

PRAYER DIARY FEBRUARY 2022

“You see our weakness , Lord;
our hearts are known to you:
give strength to every failing hand
and keep our footsteps true.”

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Dear Father God, we praise you for the tender mercy you show to us your children. Help us to know that we need not carry the burden of guilt for past wrong actions, but that we can come to you at any time to say we are sorry and to ask for your forgiveness.

Lord, as plans are formed, discussed and re-formed for the organization of church buildings, we ask that all concerned may be prayerfully guided in their deliberations . Help us to remember that you are our focus, ever present and unchanging, with plans which may surprise and delight us, even amidst the challenges.

We pray, Lord for the Presbytery of Aberdeen and Shetland and ask your blessing on the Presbytery Service which is held this month.

Loving Lord Jesus, we hold our Minister Maggie and her family in our prayers. Restore their strength which has had much demanded of it through the years. Grant them the comfort of happy memories and mutual support.

Lord God, we pray for the peace of our world. For every place where conflict and division make life a misery. For closed minds and hardened hearts. For bitter disputes between individuals to threatening military gestures between states. Jesus, prince of Peace, help us to be peacemakers, not only praying for peace, but working for peace in our daily lives.

We ask your blessing on our friend Amy Bender and her family as she is ordained this month after years of study, following where you have led. May the family find friendship and joy in their new parish, and may Amy be granted wisdom, stamina and enthusiasm as she takes up her first post as Minister of Word and Sacrament.

We confess, Lord that we are often impatient. Teach us to appreciate the importance of slowing down. May we pray more slowly and take time to read Scripture in a reflective way, without haste or a desire simply to get through a certain amount of content. May we also grow in patience with those whom we encounter each day.

Thank you, God of new beginnings for the turning of the year which brings longer days and the promise of spring. Bless families who are looking forward to the birth of a new baby or have recently welcomed a new life; but Lord we also ask your blessing on children born into difficult circumstances. Whatever these may be, surround them and those who care for them with your love.

We pray, Lord for Her Majesty the Queen as her Platinum Jubilee is reached this month, thanking you for her dedication to duty and for her steadfast example in following the way of Christ.

Dear Lord, we pray for the leaders of all nations throughout the world, asking that they may be guided by your Holy Spirit to act not out of self interest but with concern for those whom they govern and whose lives they have the power to influence.