

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH EAST & NORTHERN ISLES PRAYER POINTS –  
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026

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

Please pray for the following congregations over the course of the months:

Aberdeen, St Stephens  
Aberdeen, Springfield  
Banff  
New Deer, St. Kane's  
Bennachie  
Foveran

Arbuthnott, Bervie & Kineff  
Stonehaven Fetteresso  
Aberlour  
Orkney Islands

Loving God, we lift to you these worshipping communities. In times of transition support and empower these congregations to share your love and your word with the world. Be with them in building work, physically & spiritually, and in mission. We pray for interim moderators and for calls to be heard and sustained across the communities in NENI.

Particular prayers for **THE GUILD**, for Dedication Services, and for Future Planning

Lord Jesus, help us to fix our eyes on you as we enter into your awesome presence. Remove all distractions from our minds as we give this time in our day over to you. We praise and glorify your name, O Lord Our God. We thank you that you love us unconditionally and that you care for us. Nothing compares to your power and your glory. We thank you for the Guild, and all that it means for many. We thank you for worship and fellowship and all of the work the Guild does in your name. We pray for your guidance as Guild years get underway in their programming. We pray for future direction, and for the continuing mission of the Guild, particularly your call to young people through LiFT. Bless the work of these groups in sharing your Word. Amen

Prayers for **CREATION TIME**



Loving God, we pray actively hoping for your creation renewal, help us to consider ourselves as part of creation rather than above or beyond it. As many congregations across the parishes are celebrating the harvest, we pray along with brothers and sisters in other faith communities during this season of Creation that we may appreciate and care for this remarkable planet we have been gifted.

God of hope,

Bless all people and embrace us with your abundant grace for working together in the journey to heal the earth.

We pray for your wisdom, sympathy and creativity to take meaningful actions with a shared vision for the common good of all creation. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

*By Naw Ohnmar Shwe, Gaia Organization, Myanmar.<sup>1</sup>*

Prayers for **STAFF**

We pray for our **presbytery staff**, for the **recruitment of individuals particularly suited to the role of mission and our accounts**. May these posts complement the wonderful work done by the current staff. Be with **Stella and the conveners of committees** as we aim to attend to the missional purposes of the church.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/climate-prayers>

### **REGIONAL GATHERING - SAT 3 OCT**

Our prayers are lifted for the **REGIONAL GATHERING day across Moray**, to be held in **Findochty Church** on **Sat 3 Oct**. May feelings of connection and understanding be shared by those who attend, and may they spread that knowledge to others in their churches.

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN SCOTLAND - SAT 24 OCT**

**Fountainhall Church at the Cross Aberdeen, 10 am – 12 noon**

Joy Gillespie, the Chief Executive Officer of SOHTIS ([Survivors of Human Trafficking in Scotland](#)) will give us a Scottish perspective on human trafficking.. In-person & Online. If you are intending to join us in Aberdeen or need the online link, please email Mary Cranfield at [mcranfield@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:mcranfield@churchofscotland.org.uk)

God of freedom & Justice, we don't like to be faced up with unpalatable truths about human trafficking and modern slavery. But thank you for those who are grappling with these difficult issues. Bless this meeting and all who attend, in person or online, with knowledge and the wisdom to apply it in their own parishes as it applies to them. Keep our eyes and our hearts open to the realities of our world and also your Spirit's power to make a difference.

### **Church of Scotland PRAYER DAY – SAT 31 OCT**

#### **Light in the Darkness**

We pray for the upcoming **prayer day throughout Church of Scotland**.

May congregations embrace prayer across Scotland, *“praying for the light of Jesus to transform our Church, our communities across Scotland, and the places around the world where the Church worships and serves.”*

A prayer from the resource for the day:

*God of hope, when we look at the darkness around us, keep us from despair. When we hear stories of suffering, keep us from indifference. When we face things we cannot change, teach us to trust you. And when we see places where your light is already shining, give us eyes to recognise your work. May hope rise. May justice grow. May peace come. And may the light of Christ shine into every place of darkness. Amen.*

### **BLESSING**

May you be blessed by the God of Autumn who opens your eyes  
to the glorious colours of tree and bush and sky  
May your heart be open to the colours of God's love and care for you.  
May you learn the lesson of letting go into God's desire for you.  
May you be a companion to those who are in the autumn of life  
And may your own changing years be filled with the glow of God's glory.  
May the blessing of Autumn be yours

-Maxine Shonk, OP