

# Viewfield Baptist Church - Prayer Diary November 2016

And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything  
that pleases him – 1 John 5:14



<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Cubs, Deacons/Band of Prayer (21<sup>st</sup>)</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Toddlers, Beavers</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>WF, Small Groups, Alpha</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Toddlers, Knit &amp; Natter, Scouts, Band Practice</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast (12<sup>th</sup>), Friends and Family Walk (12<sup>th</sup>)</b>
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>11:00 (10:50 – 13<sup>th</sup>) Worship [13<sup>th</sup> – 10am Communion; 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm]</b>

## 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November – Mosul and Operation Christmas Child

Loving Father, We thank you that you know all our needs.

We lift the needs of those who are working hard to provide relief, distribute food, medical care and emotional support. Please sustain them.

We thank you that you love the world you created.

We pray that Mosul's people will recognise your love through those who care for them.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pray that the Operation Christmas Child volunteers around the UK will grow in relationship with one another, that they will be flexible and adapt to new positions, that there will be a spirit of unity across all teams

Pray that logistic volunteers will come forward, particularly for the role of Collections coordinator in areas across the regions.

Give thanks for the provision of a warehouse for the Dunfermline work and pray that the shoe boxes will bring hope to young lives.



## 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance

Jesus says "Whoever would be a follower of mine must forget self, take up the cross and follow me"

Jesus also says, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God"



Let us remember before God the men and women of all nations who have died as a result of war - those who we have known and whose memory we treasure; those we never knew, and those who died unknown. We will remember all who have lived in hope, but died in vain - the tortured, the innocent, the starving and the exiled, the imprisoned, the oppressed and the disappeared.



The last century saw the war to end all wars - and another world war within 25 years

The last decade saw conflicts within many lands, between many ethnic groups in Africa, the Balkans, Asia and other countries.

The last year has seen fragile moves towards peace reversed, through actions and lack of action in Israel/Palestine, Congo, Angola and others

Lord, we name you as the Prince of Peace, who urged us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us. We pledge ourselves to work for peace and reconciliation in our homes, our neighbourhood, our country and our world

## 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November – Schools

- Give thanks for our education system. Pray for key decision-makers in Government and in local schools; for wisdom in policy and for Headteachers as they deliver Curriculum for Excellence.
- Pray for the relationship between school and church; for the chaplaincy team, local Christians who serve in schools, and forthcoming Christmas events, services and assemblies.
- Pray for children who attend an SU Group in their school, praying for a warm response to what they hear of Jesus. Pray for local SU Group leaders, or pray for volunteers to get one started.
- Ask God to bring to mind a child, young person or school staff member. What might they struggle with in the school context? Allow the Holy Spirit to direct your prayers for them.
- Pray for strength and wisdom for Christian parents as they support their children through school. Pray too for a positive witness and contribution to the life of the school their children attend.



## 27<sup>th</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Viewfield and Scotland

- Give thanks for the people who have been coming to Alpha and pray for wisdom in deciding what we do next.
- Give thanks for Judy's report and pray for the Deacons as they discuss how best to implement her recommendations.
- Give thanks for all who have been involved in our Sunday worship. There are many who prepare the bulletin, welcome, open up and keep an eye on things, look after the technical side, serve tea and coffee, plan and lead, look out for others, have a quiet word and prayer.
- Pray for the Worship team as they seek ways to enhance our worship and as they seek to involve more people and plan for the next few months
- November 30<sup>th</sup> is St Andrews Day.  
We pray for our Scottish nation today.  
May we be a community where everyone is valued,  
where everyone is given their dignity because God is Father of us all  
and therefore we recognise each other as brothers and sisters.  
May we acknowledge the giftedness of our diversity  
and use all our talents for the building up of a better future for all.
- Pray for all our services and activities over Advent, in particular our Advent series, the Christmas family service and Carol Service.

