

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

On behalf of the churches that we serve across Scotland, we warmly commend the Call to a National Day of Prayer*, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and invite people of faith across our nation, to join in prayerful solidarity with this witness.

The invitation is to light a candle** at 7pm this Sunday, 22nd March, in the window of our homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, the source of hope in this life.

We offer a prayer to use when lighting your candle:

For all that is good in life, thank you,
For the love of family and friends, thank you,
For the kindness of good neighbour and Samaritan stranger, thank you.

May those who are vulnerable, hungry or homeless, experience support,
May those who are sick, know healing,
May those who are anxious or bereaved, sense comfort.

Bless and guide political leaders and decision-makers, with wisdom,
Bless and guide health workers and key workers, with strength and well-being,
Bless and guide each one of us, as we adapt to a new way of living.

And may the light shining from our windows,
across road and wynd, glen and ben, kyle and isle,
be reflected in our hearts and hands and hopes.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Rt. Rev. Colin Sinclair, Moderator of the General Assembly, Church of Scotland.

Most Rev. Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Roman Catholic Church.

Most Rev. Mark Strange, Primus, on behalf of the College of Bishops, Scottish Episcopal Church.

Rev. John Fulton, Moderator, United Free Church of Scotland.

Rev. Dr David Pickering, Moderator, United Reformed Church National Synod of Scotland

Rev. Martin Hodson, General Director, Baptist Union of Scotland.

Rev. Mark Slaney, District Chair, Methodist Church (Scotland)

Ms. Adwoa Bittle, Clerk to General Meeting for Scotland, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Rev. May-Kane Logan, Chair, Congregational Federation in Scotland.

Rev. Jim Ritchie, District Superintendent, British Isles North District, Church of the Nazarene.

Pastor Chris Gbenle, Provincial Pastor, Province of Scotland, Redeemed Christian Church of God.

Lt. Col. Carol Bailey, Secretary for Scotland, Salvation Army.

* <https://www.cte.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=569010>

****Safety Note:** Please take all necessary fire precautions when using a lit candle. Ensure you remain with the lit candle at all times, and do not leave it to burn if you leave the room. Ensure there are no fabrics or materials such as curtains near the candle. If you are able to use a small electric 'candle' instead, that will be safe to leave unattended.