



National Day of Prayer 2025

Prayer points

Praying for the Nation

General

- Pray for wisdom, compassion and integrity in our national life as we look toward the 2026 Scottish election, giving thanks for those MSPs who are stepping down and asking that the next generation of representatives will uphold what is good and resist what is evil, in line with God's purpose for governing authority (Romans 13:4).
- Pray for the work of our Public Engagement Coordinator (Rev. Stephen Allison) and the Public Engagement Group, that the Church's voice in national life would be wise, gracious and courageous.

Assisted Suicide

- Pray that Liam McArthur's Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill will be rejected at Stage 3, that Scotland would affirm life and protects its most vulnerable at the end of life. Also pray that Kim Leadbeater's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill in Westminster will not succeed.
- Pray for all who provide compassionate care, comfort and support to those who suffer, especially those involved in palliative care, pastoral ministry and advocacy for people facing terminal illness or chronic pain; give thanks for Christian healthcare professionals and chaplains who uphold the sanctity of life and serve with grace and compassion. Ask that our politicians would commit greater resources to palliative care throughout Scotland.

Other Current Issues

- Proposed Ban on "Conversion Practices" – Pray that those shaping legislation at Westminster will listen carefully to the concerns raised by Christian leaders and parents, ensuring that parental guidance and faithful pastoral care are protected, and pray that Civil Servants in Scotland working on similar proposals will take seriously the issues highlighted through consultation responses.
- Pray that MSPs will support Ash Regan's "Unbuyable Bill" so that those exploited in prostitution and trafficking receive greater protection and are offered real pathways to freedom and give thanks for the organisations already working to help women escape prostitution and rebuild their lives.

Praying for the Church

Training

- Give thanks for the strength of our Minister-in-Training programme, and for all at ETS and in our training churches who labour to equip the next generation of gospel workers.



- Pray for the Board of Ministry as it seeks to develop both a Women's Worker in Training programme and a foundation level 'Ministry Apprentice' programme for the Free Church.
- Pray for Bob Akroyd as he settles into his work as the new Director of Training.

Ministry

- Pray that every Free Church Minister will keep a close watch on both their life and their doctrine, setting the believers a faithful example in all things.
- Ask the Lord to strengthen all Ministers to keep preaching his word faithfully, in season and out of season.
- Ask the Lord to protect and bless the families of all our Ministers and give them joy in their service of him.
- Pray that God would establish healthy gospel churches in every community across our nation. Ask that as a denomination we would be a discipling people, equipping leaders and encouraging one another, so that the gospel would flourish in every place.

Recruitment

- Pray that God will give all his people a deep desire to abound in the work of the Lord. (1 Cor 15:58)
- Pray that God will lay it on the hearts of some to serve him full-time as Ministers of the gospel / women's workers / children's workers / evangelists.
- Plead with the Lord to raise up 200 new Ministers for the Free Church by 2043.

Prayer for our Rural Churches

- Give thanks to God for the establishment and work of the Centre for Rural Ministry, and for those who labour to support, equip, and encourage ministers, elders, and congregations across rural communities. Please pray for Ivor MacDonald as he leads this work, that the Lord would strengthen and equip him to serve these congregations.
- Praise God for the faithful witness of rural congregations — for their perseverance. Do pray for great wisdom as the centre works alongside these congregations to encourage the people in each place to trust God for great things.
- Pray that the development of the Centre's resources and training would be of great blessing to Rural Communities and Churches. Please pray for God's wisdom to be with the team.



Church planting

Give thanks for new and growing church plants

- Give thanks for new gospel communities being established across Scotland - for planters, their families, and the congregations supporting them. Praise God for signs of faith taking root and for growth within local communities. This year, Garioch and Gilmerton have been commissioned as new plants, while Tornagrain and Haddington Community Church become fully sanctioned charges - wonderful milestones to celebrate. Pray too for our church plants in Merkinch, Govan, and Charleston - each serving in communities with unique challenges and opportunities. Ask that God would strengthen and sustain them in every good work.

Pray for workers and opportunities

- Pray that the Lord would raise up new church planters, elders, and teams to reach towns, cities, and villages still without a strong gospel witness. Ask for open doors and fruitful partnerships that will help the work flourish. Remember those already serving in small or pioneering contexts - that they would know encouragement, endurance, and joy in the midst of the pressures of ministry. Pray also for Wick, where there is a desire to plant but no leader yet, asking that God would provide in His good time.

Pray for provision and gospel renewal

- Pray for the practical needs of planting, for the finances - for salaries, venues, manses, and resources that enable mission, and volunteers required to keep the work moving forward. Give thanks for God's faithfulness in providing so far and ask for continued generosity and wisdom in stewardship. Above all, pray for spiritual renewal across our nation: that the 30x30 vision would be more than a target, but a movement where the Gospel is transforming hearts and communities. Ask that many in Scotland would come to know Jesus, and that the Church would be strengthened with confidence in the gospel, and that His Word would bear fruit in every corner of our nation - from the islands and highlands to our towns and cities.

Praying for our Youth and Young People

Free Church Youth Camps (FCYC) are weeklong residential camps for young people. Camps are run almost entirely by dedicated volunteer leaders, cooks, drivers, and chaperones (to name a few!). This summer we had over 150 volunteers and around 350 young people involved.

- Praise God for the hundreds of young people who came to FCYC 2025, and who had a chance to hear God's word, meet other Christians, and have fun. Thank God for the many blessings we saw at camp as people shared their faith and grew in love for God.
- Pray that God would continue to use camp grow his kingdom, and for the planning of FCYC 2026.
- Give thanks for the signs of spiritual renewal emerging among young people, in *The Quiet Revival* study — which points to a quiet but significant openness to faith,

Scripture, and spiritual meaning among Gen Z. Please pray that this would prove true in our denomination, that many in Gen Z would come to find their identity, hope, and peace in Christ alone. Ask that the Lord would equip the Church to meet this generation with the hope of the gospel.

- Pray for the ongoing youth ministries and remits within the Free Church — for those tasked with discipling, resourcing, and equipping young people across our congregations. Ask the Lord to grant wisdom and unity to those leading this vital work, that all efforts would be Christ-centred, biblically grounded, and fruitful in forming lifelong followers of Jesus.

Pray for the World:

- Glasgow has the highest Muslim population of any city in Scotland, 8%. Pray for those speaking to them about the good news that Jesus is more than a prophet. He is the Saviour.
- Less than 0.5% of Turkish people identify as Christians. Pray for believers who translate good books to help believers in their discipleship and in their witness to others.
- It is believed that there are less than 500 Christians left in Gaza. They live in unimaginable conditions. Pray for them in their distress and also their brothers and sisters in Israel. People of peace caught up in war.
- Pray for Free Church people working in church planting and theological education throughout Southeast Asia and even in the broader East Asia area. Borders are becoming more defined and less easy to cross but the Holy Spirit ignores human limitations.
- Pray for our mission partners and those connected with our denomination, who are serving on the front lines of God's work in Southeast Asia, Cambodia, Greece, India, Nepal, Peru, Poland, South Africa and Turkey. Pray for their ongoing protection — physical, emotional, and spiritual — that the Lord would guard and sustain them in every circumstance.
May the Lord use their faithful service to make His name known across the nations and draw many to Himself.

Engage 2026

Engage 2026 is a national prayer initiative calling every believer to commit to praying for those who do not yet know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

We can all identify ten people in our lives who need to hear the good news of Jesus; they may be family, friends, colleagues, neighbours, and even people we struggle with.

If 1 person prays for 10 people, then 10,000 people in the Free Church could pray for 100,000 in Scotland every day.

Engage 2026 seeks to support the development of a long-term culture of mission, grounded in prayer that honours God and support our vision to see “A Healthy Gospel Church for Every Community in Scotland.” More information coming soon!