

St. Nicholas Church Prayers November 2021

The heavens are yours, the earth yours also; you founded the world and all that is in it." Psalm 89:11



Prosper and encourage those whose work and vocation it is to preserve and conserve the earth's goodness.

As world leaders meet for COP26: Loving Lord we pray that you will place on the hearts of all leaders those who are most vulnerable to climate change.

In this month of Remembrance we pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away. Forgive us for ever glamorising war. Help us in our remembrance to commit to working for peace, for justice and for reconciliation. Help us never to forget the courage shown in war by both men and women, serving in so many different ways. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope.



Pray for the work of the Church of Scotland's HIV Programme and for all the project partners around the world. Help us never to grow weary of doing good in your name and of offering love to others, which we so readily receive from you. Help us to raise the voice of the voiceless and to always seek justice for those whose lives are so much harder than our own.

Continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan as they suffer extreme food shortages. We especially lift to you Lord the plight of mothers, their children and young women in this stricken country.

Lord you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those who are held in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with love: prisoners, their families and friends, prison staff, chaplains and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, to love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his spirit, now and every day. Amen. *(The Prisoner Week Prayer)*

Jesus said, "I was in prison and you visited me". During the pandemic lockdown, visits by family to those in prison were particularly difficult. The response of Crossreach's Prison Visitors' Support centres at Polmont and Perth prisons has been valued and appreciated in helping prisoners and their families maintain contact. Lord we pray for and give thanks for all the work of Crossreach across our land.



This is a time for looking back and remembering the birth of your son, light into our darkness; a time for looking forward and anticipating his coming again, as he returns to establish your kingdom and rule in your name; but above all a time for the present moment, for examining our lives, searching our hearts, exploring your word, and renewing our faith; a time for recognising more fully that Jesus is with us each moment of every day, now and always.

For your coming and coming again in Christ we thank you. Nick Fawcett Prayer)