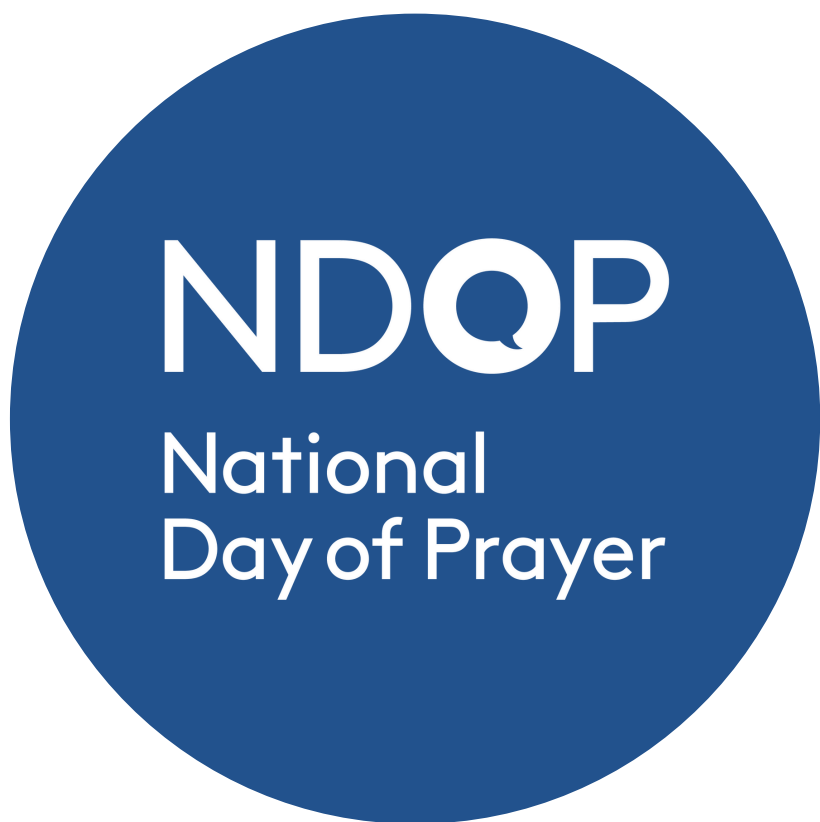




How to pray for Scotland



NDQP
National
Day of Prayer

**Wednesday 24th
November 2021**

Let's take this opportunity to unite in prayer for our nation. The Church Equipping group has gathered together some hints and tips to equip local congregations to pray for Scotland. These prayer points aren't exhaustive and we encourage you to add your own.

Pray about Covid-19







Continue to pray for the Coronavirus pandemic and its effects. Pray that the spread would cease. Pray for the healing of those who are ill and comfort to those who are grieving. Pray that health workers would be protected and sustained. Pray for those who have been made unemployed as a result of Covid-19, that they would be provided for. Pray that people would be drawn to the church, and most importantly the Gospel, in these days.








Prayer Points

The Church

-  Give thanks for how God has sustained his church throughout lockdown and for the new contacts which many churches have made online.
-  Pray for wisdom for the church in the public sphere. Pray that the church would engage with current affairs graciously and lovingly.
-  Pray for the work of church planting across Scotland and that the Lord would provide for the church's vision to plant 30 churches by 2030.
-  Pray for the work of church revitalisation across Scotland. Pray for the congregations on the Church Development Track.

The Nation's Leaders

-  Pray for the nation's leaders as they grapple with decisions regarding the Covid-19 pandemic.
-  Pray that the Lord would guide the government as they consider bills and laws which could directly affect Christians, e.g. the hate speech bill, bills addressing abortion and assisted dying and decisions on what is taught in Scottish schools.
-  Pray for Christians who work in politics, that the Lord would sustain them and bless their witness in the public eye.
-  Pray for the nation's leaders as they set out plans to battle climate change nationally and internationally. Pray that the climate crisis would be seen as a matter of urgency and that the church would be a model for caring for creation.
-  Pray for the nation as it feels the impact of Brexit, that there would be grace and peace rather than division and pain.



Injustices

We live in a world that is sick and broken because of sin. Take a moment to pray for the injustices which we see in our nation. Below are just a few examples of the many injustices in our society.



Pray for those who are living in poverty, that they would be seen and be cared for by the church and society. Pray for the work of charities and initiatives which are aimed to relieve poverty, such as food banks.



Pray for refugees and asylum seekers who continue to come to Scotland to flee wars, social deprivation and religious persecution. Pray that the Lord would bless the work of churches and charities among these people, remembering in particular Hong Kong Ready churches and those working with refugees from Afghanistan.



Pray for those across the nation who are homeless, living in temporary housing or living in shelters, that the Lord would bring them hope and restoration. Pray for charities and projects which work to battle homelessness, for example Bethany Christian Trust.



Pray for those who have been victims of racism in Scotland. Pray that racism would be recognised and fought by leaders and the church.

Pray for and with the young people in your church

The Church Equipping group has created resources to equip local congregations to pray for and with the young people in their communities. The resources can be found here: <https://freechurch.org/discipleship-resources/>. You can find resources for young people and the church; they are divided into the following age groups:

- Children
- Teenagers
- Young Adults

