

## St. John's and St. Columba's Pray Together

Let us pray for one another and for the world during this difficult time ...

### Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>

*'My people, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not rejected you."'* Isaiah 41.

We pray .. for the congregation of St. Ninian, Glenurquhart.  
.. for each other, that we may rejoice in the privilege of being children of God.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son; grant that we who are baptised into his name may give up our lives to your service, and be found worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>

*'As John preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will change your life. I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism—a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit—will change you from the inside out."'* Mark 1.



We pray .. for older people who feel they have no one to turn to for help.

... for staff and patients in Raigmore Hospital.

We praise you, O God, that the light of Christ shines amid the darkness of our world, and the darkness has not overcome it; and we pray that his light may shine more and more into our own lives, illuminating our minds with the knowledge of the truth, and enabling us to walk in the way of holiness and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>

*'Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvellous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name for ever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.'* Psalm 72.

We pray ... for the First Minister and Prime Minister in their decision-making.



... for young people who are bullied on social media.

We acknowledge your greatness, O Lord. You are the everlasting God, the mighty Creator, the King of the universe, supreme over all. May the thought of your greatness enter deeply into our hearts, to enlarge our vision of you, to enrich our worship of you, to increase our faith in you. You are great indeed, O Lord, and highly to be praised. Amen.

### Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup>

*'Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.'*

We pray ... for countries where press freedom is curtailed.

... for staff in our local surgery.

God our Father, deliver us from evil: not only the evil in our own hearts, but the evil in the world today. The evil of unjust governments and tyrannical regimes; the evil of religious intolerance and racial strife; the evil of war and the slaughter of countless innocent lives;

the evil of organised crime, terrorism, and drug-trafficking; the evil of world poverty in a world of abundant wealth. Deliver us, O God, from all such evil, and let your Kingdom come and your will be done on earth, for the glory of your name. Amen.

### **Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup>**

*'I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!'* Gal. 2.

We pray .. for children who are being home-schooled – and their parents.

... for initiatives to help those who have little or no income.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation. You have rescued us from darkness, you have released us from fear, you have redeemed us from death, you have made us your children. We worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



### **Friday January 15<sup>th</sup>**

*'If my people would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways, how quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes!'* Psalm 81.

We pray ... for a deeper prayerfulness in our nation.

... for those dealing with new Brexit regulations in their businesses.

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days we turn our hearts to you.

In ages past you have delivered our nation from disaster. Do it again we pray. Give Wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders. Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers. Give comfort beyond human comfort to children and the elderly and all who grieve. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and heal our land.

### **Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup>**

*'For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.'* John 3.

We pray ... for those who are particularly vulnerable or isolated.

... for those organising the distribution of the Covid vaccine.

May the Father bless us with wisdom in our words. May the Son bless us with compassion in our actions. May the Spirit bless us with joy in our service. May God the Father, Son and Spirit, bless us now and always. Amen.

