

## Prayer for growth

Lord, we pray for the growth of our church, both spiritually and numerically. May your Holy Spirit move powerfully within our congregation, drawing new members to experience your love and grace. Help us to reach out to our community with the message of salvation and make disciples of all nations. Bless our efforts to expand your kingdom and transform lives. Amen.



Almighty God, into your hands we place our church of All Saints today, this immense tapestry of hopes and fears, possibility and challenge. Into Your hands we place our time, talents, and money, and ask that you may use them and us in ways that bring the brightness of faith, and the honesty of doubt, into a world where faith and doubt are real.

Open our minds and hearts to the graciousness we find in the words and actions of Jesus.

In the busy-ness, may we find quietness; in the quietness, may we find inspiration.

In our church, our charges, our region, our diocese and our province show us the pathways ahead, lead us on the ways you have already prepared.

Give us the vision to see them, and the humility to walk them, knowing that each and every step along that way, you yourself will walk with us.

Guide and guard us, that we may be the ones you have called to be the light in our world today. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Praying together at Noon or 6.00pm

Lord God,  
You have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Help us to take confidence in your promises that:

as we ask it will be given to us,  
as we seek we will find,  
as we knock the door will be opened to us.

Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be O Lord,  
a guiding star above me,  
a smooth path below me,  
a kindly shepherd behind me  
and a bright flame before me;  
today, tonight and forever. Amen.

*(prayer of St Columba)*



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH BEARSDEN



*This prayer sheet for our church focuses on some of the most important issues and concerns for the future we face as a church and community.*

*Pray in church or at home at any time, but you may like to pray together at noon and/or 6pm each day, wherever you are, perhaps lighting a candle to focus your thoughts.*

*These prayers and themes are offered as suggestions to be a springboard for your own prayers.*

## Prayers for our church

Father God, thank you for our church and its people. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our church may grow. Help us to see you in everyone we meet and fill our lives with your praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Be joyful  
in HOPE,  
patient  
in AFFLICTION  
faithful  
in PRAYER*

*Romans 12:12*

God of hope, in this moment, and in the days ahead, fill us with all joy and peace, as we trust in you, that we may overflow with hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our church of All Saints: in the ministry of word, prayer, praise and sacrament; in teaching, learning together, spiritual growth and pastoral care; in service to and working with the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway and North West Regional Council; in serving the community and those in need; in ecumenical fellowship, sharing and co-operation. We pray for all members of the congregation, that in their life and work they may advance your kingdom and bear witness to your love, shown in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Daily themes

Sunday	Our church / diocese looking ahead with hope and optimism
Monday	Children and young people; families
Tuesday	The elderly and vulnerable; residential and care homes
Wednesday	Our community, local businesses and societies
Thursday	Stewardship; finance; generous giving and living
Friday	Those with church roles; the Vestry; volunteers
Saturday	Our mission work

### **Sunday:** *Our church and diocese*

Give thanks for opportunities to pray together and individually, ask God to give us a heart for prayer and a passion for healing and wholeness, and ask God to be at work answering our prayers. Pray that we may walk the Way together with hope, joy and expectation. Pray for our Rector, David, and congregation. Pray for Bishop Nick and the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

### **Monday:** *Children and young people; families*

We pray for all our work with children and young people, for our planned activities, and for families in need and under pressure.

For ways to engage fully and imaginatively in the future and for creativity in our planning and in all we offer. For people in our church who can develop this work.

For the University, local schools and groups for young people. For uniformed organisations.

### **Tuesday:** *The elderly and vulnerable; residential homes*

We pray for older members of our community, especially those who are anxious and lonely and for ways of reaching out to them now and in the future. For our visiting scheme.

We pray for those who struggle through not being able to come to church and engage with others and for our ongoing pastoral response. Pray for all in local residential and care homes and staff.

### **Wednesday:** *Our community, local businesses and societies*

We pray for a renewed commitment to our common life together.

We pray for our local shops and businesses and for all facing an uncertain future.

We pray for our local Council, politicians, groups and societies and our relationships with them and other churches through individual links and the Association of Bearsden Churches.

### **Thursday:** *Stewardship and Generous Giving, Generous Living*

We pray that we may all be good stewards of our time, our talents and our treasure.



Give thanks for our treasurer, Tracey, and those managing our finances, especially as we address new realities and concerns and respond practically through our ongoing *Generous Giving, Generous Living* initiative.

Give thanks for one another and pray for our generosity in supporting the life and work of God's church through our regular giving of money, our time and our abilities and gifts.

Pray that we may be moved to give as we have received - abundantly, generously, and joyfully, that our common ministry may bear witness to God's unfailing grace.

### **Friday:** *All those with church roles and responsibilities; vacancies that need to be filled in volunteer posts*

We pray for those fulfilling important roles in our church and for vacancies arising on our Vestry and in other vital work.

We pray for people to come forward when terms of office come to an end.

Pray for our communications and for people with enthusiasm and interest to develop our outreach.

### **Saturday:** *Belonging, Believing, and Becoming*

We pray for fresh vision and new opportunities to share our faith:

- A place of welcome to all
- A place of reflection and spiritual refreshment for those within our congregation, visitors and pilgrims
- Social activities, fun and fellowship for all
- More use of church hall and engagement with outside groups
- Ecumenical activity
- Visibility and expressing our faith outside the church building
- Use of new technology and social media
- Care for the environment. That we may express our care for God's world in our worship and teaching; in how we look after our buildings and land; in how we engage with our local community and in global campaigns

***God before and God behind,  
For all that has been – thanks.  
For all that will be – Yes!***

*Lord, give us wisdom and understanding as we see you at work and grant us joy, love, and thankfulness as we remember the past, follow you in the present, and anticipate our future with you. Amen.*