

**Tranent Parish Church  
Prayer Bulletin – May 2024**

**This month let us pray every day for persecuted Christians around the world and pray for a different country each day.**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Pray for continued good companionship as the Pool Group meet this morning. Give thanks to God for the success of our events over Easter. Father God answered so many of our prayers and thanks to everyone, including those who prayed. We delivered Easter cards to the houses in the new development between Tranent and Ormiston. Pray for God's blessing on this new community as it grows. Also give thanks to God for the good times experienced at many SU and Urban Saints camps over Easter and various holiday clubs in our region.

Persecuted Church – North Korea

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Give thanks to God for the SU groups that run in schools in East Lothian, for the people who give their time to run the groups and for the seeds of faith that are sown at these groups. Please pray that God will protect and nurture the seeds of faith that are being sown into the lives of children and teenagers.

Persecuted Church – Iran

**3<sup>rd</sup>** The National Conference for Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons) is held from today until Sunday in Hinckley. We ask God to bless all involved in this organisation as they reach out with the Gospel. May doors that are currently open to their work remain open and closed doors be flung wide open by God.

Persecuted Church – Burkina Faso

**4<sup>th</sup>** This morning our weekly prayer meeting is held so pray that all who attend will enjoy this time of prayer and worship. Give thanks to God that, despite His great power and might, He hears all our prayers and knows all our needs. May our congregation continue to bring all our worries, requests and thanks to our Father.

Persecuted Church – Eritrea

**5<sup>th</sup>** Pray that God will inspire and support Katherine as she leads our morning service. May we all think deeply about what God is saying to us at today's service and may it help us growth in our faith and determination to be witnesses for Christ. Give thanks to God that we can freely come to church today to worship God with others without fear of persecution. We also pray that the Stated Annual Meeting will get through all required business.

Persecuted Church – Sudan

**6<sup>th</sup>** Today is a school holiday – may children, parents and teachers all enjoy a rest. May God bless all involved in our primary schools and the Ross High School. We pray for the students at Ross High who are sitting exams. May they have the support they need.

We give thanks for the food, welcome and kindness provided by Fa'side Community Kitchen as it serves food to those in need in our town and local area and pray for more volunteers to come forward to assist.

Persecuted Church – Syria

**7<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the team that makes Open House operate each week, showing love, care and friendship to all who come in.

Persecuted Church – Nigeria

**8<sup>th</sup>** We pray for happiness and supportive conversations as the Pool Group meets this morning.

A prayer initiative called "Thy Kingdom Come" starts today, which the Church of Scotland is

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supporting. We pray that much is accomplished by all prayers.  
Persecuted Church – Afghanistan

**9<sup>th</sup>** Many in our Church, or those close to them, are suffering health issues at this time. Let us pray that they will know God's peace and care, trusting in Him. May those who are ill be healed by God and if this is not God's will, may they experience His comfort and love. Continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia, in Israel and Gaza and the Middle East and in all countries afflicted by war and violence. Pray for the work of the aid agencies which support those who are suffering.  
Persecuted Church – Vietnam

**10<sup>th</sup>** Pray that the service at Tranent Care Home this afternoon may be a blessing to the residents and staff. Tonight we host a concert by the group Siskin Green in our church. We give thanks for them coming and pray for a good attendance and much enjoyment of the musical talents of the band.  
Persecuted Church – Iraq

**11<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Prayer Meeting this morning, a time for thanksgiving and reflection. Pray that all who attend will enjoy the fellowship, that God will be honoured and that His people will be equipped to do the things He set out in advance for them to do.  
Persecuted Church – Kenya

**12<sup>th</sup>** **We gather this morning to worship God. Katherine will be preaching so let us all pray that she will feel God's strength and guidance and that her message speaks to each of us.**  
**Persecuted Church – Egypt**

**13<sup>th</sup>** It can be very challenging for those working on the "front line" of Christian ministry. Ask God to strengthen them and protect them from spiritual attacks from the Evil One so they do not grow weary and instead sense the Holy Spirit with them each and every time they serve our Lord.  
Persecuted Church – Maldives

**14<sup>th</sup>** Pray for happiness and openness as Open House meetings today and may many attend who appreciate this opportunity to meet with familiar faces and new faces on a Tuesday morning.  
Persecuted Church – Libya

**15<sup>th</sup>** Ask our Lord for fun and friendship at the Pool Group and give thanks for all those who have come to attend. Give thanks for the work of CrossReach and for God's sustaining grace on all who work and volunteer. Also pray for Morlich House in Edinburgh, which is a care home for older ladies in the Morningside area. May the staff team be granted continued wisdom and knowledge in all aspects of their work.  
Persecuted Church – Indonesia

**16<sup>th</sup>** Please continue to pray for all the J Club, asking for growth in numbers. Pray for energy, inspiration and gifting for the leaders, that they would be able to communicate His truth with power, fun and clarity. Continue to pray for more leaders to support the work.  
Persecuted Church – Cambodia

**17<sup>th</sup>** Please pray that we continue to build positive relationships with the uniformed organisations that meet in our Church Hall and that God will provide opportunities for us to

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show them the love of Jesus. Pray for all the young people you know that they may be filled with hope and supported by encouragement in life.

Persecuted Church – Russia

**18<sup>th</sup>** The Church of Scotland General Assembly starts today and we should pray for all the meetings, deliberations and resolutions. May God give wisdom to all discussing the important issues facing our national church. May the Holy Spirit shape and guide the decisions which are made. Also may we focus on all the good work of the Church and the things that unite us, especially making more disciples of Christ.

May all at the weekly Prayer Meeting feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as they bring to God our thanks and requests.

Persecuted Church – Tanzania

**19<sup>th</sup> Today is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate God sending His Holy Spirit to His disciples. Read again the story in Acts 2 v 1 to 13.**

**Katherine will lead our worship this morning. Give thanks for all she does for our church and community. May this morning's service fill us all with joy and help us in our walk with our Lord and Saviour. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to grow faith in Jesus throughout the Parish of Tranent and Elphinstone.**

**Persecuted Church – Uganda**

**20<sup>th</sup>** If we want to see transformation to our communities then churches, individually and corporately, must regularly speak a blessing over our communities and those with responsibilities at every level (government, business, education, health, media, the arts, etc.) including speaking blessings over the other churches around us. We do not have to agree with everything they do or say to speak a blessing over them. Always remember - prayer changes things!

Persecuted Church – Cuba

**21<sup>st</sup>** Give thanks for everyone who makes it possible for Open House to meet today and most Tuesdays, and may they feel appreciated and supported.

Pray also for comfort and encouragement for all persecuted Christians and for God's protection over His church. Pray that the perpetrators of violent attacks and the instigators behind them will be found and brought to justice. Pray for peace and religious tolerance in our world, where people are respectful and reject hate.

Persecuted Church – China

**22<sup>nd</sup>** May all in the Pool Group enjoy their time together this morning.

Today is a school holiday for pupils. Teachers will be in training sessions and we pray for all teachers to have the skills, resources and patience to teach and inspire their pupils.

Persecuted Church - India

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Our Sunday services would not be the same if it were not for the efforts of the IT team, organist and praise band so we give thanks to God for all those who volunteer for this service. Ask God to continue to help those involved in this important work and pray that there will not be any major problems.

Persecuted Church – Algeria

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**24<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks to God for the Christian agencies that are reaching out to help homeless people in our region. May their work give these people hope of a new beginning and new future and in the long term may this lead them to realising all that Jesus did for them. Such work needs our prayer and financial support.

Persecuted Church – Saudi Arabia

**25<sup>th</sup>** This morning's Prayer meeting is a time for thanksgiving and reflection. Pray that all who attend will enjoy the fellowship, that God will be honoured and that His people will be equipped to do the things He set out in advance for them to do.

We pray that God will reveal to Katherine and others who He has chosen to become our new youth worker and to lead our activities at building up our young people and reaching out to the youth in Tranent with God's love.

Persecuted Church – Sri Lanka

**26<sup>th</sup> Pray that God will inspire and support Katherine as she leads our morning service. May we all think deeply about what God is saying to us at today's service and may it help us growth in our faith and determination to be witnesses for Christ. Give thanks to God that we can freely come to our church today to worship God with others without fear of persecution.**

**Pray that the service at Tranent Care Home this afternoon may be a blessing to the residents and staff.**

Persecuted Church – Yemen

**27<sup>th</sup>** Various team meetings will be held today and please pray that God would bless all team members with wisdom and discernment as they meet to consider how our church operates and reaches out to the people of Tranent and the surrounding area.

Persecuted Church - Laos

**28<sup>th</sup>** Ask for fun and friendship at Open House this morning.

Some of the people who have attended our church over recent years, including youngsters from Sunday Club, have turned away from the Christian way of life. Ask God to speak to them so they re-engage with their faith and take steps to put Jesus first in all aspects of their lives.

Persecuted Church - Myanmar

**29<sup>th</sup>** The Pool Group meets again today in the Church Hall and we pray that all who attend will enjoy this time together and really benefit from the fellowship.

Pray that our congregation will be generous in donating food to the East Lothian Foodbank and that this food will be used by God to help people who need it.

Persecuted Church – Mauritania

**30<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks to God for the work throughout the world of Bible Societies as they seek to reach out with the Word. Lift to God their work in Scotland and pray also for work by Bible Societies in other countries, that they will be given the resources they need to reach those who need to know Jesus.

Pray for our local emergency services - police, fire brigade and ambulance service. May God strengthen those who serve in this way in our town and local area.

Persecuted Church - Somalia

**31<sup>st</sup>** Our Presbytery asks us to pray for the leadership and all involved in the life of the communities of Dalkeith St. Johns Kings Park & Newton and Dalkeith: St. Nicholas Buccleuch. Also please pray for the conversations about union with Newbattle that they might reach a satisfactory outcome.

Persecuted Church – Uzbekistan