

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH EAST & NORTHERN ISLES

PRAYER POINTS – SEPTEMBER 2025

Please use these 'Points' in personal prayer,
but also encourage their use in church services/meetings, study & prayer groups

A Simple Prayer

Loving Lord Jesus,
I humbly ask that you would ...

Purify my heart,
Renew my mind,
Sanctify my imagination, and
Enlarge my soul.
Amen

*I think it would be good to stay with this prayer
for a while. - Richard Foster*

God of love,

whose compassion never fails,
we bring before you the trouble and perils
of people and nations,
the sighing of prisoners and captives,
the sorrows of the bereaved,
the necessities of strangers,
the helplessness of the weak,
the despondency of the weary,
the failing powers of the aged.
O Lord, draw near to each,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

St Anselm (1033-1109)

How lovely that God gives us the gift of prayer for use in our one-to-one personal time with Jesus, but also to 'discuss' matters concerning the whole world of people and nations who so need our mighty God of Love. How amazing that St Anselm's nearly 1000 year old prayer is still apt and usable in our public worship today! *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* Hebrews 13: 8.

Dear Father God, may we be humble enough to stay with the 'Simple Prayer' awhile. And may we be compassionate (and trusting) enough to 'stay with' Anselm's prayer for troubled people and nations, whom, sadly, we still see on our TV screens and around our parishes in our day. We pray especially for the many in NENI who are 'signed off' with long term illness and those navigating life-changing situations, marriage, retirement, no job, new job or family responsibilities. Be 'all-in-all' to each one.

Aberdeen Hillside

Rev Edson Duque Ord Ind 2024; Elder: Elaine Mitchell; S Clerk: Rhona Paterson

Aberdeen St Machar's Cathedral (united with St Mary's 29 June 2025)

Rev Sarah Brown Ord 2012 Ind 2021; Elder: Sheila Cameron; S Clerk: Alan Grant.

St Mary's S Clerk was Sheila Ogden.

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Int Mod: Ruth Mackenzie [Peterhead New]; Elder: Graeme Bruce; Session Clerk: Jane Smith

1. We give **thanks for new folks** coming along and playing an active role in the life of the congregation. We pray that through them, others might be drawn in, particularly young families
2. We pray for the **small Bible Study group, just begun**, that they will have their faith deepened as they pour over the scriptures together.
3. We pray for **those, whose increasing frailty prevents them from attending the church in which they have worshipped all their days.**

Buckie North & Rathven

Rev Dr Jaco Boonzaaier Ord 1996 Ind 2021; Elder and S Clerk: Kathryn Cowie

Huntly Cairnie Glass

Rev Thomas Calder Ord 1994 Ind 1994; Elder: S Clerk:

Insch-Lesley-Premnay-Oyne

Rev Ian Manson Ord 1989 Ind 2024; Elder: Angela Aitken; S Clerk: Susan Donald

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Int Mod Rev Brian Smith (West Mearns); Elder: Lesley Adamson; S Clerk: Alison Duncan

Macduff

Int Mod: Rev Stephen Potts (Auchterless & Auchaber); Elder: Mike McDonald; S Clerk: Andrew Simpson

Monquhitter & New Byth with TURRIFF ST ANDREW'S

Int Mod Rev Aileen McFie (Maud & Savoch with New Deer St Kane's); Elder: Audrey Whyte;
S Clerk: Douglas Connon

Mortlach & ROTHES (Recently united)

Int Mod Rev Dr Jaco Boonzaaier (Buckie North & Rathven); Elder: Sheila Brumby; S Clerk: Catherine Morgan

NB The Prayer Promotion Group have not always picked up where churches have united, have new names or have recently inducted ministers and/or new elders and office-bearers. Our apologies! Let us trust the Holy Spirit to use our prayers for 'old' names and situations to bless those who have retired and those who have stepped up to the plate and are finding their way in new unions and duties in church groups and Presbytery.

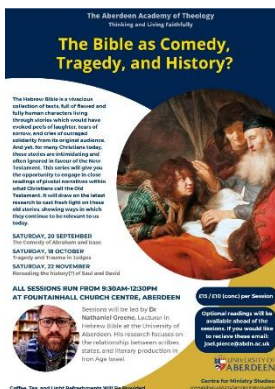
Father God, help us to be generous, faithful and patient in praying for our fellow presbyters and their congregations, our brothers and sisters in your Family. Lord, it would be easy for us to feel overwhelmed and just shut down. Please make, and keep, our hearts as open channels for your extravagant love to pour through to those we hold before you.



Sat 6 Sep RechargePLUS - ecumenical conference to refresh, equip, nourish and inspire those in ministry, paid and volunteer. bit.ly/RechargePLUS25.

Eternal Father, we pray for all our Ministers and ministers, especially those overstretched, ill or 'empty' that they may find sources of refreshment, rest and healing through days like these, as well as directly from you.

Fri 5 – Sun 7 Sep 24//7 Prayer event, Elgin St Giles' Church. *Thank you, Lord, for every encouragement and impetus to prayer within NENI. Thank you for every praying person and prayer group in any and every church throughout the region. We sense you are on the move, mighty God. Help us to listen and obey, being very aware that without you, we can do absolutely nothing of eternal value.*



Aberdeen Academy of Theology Sessions

20 Sep, 18 Oct, and 22 Nov - Dr Nathaniel Greene, Lecturer in Hebrew Bible at University of Aberdeen will lead participants through close readings of texts from Genesis, Judges, and 1 & 2 Samuel, looking at the ways these stories reveal the full and flawed humanity of their participants and force us to ask questions about the human condition more generally.

Lord, thank you for these 'miners' of the Bible who can dig up deep truths from your eternal Word to enlighten and challenge us. We can never come to an end of studying your worth and wisdom or learning to discern your mind and will through the Bible!

Youthscape Essentials training course Tue evenings 19 Aug – 4 Nov. *God, please bless & encourage Matt and all who attend wanting to learn how to share the Good News with young people in a better way.*

World Suicide Prevention Day – 10 Sep North East Suicide Prevention Team: *We know that talking about suicide is the best way to stop it happening. In tackling stigma, every effort counts.*

Compassionate God, draw close to all in despair and all who work to alleviate that despair and bring eternal hope & healing. Strengthen CrossReach Counselling service in Moray & provide for their needs.