

# MAY 2022

## PRAYER DIARY

**Derek & Audrey Newton**



### **Teaching opportunities**

Derek has been teaching every Tuesday afternoon at Faith Mission Bible College in Edinburgh, most recently on expository and evangelistic preaching. This has been on Zoom but the hope is to move to face-to-face teaching when possible.

The two Preachers' Gatherings that will take place in May/June, will involve both Derek & Audrey in further teaching on the book of Revelations.

Derek is also completing some writing projects, and is considering whether to take on other ministry opportunities.

### **Please pray for:**

- Renewed strength & enthusiasm for Derek & Audrey in their teaching, and for the students to profit from it, whether online or face-to-face
- Wisdom as they consider involvement in other ministries

## **Audrey's ongoing health issues**

Audrey's healing from the kidney surgery is ongoing, and her most recent kidney scan was clear. She is due to have a further brain scan in the spring, but that condition is stable.

### **Please pray for:**

- Stamina & patience for Audrey
- Wisdom for all the medics that they'll make right diagnoses and decisions

## **Family news**

Esmee (4 in April) is making very slow but steady progress in her awareness and responsiveness. The family's

long-term hope and prayer is for her to be able to walk independently and communicate meaningfully.

### **Please pray for all the family:**

- Praise God for Esmee's progress, and pray for her continuing development
- Mike & Juliette and Derek & Audrey in their lack of sleep, anxiety and weariness, as they care for Esmee
- Wisdom for Audrey to think through how much physical support she can give to the family
- Pray, too, for Aisla (8), the 'big sister' in all this uncertainty
- Steve & Edith who continue to work in Paisley

Do please continue to remember Derek & Audrey, and their family, in prayer during this month and beyond.

They write in a recent letter:

*"We are both hugely grateful and indebted that you are still hanging in with us in concern, interest and prayer. We need much grace to persevere and trust Him."*

## Daily prayers for May

- 01 Sun For the Church throughout the world. For people who are growing in faith.
- 02 Mon For the situation in Ukraine. For peace. .
- 03 Tues Our links with the local Muslim community and for Daniel and Mei Whetham for their outreach to Asian students.
- 04 Wed Cake and Chat .Pray that the gospel message is heard.
- 05 Thurs For the local elections. For council leaders of integrity.
- 06 Fri Our church schools: Staff and children at Christ Church and St Mary's.
- 07 Sat For Ben and his family. Pray for wisdom and encouragement for Ben.
- 08 Sun For the church Annual Parish Meeting. Make Jesus our focus in all we do.
- 09 Mon The staff and students of the school for the deaf in Nekemte.
- 10 Tues For all those preparing for final assessments and exams in school, college, university.
- 11 Wed The work of the Bible Society, Bible translators and those who prepare Bible study materials.
- 12 Thurs Those struggling to pay household bills. For all who come to Food Store.
- 13 Fri Christian marriage. May Jesus be at the heart of relationships. For Christian families and their witness.
- 14 Sat Give thanks for those who have taught us the faith and given encouragement.
- 15 Sun For all age services. Pray all ages are involved and eager to learn together.
- 16 Mon Our links with St Mary's will grow and we will be willing to support and encourage one another.
- 17 Tues For the lonely, depressed and ill and those struggling with their faith.
- 18 Wed For Bible study groups and prayer meetings For more people to participate.
- 19 Thurs For the young people in our church and their leaders.
- 20 Fri Give thanks for the gift of music to help our worship and praise. For Steve our organist at Christ Church.
- 21 Sat Strengthen our sense of mission, service and giving.
- 22 Sun That we will be a welcoming church faithful to our Lord.
- 23 Mon For the PCC. For God's guidance in decision making. For Cathy in the office.
- 24 Tues Lord may we rejoice in your Ascension and know you are with us always.
- 25 Wed For all who provide us with food and essentials; farmers, fishermen, shop workers, delivery drivers.
- 26 Thurs For all those working in the emergency services.
- 27 Fri For the half term holidays. Pray for rest and safety.
- 28 Sat Women's breakfast at St Mary's.
- 29 Sun Give thanks for a day of reflection as we worship. Praise the Lord!
- 30 Mon Remember all who are persecuted for their faith in Christ
- 31 Tue Give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit who comforts and inspires.

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