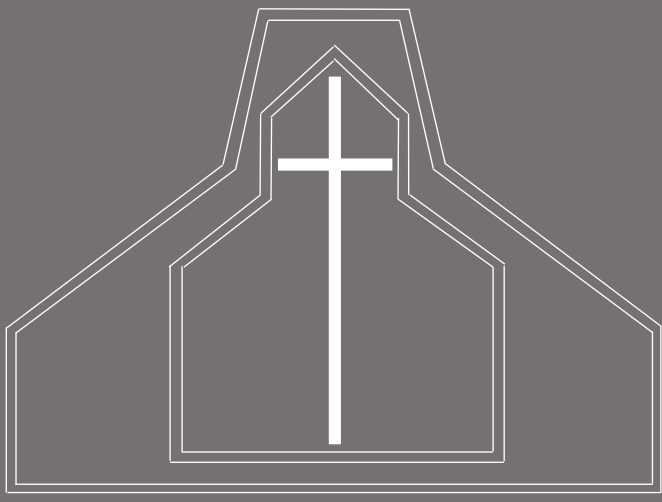


Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:16



Prayer Diary

November 2025

St Columba's
Hillhead
Parish Church

Saturday 1

Middle East. Heavenly Father, who sent your Son, Jesus, to be our Prince of Peace, we thank you for the peace agreement between Israel and Hamas. We pray that this would bring lasting peace to the whole region, and that you would restore hope to the hopeless. We pray that Israel would allow a flood of aid to freely enter Gaza. We pray for a lasting ceasefire, and that the peace plan is implemented fully by all parties, so that Israelis and Palestinians can live in peace and dignity. Our hearts break for the millions of people who have endured relentless violence and conflict, and we ask that you restore them to life in all its fullness. For all those who are suffering, starving and mourning, we ask that help would reach them quickly- and that you would be their comfort, healer and their safe refuge. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Sunday 2

St Columba's Hillhead. Dear Father God, we continue to pray for the upbuilding of the life and fellowship of the congregation. We pray that as God's people within our Church we may work for the Lord together in unity and love and that the mission of the Church will know God's blessing in life and witness. We pray that the love and unity of God's people may continue to deepen and that with encouragement to and

from each other, congregational life will be strong in the Lord. We remember Little Lights section of the Sunday Club (P1-3) as they meet today with some of our older Noah's Ark children being part of that. We pray that they will grow to love you more and more. We give thanks for the grant from The Church Hymnary Trust to purchase a large screen TV for the Sanctuary and pray that the clearer picture will be helpful for displaying words for our congregational singing and for enhancing our worship together.

Monday 3

Men's Group. Loving Heavenly Father, we give thanks for our Men's Group and for all those who come together in your House this evening to meet and share together in friendship and fellowship. We pray that they meet enjoy the fun and activities as well as being together in social companionship to support and encourage one another. We pray that you would be present in all the sharing together and fostering deepening relationships with each other.

Tuesday 4

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). Lord God, we give thanks for the addition of the new Cessna Caravan plane to MAF's fleet and for

the new opportunities this provides. We pray for the provision of resources to enable MAF to fly eye specialists to remote areas on a more regular basis. We ask that those who require eye care will be able to access the help they need. We earnestly pray for those who had surgery during the eye camp undertaken in Tanzania recently will recover well and that their sight may be fully restored. We praise you for all the work MAF does across the world and pray for its ability to overcome the daily struggles that isolation causes hard-to-reach people in remote communities.

Wednesday 5

Midweek Fellowship. Loving Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the regular weekly meeting of the Midweek Fellowship and for the opportunity to worship God and share fellowship together. We especially remember those who may not be able to attend Church on Sundays. We praise You for the love, support and encouragement shared amongst those who attend and pray for Philip as he prepares for this Meeting that the Word of God may bear much fruitfulness in the hearts and lives of those who attend and pray that more people may desire to come along. We particularly pray for the last meeting of Hope Explored this evening

at Hillhead Halls this evening asking that this event might be helpful in leading some to faith in Jesus.

Thursday 6

Walk and Talk. Gracious God and Loving Heavenly Father, we remember the Walk & Talk Group as it continues to enjoy meeting on Thurs. afternoons for an hour or so of walk and conversation. We pray for those who regularly share together in this hour of gentle exercise and the opportunity to socially share interest in each other and their lives. We pray for those who come regularly and for new members that each will feel welcomed and know the mutual interest and love gained from 'a listening ear'.

Friday 7

Little Fishes and Busy Bees. Lord God, we give thanks that these Groups continue to be well-attended each week. We pray especially for the Busy Bees Group that those on the waiting list will be understanding of having to cap numbers for reasons of available space. We remember the leaders and helpers of both groups as they plan and oversee the life of these groups especially for safety and wisdom in the outworking of the activities. We pray that those who come along, both carers and children, that they will be aware that they are coming into a warm,

inviting place where they are valued and a desire to know more about Jesus' love. Especially we pray for help to set up/clear away the hall with heavy lifting of required, necessary materials each week.

Saturday 8

Those who are Unwell, in Hospital or in Care. Dear Father God, we remember all those who are unwell, awaiting or undergoing investigation, diagnosis, surgery/treatment especially in the current demands upon the Health Service. We give thanks for those who are recovering from surgery/treatment and pray that they will know increasing strength and wholeness in the forthcoming days. Especially we pray that those who need medical help may receive their required care as promptly as possible and pray for recovery, healing and strength to endure however You provide. We remember those known to us suffering from chronic/terminal illness and pain as people seek to live with the constant reminder of suffering. We bring before You their families and carers who also share in the pain and suffering. We continue to remember and give thanks for all Healthcare staff, especially our local GPs and staff amid continuing great pressures to respond to increasing

demands upon them for their help and care. We pray for those in long term care, all NHS and Social Care staff as they seek to provide compassionate care especially in a time of increasing demands.

Sunday 9

Remembrance Sunday. Almighty God, we give thanks for the freedom we have which has been won at a price of many lives lost during wartime conflicts all across the world in times past, recent and not so recent. We pray for an end to division and strife, and lasting peace, in today's world and in relationships with a desire for dialogue and understanding of each other without violence or abuse. We pray for all those affected by conflict and loss of loved ones that they may know quietness and peace as their strength. And we remember the words of Jesus today (John 14: 27) Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Pray that hearts today may acknowledge this the greatest peace of all- the peace of Christ taking residence in hearts and lives given over to Jesus.

Monday 10

The Leprosy Mission (TLM). Loving Heavenly Father, we thank You for the hope that has been kindled by the restoration of Danja

Hospital in Niger. We praise You for the love which has restored crumbling walls and roofs and for gleaming wards which stand ready to welcome patients. We are aware that vital equipment to give people the care they need is needed. We bring before You the urgent need to replace broken beds and the lack of adequate supply of bandages, dressings and antiseptic. Especially we pray for Ousmane who feels isolated and forgotten because of the stigma of his leprosy and where at Danja Hospital he finds love and acceptance as well as medical care. We pray for TLM's supporters and workers and pray that resources will be urgently forthcoming to meet these much-needed medical supplies.

Tuesday 11

The Guild. Dear Father God, we thank you for the Guild and for the love and friendship shared by all those who attend the Guild. We pray that the love and support for each other will flow through the life and witness of the Guild both locally and nationally and that people will see how these Christians love one another just like the Early Church. We pray for all the different ways in which the Guild works to help different agencies and groups both far and near and ask you to kindly bless that work. We remember the visit of the

Governor of Low Moss Prison today, Karen Hunter, as she shares what is happening in the Prison Service in Scotland and her work as Governor of Low Moss Prison.

Wednesday 12

Warm Space/Connect. Loving Heavenly Father, we thank you for the regular weekly opportunity to offer a warm space and caring support to the community at Hillhead Halls. We praise you for the encouraging start to the new arrangements, for the way in which the soup and roll format is going well. We especially pray for the 'Food for Thought' slot at 1.45pm that it will be well-received and give thanks for the help and support available from Christians Against Poverty. We pray that people will know the love and caring support is done in Jesus' name and pray for your leading as the ministry of Warm Welcome continues to develop. We ask that relationships will be deepened and people will see the love of the Lord reaching out to them that they may come to know Him in faith, hope and love. We thank you for the team-working with Kirkintilloch Baptist Church and especially remember the new work Connect with children in the afternoon from 3-4pm that children will be pleased to come and share in this time together.

Thursday 13

CARE. CARE asks us to pray for different areas of policy-making affecting our national life. The House of Lords recently heard the Second Reading of the Crime and Policing Bill.

1. In multiple speeches, the harms of violent, abusive and misogynistic pornography were raised, and gave the House a clear indication of the legislative framework that needs to be built up through the Bill. Loving Heavenly Father, we pray for the peers who are calling for these changes and that they would be influential.

2. The Government has also committed to amending the Bill to ban depictions of strangulation and suffocation in pornography. We pray that the drafting of this amendment would be comprehensive in curbing the harm caused by the normalisation of this dangerous practice.

3. The Crime and Policing Bill also covers the amendments made in the Commons to decriminalise abortion up until full term. We pray that peers in the House of Lords would take time to discuss and consider the harm this will pose to women and unborn babies.

Friday 14

Boys' Brigade. Dear Father God, we give thanks for the continuing session as it progresses with all the

activities and badge-work which is taking place. We remember the leaders and boys as they engage afresh in activities and progress towards gaining badges and awards. We pray for a fruitful year of relationships and commitment as each and everyone seeks to learn and grow in stature and responsibility and for an interest among new boys to grow and develop. We pray that all may come to a closer relationship with Jesus and through faith reflect the grace of the Lord in life and action.

Saturday 15

The Bereaved. Gracious Father, we remember those who have lost loved ones, especially those in recent/not so recent days and personally known to us. We pray for those who have suffered through sudden trauma or chronic illness. Such loss is devastating for anyone who lost a loved one close to them and grieving can be painful and difficult. We ask you in your compassion to be close to them especially through dark and difficult days and that those surrounding them may be a quiet and sensitive support.

Sunday 16

Sunday Club. Dear Lord, we give thanks for the regular attendance by those young people who come to Church on Sundays and seek to

know more about to Jesus and get to know Him as Saviour and Lord. We especially pray for the young people where it can be difficult to be different as someone who comes to Church with few peers. We remember the leaders in their commitment of service that they would know wisdom and honour the Lord in their preparation, leadership and encouragement of the young people. We pray for Noah's Ark as it meets today and pray that the families who are coming along may feel welcomed and may have a deepening interest and desire to come along and get to know Jesus more fully. We give thanks for the new P1-3 group Little Lights having just recently started as Noah's Ark children grow in age. We pray also for discernment in knowing ways of supporting young families in coming to church.

Monday 17

Ukraine. Loving Heavenly Father, God of All Peace and Comfort, we continue to bring before you the conflict in Ukraine. As there are signs of a tentative ceasefire in the Middle East, we pray that there may be similar hope for a stop to fighting in Ukraine. People are weary and broken and surrounded by continuing devastation and loss. We remember those who have lost family members in the fighting and in civilian

destruction. We pray for your peace to comfort them in their sorrow and loss and earnestly pray for world leaders to come together to bring a just solution to end the war and allow an opportunity to rebuild lives and homes in peace and security. We give thanks for the Gospel of Peace and Hope which your Church is offering to the people of Ukraine and pray that in you people may find a new hope and purpose for the future.

Tuesday 18

Children & Family Worker. Dear Father God, we continue to give thanks for Cassie's presence with us and her involvement in the regular programme of services and events such as Little Fishes, Busy Bees and Noah's Ark. We pray for Cassie as she builds relationships with young families and furthering already-established relationships and groups. We ask you for Cassie to know wisdom and discernment as she plans and prepares for activities and becomes more involved in congregational life and the community, especially in the life of the Young People's and SU groups at schools that she will be a great ambassador for the Lord in her work and witness.

Wednesday 19

Following Jesus Group and Friendship Club. Gracious God and Loving Heavenly Father, we give thanks that both these groups continue to meet regularly and are well-attended and for the members, carers and leaders who all contribute to making these happy and meaningful evenings. We pray for the ongoing life and fellowship of the Groups that the love of Jesus will encourage and deepen the life of all and especially remember Pat Muir and the leaders that they may be inspired by the Lord to further this significant ministry. We give thanks for these valued groups and for the ministry in sharing Jesus with these valued people whom He loves and cares for.

Thursday 20

Seeds for Growth. Lord God, we thank you for the opportunity for some of our Toddler Group leaders to recently attend the Playtime Conference in Belfast. We pray for Little Fishes, Busy Bees and Noah's Ark/ Little Lights as learning and ideas from that Conference are shared and developed. We give thanks for the start of the new group for Primary aged children Connect that is now running on a Wed. afternoon 3-4pm in Hillhead. We praise you for this opportunity to run this group in partnership with Kirkintilloch Baptist Church

and pray for children as they attend and for the leaders as they interact with them that this would be a safe and happy place. We especially pray for the plan to read a Bible story each week with the children that the children will listen and want to know more about Jesus.

Friday 20

Those with Mental Health Issues. Almighty God, we remember those whose mental health is struggling at the moment, especially young people suffering from social media and life issues. We pray that you would draw close to those who are despairing. We especially remember those known to us who may be struggling. We ask that you will give us the right words to say to someone who is suffering and pray for opportunities for healing conversations. We pray for an increase in understanding and empathy for mental health issues in society and within the Church and ask that those suffering will find comfort and respite and a path to full healing. We also particularly remember also those supporting them that they may know patience, love, hope and healing in their caring.

Saturday 22

Jo Crotty. Loving Heavenly Father, we continue to remember and pray for Jo as she has settled back into her

life and work in Papua New Guinea (PNG). We pray that you will watch tenderly over her and allow her to balance work and health carefully, especially after her recent surgery and need to gently build up her strength, energy and resilience, particularly after her recent health issues. We give thanks for a good start to the new school year and especially ask you to give discernment to Jo for energy and balance between teaching and SU work. We pray Jo as she leads the training of 12 core PNG volunteers at Scripture Use in the childrens' trauma healing course. We ask that this might happen smoothly, both for the local children and also for national children. And we particularly bring before you again Jo's brother, Greg, suffering from MND, and his family in Australia as they care for him through this debilitating illness.

Sunday 23

The Suffering Church. Lord God, we give thanks for our freedom to follow you and pray for Christians in many parts of the world who are standing steadfastly for you despite suffering and hardship to themselves. We especially pray for 40 people who have been detained in further house church raids in China, for 20 believers who have been killed in Mozambique, and thank you for the way in

which you are helping Nigerian Christians who have lost everything after brutal attacks by radical Islamists, for the relief parcels which fellow Christians have sent to support their brothers and sisters in Christ. We thank you for the hope and encouragement which this meant to suffering Christians. Lord God, be their strength in times of hardship and suffering and may Christians around the world be a support and encouragement in prayer and practical ways. May they not be forgotten or abandoned.

Monday 24

Christmas Preparation. Lord God, as we get ready to celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus, at Christmas, we take time to reflect on the wondrous way you came to us at this special time. Help us to get to know you more deeply in all that means as your special gift to us of Jesus. We pray for the planning and organisation of different Christmas Services and Events. We give you thanks for the opportunity for us as a church to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and to share this Good News with our community. We pray that at this time of Christmas more people will draw close to you through the church celebrations and you will be delighted to receive the love

and praise of your people for Christmas.

Tuesday 25

Luwero Christian Ministries. Almighty God, we give thanks for all the work being done in your name at Luwero in Uganda. We pray for all the different areas of this significant ministry- for the junior and senior school, for the clinic, for the farm, for new developing land with its demanding physical work, and for helping to teach young people to survive amidst the loss of parents through HIV and AIDS. We praise you for the way in which many are being brought close to you in faith through the work of your Spirit and we delight in sharing partnership of the Gospel with Gabriel, Deborah and his family and the people of Luwero. We pray for Gabriel and Deborah in their leadership of the ministry at Luwero that they would be kept safe from harm by the powers of darkness which surround them. We thank you that Gabriel is getting stronger in health after his earlier illness and we pray for his continuing recovery.

Wednesday 26

Scripture Union. Father God, we give thanks for SU Group leaders who generously give up their time to lead SU groups. We pray that they foster good relationships with their local schools and

are encouraged by the response of the children to what they hear of Jesus. We remember all SU Scotland ministry as it seeks to prioritise young people at the margins. We give thanks for a new partnership between SU Scotland and Home for Good and Safe Families to deliver Chosen, a new weekend event at Alltnacriche for families with adopted children. We pray for Elaine Watt as she leads, and that it will help those who attend to unwind and connect.

Thursday 27

Tearfund. Almighty God, "we know that the church in Asia is restricted, but it is not small", says Tearfund's Asia Director, Prabu Deepan. We pray for the growing church movement across Asia and for church leaders who often work in very difficult circumstances. We pray that the churches may be centres of transformation as often in a crisis they are epicentres of activity to help the vulnerable and poor with help, support and healing. We thank you that churches in Cambodia have worked to improve water infrastructure, offering solutions like rainwater harvesting and providing water purification systems to vulnerable communities. Lord. We lift up rural communities in Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar who are severely impacted by a lack of water.

We pray that church leaders across Asia will continue to use their resources wisely and work effectively across networks and denominations.

Friday 28

The Lodging House Mission (TLHM). Dear Father God, we give you thanks for the work and witness of TLHM and Glasgow City Mission in their work in caring for the vulnerable in our society. We give thanks for the practical and prayerful encouragement of Glasgow Presbytery congregations that these may be a blessing to those who reach out to the TLHM for help and support at all times. We remember the Manager, Chaplain and staff who provide relational support and encouragement in a variety of different ways of activities and opportunities in the daily life of the TLHM that the service-users will know Christ's presence with them. Especially we pray for all those who are in need of TLHM's services as the darker, colder nights of winter are upon us. May they find shelter, warmth, comfort and hope through all those who reach out to them at TLHM and so know that Jesus cares for them.

Saturday 29

Christmas Café. Loving Heavenly Father, we bring before you the Christmas Café happening today. We

pray especially that this will be a good opportunity for the church and the community to meet together and to celebrate and share the Good News of the birth of Jesus our Saviour. We pray for all who come that they may find warmth and friendship within the church and a place where Jesus is present. We give thanks for all those who have prepared to make the event happen and for all the activities shared together to make it meaningful.

Sunday 30

The Church and Ministry. Almighty God, we remember the work and ministry of God's servants today as they proclaim the Word of God that they may know Your Hand upon them as they serve the Lord. We pray for the Holy Spirit's boldness in preaching and for Your Word to bear much fruit in peoples' lives. We pray that ministers may be mindful and watchful as faithful leaders of Christ's Church and that You may protect them in their living out of the Gospel in daily life. We pray also for the Church of Scotland as it seeks to engage with Scotland in a new and Biblical way and the consequent work of Presbyteries - in working with local congregations in challenging times, especially remembering The Presbytery of Glasgow. We remember the ongoing life

and witness of St Columba's Hillhead in working together to promote discipleship and mission in our local area. Especially we remember and pray for the congregation of Cumbernauld: Trinity as their building was recently destroyed in a fire. We pray that they would know God's peace and that even good might yet come. We pray that they would know Your love and the support of the wider Church.