

# PRAYER DIARY

June 2009

***“Never stop praying, especially for others. Always pray by the power of the Spirit. Stay alert and keep praying for God's people.”***

*Ephesians 6:18 (CEV)*

During June there is Bible verse or verses for you to consider or claim every day. We need to know what God says and promises us. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak into your heart, mind and spirit and then commit yourself and others to God's purposes and will. Please don't be reluctant to pray for your specific needs as well as praying for other people – God wants to bless you too!

And try to remember some of these verses – they will build you up and strengthen your faith. You'll also be able to share them with other people who may need encouragement if you remember them.

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### Remember the 3 P's:

- **Praise:** thanksgiving for all that has been accomplished and for the faithfulness of God
- **Petition:** means "formally request" or "implore". God doesn't get bored by our prayers!
- **Proclamation:** speak out the promises of God's word that are given every day

### And here's another 'P' for you

- **Persevere:** don't give up – see the verse on the front cover
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### Praying for National & Local Leadership

#### 1 June – Monday

**"Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good"** – Titus 3:1 (TNIV). As Christians we have a responsibility to act righteously and uphold justice. Pray for our local MP, Philip Dunne, that as our elected representative in Parliament he will act for everyone in this constituency and make wise decisions on our and the country's behalf when voting

#### 2 June – Tuesday

**"When a country is rebellious, it has many rulers, but a ruler with discernment and knowledge maintains order"** – Proverbs 28:2 (TNIV). Pray for the Prime Minister, Government Ministers and Opposition Leaders. At this time of crisis when confidence in Parliament is being tested, ask that God will give our leaders moral integrity. Pray too for the Queen and Royal Family

#### 3 June – Wednesday

**"For in him (Jesus) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him"** – Colossians 1:16 (TNIV). This puts a whole new viewpoint on how we see local and national government – those in authority are actually put there by God and for Him. Pray for our new Mayor (Mac Griffiths) and Deputy Mayor (Val Gill) as they lead the Town Council

#### 4 June – Thursday

**"Pray for kings and others in power, so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives as we worship and honour God"** – 2 Timothy 2:2 (NCV). Local & European elections take place today – so ask God for wisdom how you should vote and for His will to be done. Ask that those elected will act work co-operatively and seek justice and fairness

#### 5 June – Friday

**"Rulers are a threat to evil people, not to good people. There is no need to be afraid of the authorities. Just do right, and they will praise you for it."** – Romans 13:3 (NCV). A good friend of mine (an ex-policeman) is convinced that 'rulers' in this verse means the police force. Ask God to help you today to be law abiding and pray for our local Police Officers and Community Support Officers

#### 6 June – Saturday

**"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms"** – Ephesians 6:12 (TNIV). There are spiritual rulers and authorities that seek to thwart God's purposes. Pray for discernment in understanding how you can stand your ground in life's battles against these forces of evil

#### 7 June – Sunday

**"Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are**

**accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit**" – Hebrews 13:17 (NLT). Pray for our church Leadership Team, local church leaders and those with national and international responsibilities in leading the church. We need wisdom and support – ask how you can help

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### Praying for protection, peace and power

#### 8 June – Monday

**"God is our protection and our strength. He always helps in times of trouble"** – Psalm 46:1 (NCV). Life isn't always easy – we're not immune from problems but God is always there, always willing to help. But we have to ask. Tell Him what the issues are for you today or if you don't have any pressing difficulties, pray for someone you know who does have a specific need.

#### 9 June – Tuesday

**"So don't worry, because I am with you. Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you; I will support you with my right hand that saves you"** – Isaiah 41: 10 (NCV). This verse is for YOU today. Claim it as you bring any fears or apprehensions before God. He promises to be with you, strengthen, support and save you. Believe it!

#### 10 June – Wednesday

**"Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"** – Philippians 4: 6-7 (NCV). God is a worry-buster and a peace-provider. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you something specific you can pray for yourself or someone else – then see what happens!

#### 11 June – Thursday

**"Christ gives me the strength to face anything"** – Philippians 4: 13 (CEV). Is this really true for you or do you need today to ask God for His mighty power to be at work in you? If so, ask and then believe He will give you the strength!

#### 12 June – Friday

**"But in all . . . things we are completely victorious through God who showed his love for us"** – Romans 8: 37 (NCV). Today is the start of the Angus Buchan Men's Conference. Pray for the 20+ men from our church going – that they will recognise who they are in Christ living victoriously as "more than conquerors"

#### 13 June – Saturday

**"If God is for us, no one can defeat us"** – Romans 8:31b (NCV) Continue to pray for the men on the Angus Buchan Conference

#### 14 June – Sunday

**"He gives strength to those who are tired and more power to those who are weak"** – Isaiah 40:29 (NCV). As you come to church today pray that you will be strengthened and empowered for God's service – today and everyday. Pray that you will be a source of strength and encouragement for others too

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### Praying for the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5: 22-23)

#### 15 June – Monday

**"But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . love."** Pray for increasing love in your life for God, for yourself and for others. Specifically pray for your family and friends

#### 16 June – Tuesday

**"But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . joy."** Joy is different to happiness – deep joy can only be found in relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Ask for it today

#### 17 June – Wednesday

**"But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . peace."** Inner peace comes from God so let the peace of God rule your heart (Colossians 3: 15). We have to work for peace and be peacemakers – where and how are the ways you can do that?

## 18 June – Thursday

***"But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . patience."*** This can be a tough one for many of us. Ask God for His help when the difficulties arise and the temptation is there to 'lose your cool'

## 19 June – Friday

***"But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . kindness."*** Is there an act of kindness you can do for someone today? Ask for an opportunity or thank God for one that came your way and you responded

## 20 June – Saturday

***"But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . goodness."*** This actually means 'moral uprightness' and involves integrity and acting with politeness and courtesy even when someone attacks you. Where can you improve in this area?

## 21 June – Sunday

***"But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . faithfulness."*** We have a faithful God – praise Him today as we come to fellowship with each other for His faithfulness and ask that we will emulate Him

## 22 June – Monday

***"But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . gentleness."*** Ask for a gentle and humble spirit to be a hallmark of your character so that others will see Christ in you

## 23 June – Tuesday

***"But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . self-control."*** I sometimes wonder if the reason this is last fruit is because if we managed to achieve all the others, it would be a natural outcome. But pray that this fruit will increase in all of our lives especially when we are tempted to react badly to circumstances around us

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### Praying for church activities

## 24 June – Wednesday

***"Open your homes to each other, without complaining"*** – 1Peter 4:9 (NCV). Pray for the midweek groups – Homegroups; Men's Group; Men's Supper Club; Inspired & Connection for ladies and 2030

## 25 June – Thursday

***"Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive"*** – Titus 3: 14 (NLT). The Visiting Team, Handicraft Group, Toddlers, Childminders Drop-in and Open House are examples of providing care in our community as is The Bridge and the Children's Festival. Pray for these activities and their leaders

## 26 June – Friday

***"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him"*** – Psalm 127:3 (NLT). We have a wonderful group of children and young people – pray for Crusaders, Spectrum, Rainbows and Raindrops

## 27 June – Saturday

***"Jesus said to his followers, 'Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone'"*** – Mark 16:15 (NCV). Thompson & Glenda Nwosu will be with us tomorrow – pray for their preparation and sharing

## 28 June – Sunday

***"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere"*** – James 3:17 (TNIV). As church members meet tonight ask that we will be wise in decisions we make and listen to the Holy Spirit

## 29 June – Monday

***"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!"*** – Isaiah 52:7 (NLT). Pray for the activities of those we support in mission: Willowdene; Ian & Elaine Campbell; Patrick & Deb Bryan and Baptist Home Mission

## 30 June – Tuesday

***"With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine"*** – Ephesians 3: 20 (NCV). Thank God He's done even more than you've asked for in prayer this month!