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SU Scotland Day of Prayer

God is limitless!

Thank you for downloading this Prayer Guide and for your prayers for SU Scotland. Prayer expresses our key values of dependence on God and deepening relationships. As you pray today you are joining with hundreds of others across the country – some praying together on Zoom, others praying quietly in their own homes. We are hugely grateful to you for joining in!

Bible-Based Prayer

2020 has been a year of limitations. We have been restricted in carrying out our normal SU ministry. We have mourned the loss of SU Groups; SU Holidays; some staff we are having to let go because there is just no work for them to do. We want to begin by coming honestly before God and acknowledging our sense of loss and grief. We want to allow the Bible to shape our prayers.

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Where can I go and meet with God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, 'Where is your God?' These things I remember as I pour out my soul; how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng. Psalm 42:1-4

To you, LORD, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who go down to the pit. Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place. Psalm 28: 1,2

Lament

How do you feel when you hear of few SU Groups and of SU centres lying empty... and hundreds of children having been denied an opportunity to hear about Jesus? Share your feelings with God. Cry to the Lord for what has been lost in terms of SU ministry at Alltnacriche, Lendrick Muir, Gowanbank – in your own region, in young lives.

When we humble ourselves, before the Lord, he examines the motives of our hearts and exposes our sin. He reminds us that he is in control - not us. We are his creatures; he is the Creator.

When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you. Psalm 73:21-22

Confess wrong attitudes, wrong thinking. Seek forgiveness; hand him control.

With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or think of. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21, ICB

What new thing might God be doing? Pray for vision, creativity, obedience.

Praise

We have an awesome God! With God's power working within us, God can do immeasurably more than we can ask or think. We have seen this time and again this past year in terms of SU Scotland ministry. Rejoice with us!



Listen to some worship music. Choose your own preference. Worship God for who he is.



Bring your own thanksgiving. Where have you seen God at work in SU Scotland? Is there an individual you want to give thanks for? An answer to prayer?



Watch the video on our Day of Prayer page (suscotland.org.uk/dop). Find out what our great big God has enabled to happen in terms of SU ministry, by his power at work over the last 6 months. Give him the glory. Spend time in praise and thanksgiving.

Intercede for others

Every family in heaven and on earth gets its true name from him. I ask the Father in his great glory to give you the power to be strong in spirit. He will give you that strength through his Spirit. Ephesians 3:15-16



Give thanks for the SU Global family. Pray for SU in Ukraine; Belarus; Rwanda; Tajikistan; India.



Pray for the SU Scotland Leadership Team. Robin MacLellan took over as CEO just at the start of lockdown! Pray for Robin, Jackie Ringan, Dave Rickards, Paul Bayton and Lisbeth MacMillan, that they will be strengthened by God's power to lead the staff team, make wise decisions, and enact God's will for SU Scotland.



Pray for SU Scotland volunteers and staff. Pray for spiritual strength for individuals who work or volunteer for SU Scotland.

*I pray that Christ will **live in your hearts** because of your faith. I pray that **your life will be strong in love and be built on love**. And I pray that **you and all God's holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love**. I pray that you can understand how wide and how long and how high and how deep that love is. Christ's love is greater than any person can ever know. But I pray that you will be able to know that love. Then you can be filled with the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19, ICB*

Paul's passionate prayer is that Christ will live in people's hearts by faith – and that people will have power to understand the greatness of Christ's love.



Make that a prayer for children and young people. Pray they experience that love of God, being filled with the fullness of God, and made strong by God's power at work in them. Pray by name for individuals who come to mind. Pray for pupil leaders, courageously leading SU Groups in their school.



Pray for fresh opportunities for SU Scotland to be able to communicate the love of Jesus in 2021 at our centres; in schools; online; in person; in areas of disadvantage; new resources. Pray for SU Holidays Day Camps at Easter, that lives will be touched by God.



Pray for effective Bible engagement at Equip, Connect Groups, COMMISSION. Pray that SU Scotland will continue to be faithful to opening God's word and handling it well.

God has brought us this far... and he leads us on! Praise his name.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Romans 8:37