



SU Scotland

Day of Prayer

Wednesday, 18 January 2017

Our vision at SU Scotland is to see the children and young people of Scotland exploring the Bible and responding to the significance of Jesus.

Prayer Topics

Thank you for joining with us in prayer for the ministry of SU Scotland and for Scotland's children and young people. Your partnership in prayer is invaluable. Below are some suggested topics for prayer. Do pray as the Spirit leads.

Praise!

We are immensely grateful for God's continued faithfulness to us. We saw God at work in so many ways in 2016. **Give thanks for**

- his provision for us, materially and financially, in order to sustain and grow ministry with a staff team of over 100
- volunteers who willingly and sacrificially gave to serve in so many ways
- stories of lives changed as children and young people explored the Bible and became convinced about Jesus
- a small increase in numbers to SU Holidays and imaginative new events (Voice, Coder Camp, Messy Family weekend) as well as missions across the country
- a continuing openness towards SU Scotland in Scottish schools and consistently high return school visits to our centres at Alltnacriche and Lendrick Muir.

We take none of the above for granted. We need God's mercy and his favour, his direction and guidance as we move forward into 2017. In this 150th anniversary year of Scripture Union, we depend upon God more than ever.

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.
Philippians 2:14

Leadership, Vision and Goal

- **Pray** that SU Scotland would remain true to its vision of helping children and young people explore the Bible and respond to the significance of Jesus
- **Pray** for protection, wisdom and anointing for godly leadership on SU Scotland's Leadership Team – Andy Bathgate (Chief Exec), Phil Wray (Director, National Ministries), Robin MacLellan (Director, Residential & Resources), Jackie Ringan (Director, Development).
- SU Scotland's goal for the next 3 years is to **grow the team. Pray** that God's Spirit enables this goal to be fulfilled.
 - **The team** includes young people, volunteers, staff and supporters
 - **Growth** means greater likeness to Jesus, development in knowledge and skills as well as growth in numbers.

Children & Young People

- **Pray** that children in primary schools will grasp the significance of Jesus as they participate in Bible Alive and SU Groups.
- **Pray** that many more young people will be equipped to lead SU Groups in their secondary schools and have the boldness to do so.
- We run a few discipleship groups for young people across the country. **Pray** for many more that will grow confident servants of Jesus. **Pray** for effective discipleship in areas of deprivation.
- **Pray** for maturing faith as young people engage with discipleship events and COMMISSION, our programme of training for service as trainee leaders at holidays and missions.
- **Pray** for openness to the good news among children and young people who will attend our Easter and summer programme of holidays and missions.

Volunteers

- **Give thanks** for the roughly 2000 volunteers that enable SU school groups, camps and missions to function, who drive minibuses, serve as travel leaders, do practical tasks at sites, offer hospitality – and serve in a myriad of other ways!
- **Give thanks** for the connections we have with churches and for volunteers who are SU Ambassadors and Champions. Pray for yet more people to catch the vision of representing SU in their church.
- We could reach out to more children and young people if there were more volunteers to run SU Groups in schools, and to serve on catering teams at camps. **Pray** for wisdom in making these needs known and help to encourage others to join our volunteer team.
- **Give thanks** for those, like you, who support SU Scotland in prayer. Pray that God may raise up a new younger generation to carry this on.

Staff

- **Give thanks** for the huge variety of skills, talents, gifts and ministries displayed by our staff team. Pray for Holy Spirit anointing, that each individual may be effective for the kingdom.
- **Pray** for spiritual and physical protection over staff and their families. Many staff members are struggling with consistent ill health or have worries over their children or parents.
- We have an ongoing, year-round need for staff at our residential centres. Living on site, particularly for young people with no transport, can be challenging. **Pray** that God supplies the right people for our needs in this and in other current vacancies.
- **Pray** for each member of staff to seek unity and godliness, displaying a deepening love for one another, for God and his word, and having a complete dependence on God in prayer.

Supporters

- **Give thanks** for our financial supporters. **Pray** for good stewardship at every level, and wise budget planning for the new financial year.
- **Give thanks and pray** for monies raised through appeals, fundraising dinners and our Holidays Sponsorship Appeal. **Pray** for a sense of partnership and unity between those who give and those who serve, and for a sense of being part of the one team.
- Our vision is to see 500 new supporters of SU Scotland this year, actively engaging or re-engaging with our mission to reach Scotland's children and young people. **Please pray** into this. As the staff team seek to share stories and excite others at what God is doing through SU Scotland, may God cause people to respond with gladness and commit as volunteers, donors and those who will pray.

International

- A team from Scotland will be participating in the International Leadership Camp in Ukraine and in the village-based holiday clubs that will follow. **Pray** for effective communication and unity across different nationalities.
- **Pray** for God's blessing upon the ministry of Open Bible in Ukraine. War continues in the east and there are daily casualties, many displaced people. Pray for encouragement, safety and a strengthening of current ministry and staff members.
- A joint SU Scotland/Urban Saints team is journeying to Rwanda this summer. **Pray** for plans to come together and for mutual fellowship between Scottish and Rwandan young people.
- In Tajikistan **give thanks** for continuing opportunities to witness to Muslim neighbours and friends. Pray for God's peace and powerful presence as well as his provision for their practical needs.
- Pray for visas and planning for Nikolai Podrez of SU Belarus ahead of his proposed visit to Scotland around Easter.