

SU SCOTLAND DAY OF PRAYER

# A FAITHFUL GOD... A HUMBLE RESPONSE

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## PRAYER GUIDE PART 1

Prayer is one of SU Scotland's key anchors and we are very grateful for your partnership with us in prayer. We have chosen 2 Chronicles 7:14 as our key Bible verse.

*If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

The context of this passage is that the Lord God is speaking to Solomon following his solemn, heartfelt prayer at the dedication of the temple in 2 Chronicles 6. If you have time, please do read chapter 6! 2 Chronicles 7:14 is God's response to Solomon, after some significant events in verses 1-13. Let's explore these verses, allowing them to guide our prayers.

### Section 1: The glory of the Lord (2 Chronicles 7:1-3)

When Solomon finished praying, fire fell from heaven, consuming the offerings. The glory of the Lord filled the temple. The Lord's presence was so overwhelming, the priests couldn't enter. The people fell down in awe and wonder, proclaiming, '**The Lord is good; his love endures forever**'. What a wonderful response to our faithful God.

- Read **Psalm 136**, reflecting on God's unchanging faithfulness and love.
- Visit [suscotland.org.uk/dop](https://suscotland.org.uk/dop) and watch the **Video Testimonies**.
- Declare throughout today: '**The Lord is good; his love endures forever**'.

SU Scotland's desire is to light up Scotland one young life at a time, increasing the percentage of young people having an opportunity to explore the Bible and respond to the significance of Jesus. Our vision is to grow our reach from 5% to 10% of Scotland's young people by 2027. We have experienced God's faithfulness in so many ways this past year as we have sought to fulfil this vision.

- **Give thanks:** We are nearing 9%, with a year to go. Pray for continued growth.
- **Give thanks for:**
  - schools welcoming SU Groups and Bible Alive;
  - a rising hunger for God's Word in children and young people;
  - new resources, such as the SU Scotland YouVersion Bible Reading plan and Source, a Bible reading tool ([suscotland.org.uk/resources](https://suscotland.org.uk/resources));
  - new online groups – there are now 8 including Bible Study, Music, Creative Writing, Tabletop Gaming, Role Play, two Video Gaming Groups and Equip Online;
  - growth and development in the Ministry at the Margins team (staff; resources; residentials and training).
- **Pray that more and more young people will discover that the Lord is good and that his love endures forever.**

## Section 2: God's fame spreads (2 Chronicles 7:4–10)

Overwhelmed by God's presence and glory, the people gathered in joyful worship, singing, sacrificing and celebrating. With humility they declared, '**His love endures forever.**'

**Pause and give thanks** for the ultimate sacrifice – Jesus Christ. Because of his death and resurrection, we no longer have to offer sacrifices. Hallelujah!

**Reflect** on God's faithfulness; respond to him with humility, confessing sin and asking for forgiveness.

There was a national celebration, with exuberant worship (v6), costly giving (v7), joyful community celebrations (v8–10), and God's fame spreading far and wide (v10).

What stories would they have shared of God's faithfulness? What stories can **you** share?

The passage guides us to pray for:

- **Exuberant worship (v6)** – Pray for revival to visit Scotland again. For young people to truly encounter God's presence at all SU events.
- **Generous giving (v7)** – Give thanks for God's faithfulness. Pray for wise stewardship and continued provision.
- **Community celebration (v8–10)** – Praise God for shared joy at SU Holidays, Missions, Magnitude & Worship Nights, COMMISSION events, SU Groups, Spotlight, Equip, online groups, and at our centres and sites.
  - Pray for wisdom around developing community missions (e.g. e-sports).
  - Lift up to God a specific priority community, well known for the impact of its poverty. Pray for children and young people to encounter Jesus in that place.
  - Pray for the growth of Local Ministry Hubs across the country, 800 new first-time bookings for SU Holidays, and for deepening partnership with churches and other Christian organisations.
- **God's fame spreads (v10)** – Pray that young people will become disciples who make disciples. Pray for:
  - Pupil Leaders;
  - for the impact of Missions and Local Ministry Hubs on communities around Scotland;
  - for wisdom around potential increased numbers of young people at SU Holidays, Magnitude, Equip, and COMMISSION events.

## Section 3: God speaks! (2 Chronicles 7:11–15)

God spoke in response to Solomon's obedience and his heartfelt prayer in 2 Chronicles 6:12–40. Solomon humbly knelt before the assembly, hands lifted to heaven, repeatedly pleading, '**Hear from heaven and forgive**'. Fire fell from heaven; God spoke. Read again God's answer to Solomon in 2 Chronicles 7:11–14:

***I have heard your prayer... (When disaster comes) If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.***

This was God's invitation to Solomon and the people. This is God's same invitation to us, today: to humble ourselves, to turn from sin, to pray and to seek him with all of our hearts, souls, strength and minds.

**Pray:** Lord, we humble ourselves before you. Forgive our sin. Heal our land. Let your name be honoured in every school, community, and family. For your glory, Amen.

The whole assembly gathered to pray. There is something powerful about united prayer. **Prayer Guide – Part 2** contains a corporate prayer that you might like to pray at a prayer meeting or pray out loud in your own home. Find it on our website – [suscotland.org.uk/dop](https://suscotland.org.uk/dop).

**We hope you have been blessed by spending time with God and interceding on our behalf. If you sense God saying something to SU Scotland, please do share it with us – [pray@suscotland.org.uk](mailto:pray@suscotland.org.uk). Thank you!**