

assurance that nothing can separate them from Your love.

24 October

Today is the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations in 1945 when we honour the work done to promote peace around the world in the face of many difficulties and antagonism, and also the work done through their network of specialised agencies. We pray for determination to carry out their goals.

25 October

For your personal prayer before communion.

26 October

As we approach another date when we are supposed to leave the EU, we pray for calm in whatever situation we find ourselves today.

Sunday 27 October

Around the Communion Table, as we look forward to a new Ministry, we give thanks for Thom and all who have led us through the vacancy with dedication and commitment, especially the Nominating Committee.

28 October

In these uncertain times we long for certainty in our faith. Let us look forward in faith, trusting God's future plan for ourselves, our country and our world.

29 October

As we look forward to the start of a new ministry as well as to changes in the wider Church we pray for openness and willing acceptance of expectations and changes which certainly come however hard that may be for some.

30 October

Three short prayers for us all: "Lord have mercy"; "Thee I adore"; "Into Thy Hands".

31 October

God of justice and truth, you set the standard for leaders to aspire to. On this day which may be significant for our country we pray for honesty in their dealings, dignity for all and a desire to strive for the common good.



It would be good if as many as possible could pray together at either 10:00 or 22:00 wherever you are.

Two members of the Sunday Prayer Team are also available for 15 minutes in the Kirk after the Sunday services to pray in confidence with anyone who has a personal need for prayer.

**St Michael's Mission:
*Knowing Christ better; Serving Him together;
Making Him known to others***

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Prayers For October 2019

1 October

With gratitude we rejoice that the call to be our new Minister was made to Rev Dr Liam Fraser and accepted, and we look forward to welcoming Liam, Samantha, Theo and Sebastian soon. We look forward in hope and faith to our shared life and ministry, the Lord being our helper.

2 October

With challenges for change made to the whole Church of Scotland, our own challenge is to look at 2030:Our Story which is our opportunity to help create St Michael's future story. Meetings have started. Please pray for wisdom and excitement for all who take part.

3 October

Positive Pathways, our support group for those who have been bereaved, meets this evening. Please pray for all who attend as they work to find their way to a "new normal"

4 October

The unrest in the country caused by the unprecedented political events in recent weeks is disturbing to us all. We pray in faith for a sense of calm and determination to bring back true democracy and settled and trusted government to the nation.

5 October

We are privileged in Linlithgow to have a wide range of music, drama, arts and crafts available in the community. We give thanks for all who lead and contribute to our well-being in this way.

Sunday 6 October

“All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above so thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love.” We give thanks for farmers, fishermen and all who provide our food in any way, and in our plenty we remember those who have little, especially those whose lives were devastated by Hurricane Dorian.

7 October

We pray for the recovery of our Youth and Family Worker, Trish Archibald, who has been incapacitated by a recent accident. We give thanks for the Education Team and all who have stepped in, in her absence.

8 October

District Elders and Visitors are taking invitations to the forthcoming Communion to their districts. We pray that they be received warmly and that they may inspire in Christ's name those they visit with a renewed interest and wish to support the Church to which they belong.

9 October

The Pastoral Care Team is considering how best to provide care and support for those who are approaching the end of their life and for their families. Please pray for them in this very sensitive area of their work.

10 October

We pray for our weekly Seedlings Tots and Toddlers Church that seeds of faith may indeed be sown in the children and also especially in their parents.

11 October

With so much happening in the world which brings worry, may we remember to give thanks for everything which make us happy.

12 October

Sudden deaths of children because of apparent drug use appal us. We pray for parents' awareness of where and what their children are doing, while recognising the difficulty of that.

Sunday 13 October

We praise God, the source of life and joy and give thanks for the gift of music, remembering especially the wonderful concerts we enjoy with Music@3 in the Kirk and will again today. We also bid a sad farewell to Matt who has done so much for the music here and wish him good health for the future.

14 October

The Bereavement Support Group meets this evening. We give thanks for their support of the bereaved and the comfort they bring to those in distress.

15 October

The Kirk Session is facing the challenges experienced by all Churches just now by trying to ensure that our business is done as efficiently as possible so that we may carry out our core work of serving Christ in this community to the best of our ability. Please pray for this.

16 October

In the current difficult political situation, we continue to pray for wisdom to find a way forward to unite our divided nation.

17 October

Prayer in St Michael's has been likened to a firework bursting from the Crown of Thorns shedding its sparkling light over the town.

Please pray that we are all involved as we continue to explore how we can deepen our Church prayer life even more.

18 October

Most of our children will now be settled in school, but we pray especially for those who find it hard that they may be given the help which they need.

19 October

We pray for Christian organisations such as MAF who are trying to move into challenging and dangerous areas to bring hope and health to persecuted populations.

Sunday 20 October

“I'm not ashamed to own my Lord or to defend His cause, maintain the glory of His cross and honour all His laws.” In a world where our faith is challenged often, we pray that we may be faithful to the vows we have taken.

21 October

Many organisations, including St Michael's are experiencing a lack of willing volunteers to carry on their work. Please pray for this difficult situation and that many more may be encouraged to come forward.

22 October

We pray for West Lothian Presbytery both in the challenges they face along with all in the Church of Scotland, and also as a result of the illness of Duncan Shaw. We pray for the extra responsibilities placed on our own Thom Riddell as acting Presbytery Clerk.

23 October

Consoling God, we pray for those whose lives have been marked by tragedy and whose hearts ache with grief. We pray for their comfort in their darkest hour and give them the