Please pray for the BUS Mission Initiative Group which meets today, that they would have creative discussions on mission and how to best support our churches in mission to their local communities.

## 30th January - Bearsden BC

Give thanks for the way that our new enlarged leadership team is bedding in and working well together as we continue to work out all the action points that we have taken from our time at Lead Academy. Please pray that we will be guided by the Holy Spirit in the development of a revitalised small group framework that will aid us in being and making disciples of Jesus.

## 31st January

Pray for the Board of Ministry as it meets today as they work with ministry candidates in discerning God's call into Baptist ministry.