

Day of Prayer

Wednesday 23 January 2019

Thank you for supporting our Day of Prayer this year. We are most grateful!

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. Our current strategic focus is 'Growing the Team'.

To focus our prayers, we are using **2 Corinthians 4**. Verse 5 reminds us of where our main focus should be in SU Scotland:

For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

Prayer Topics

The following prayer topics are for your guidance. Do pray as the Spirit leads, particularly focussing on local SU work in the area you live.

Praise!

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6

Give thanks for

- The fantastic Good News of Jesus we have the privilege of sharing!
- The lives of children and young people we are seeing transformed as they explore the Bible and encounter the significance of Jesus through SU ministry.
- Specific children and young people, known to you, who are growing in their love of, and knowledge of, God. Be specific in praising God for signs of the Spirit at work in their lives.
- The freedom and good favour we continue to enjoy with churches and schools and the good relationship we have with many.
- SU volunteers who are committed to spreading the light of Jesus, especially in dark areas of deprivation and disadvantage.

Faithfulness to God

Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. 2 Corinthians 4:2

Pray that

- We remain faithful to the truth and united as we face the challenges of a secular society and fragmented church.
- The Bible is shared faithfully with children and young people. Pray that SU staff and volunteers unapologetically and with compassion defend the truth of the Bible in our current culture.
- SU Scotland's Leadership Team, Board, Committees and staff are faithful in listening to God and discerning the way ahead. Pray for those you know serve God in this way.
- Our events in 2019 will fearlessly and faithfully declare Jesus as Lord. Pray for senior discipleship groups and apologetics events, that those who are struggling might be convinced of the truth of Jesus.
- Christian young people will be given courage and boldness to stand up for Jesus in their schools and friendship groups.

Treasure in Jars of Clay

We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed... 2 Corinthians 4:7,8

Pray that...

- In humility, all our plans, events, budgets and programmes are brought before God and directed by him. Pray for those making plans for 2019. Ask for wisdom.
- We may show kindness and compassion to all. Pray for vulnerable children and young people: refugee children, children with additional support needs, those affected by bereavement, imprisonment, etc.
- We display dependence on God and deepening relationships. Pray into our current vacancies and current financial challenges. We particularly need funding to appoint Regional Workers in the Borders, Lanarkshire, Glasgow.