

PRAYER DIARY

OCTOBER
2025

“For you were called to
freedom, brothers. Only
do not use your freedom
as an opportunity for the
flesh, but through love
serve one another.”
Galatians 5 :13 (ESV)

1 Wednesday

- Thank the Lord for the Sorted team and pray that he would guide them in discussions on the third chapter of Daniel.
- Pray for tonight's Elder's Meeting – that the Holy Spirit would help the Elders discern the right decisions and actions as they navigate through difficult and challenging conversations.
- Pray for Redeemer Church as they prepare for some building work. Pray that all the plans would go smoothly as they move offsite for a few weeks.

2 Thursday

- Pray for Connections this afternoon. Pray for good fellowship and that new people would come and be intrigued by the gospel message.
- Pray that many would see the English Conversation Class banner and desire to attend. Pray also for their Bible discussion tonight, that they would see the wonderful truth of Jesus.
- Pray for Robin and Sally Sydserff in London. Pray for wisdom and clarity for Robin as he prepares training materials and for Sally as she mentors women.

3 Friday

- Pray that the Ladies' Bible Study session this morning will be an edifying time for equipping the women across all generations to honour God with their whole lives.
- Pray for wisdom for the leaders of Impact to know how best to love, chat and interact with the young people who are at a totally different life stage to them.
- Pray for the pastoral care team as they seek to encourage those facing difficulty. Ask that they would be able to point people to Jesus.

4 Saturday

- Give thanks for all those who regularly prepare home baking and soup for the students at Student Lunch.
- Pray for Galashiels Free Church, thanking the Lord for stirring the hearts of many non-Christians that are connected to the church. Pray that the Lord would save them to the praise of his glorious grace.
- Pray for the Vision of John concert this evening. Ask that many would come and that those who don't know Jesus would be interested in finding out more.

5 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

Exodus 6:10-7:13

Jay Parsons

6:30pm

Galatians 5:13-26

Roger Day

- Ask that the young people in Youth Church and CCY would be convicted of the truth of God's Word and the power it has to change lives.
- Pray for those being welcomed into membership this morning. Pray that they would grow spiritually as they sit under the teaching of the Bible.
- Pray for student lunch as they look at the topic of living with Jesus as King of our lives. Ask that the students would have open hearts to hear what God is saying through his word and apply it to their lives.
- Pray for those coming to church weary and anxious, that they would have the opportunity to pray with others after the service.
- Pray that Communion this evening would remind us of the forgiveness we have received through Christ.

6 Monday

- Give thanks for the 3 kids who came to the JGHS SU group through word of mouth. Please pray that more kids would find out about the group and choose to use their Monday lunchtimes to meet together amidst all the competing lunchtime options.
- Leaders' Growth Group for Ladies Bible Study and Home Groups. Pray the leaders would be increasingly able to trust God in hard situations as their appreciation of what he is like is expanded through studying Exodus.
- Ask God to remind those working on Bible passages of the eternal worth of digging deep into God's Word.

7 Tuesday

- Pray for Chatterbox. Pray that Christian parents and carers would show the love, joy and patience of Christ as they talk to others there.
- As we meet to pray together, ask that we would be aware that we are praying to the sovereign and almighty God who provides all we need.
- H, creative access country. Continue to pray for H's safety and health in her daily life and work - and pray for good opportunities for gospel conversations.

8 Wednesday

- Pray that the youth in Sorted would bring excellent questions to the leaders. Pray that God would help the leaders process and respond well to the questions presented.
- Pray for the monthly Home Group LGG which takes place today. Pray that the home group leaders would build one another up and commit to supporting one another as leaders.
- Pray that God would care for the needs of the Elders and that he would use them to care for the needs of the church.
- Pray for Amy Conway as she works for Christian Unions Ireland. Pray that the Lord would help her to build good relationships and conversations with the people that she is working with.

9 Thursday

- Pray for the teams that go out in the Care Van serving food and drink to the homeless. Pray that they will serve with love, joy, patience and kindness. Pray that through this, people will see Christ.
- Pray that many would come to English Class and attend the bible study about the good news of Jesus and the meaning of his crucifixion.
- Praise God that we can be assured of His love for us. Ask that this would give us a sense of security and confidence.

10 Friday

- Pray for the staff and MAPs, that they would be completely dependent on God in prayer.
- Pray for the seniors afternoon tea today. Pray that those who go would feel welcomed and cared for as part of the church family.
- Pray for the leaders of Impact, that they would model Christ in their leadership and teaching of the kids.

11 Saturday

- Give thanks for the welcome team at Chalmers. Ask God that they would have the right words to say to those who are new tomorrow.
- Pray for those in Chalmers considering full time ministry. Ask for patience as they think and pray about what this might involve.
- M&C, East Asia. Give thanks that they have hit the ground running since they have returned to their place of work - M has preached on Genesis 1 and C has led a teacher training at the school: both went well. Pray for the teachers and the students there.

12 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

Exodus 7:14-9:12

Jay Parsons

6:30pm

Galatians 6:1-10

Adam Wallace

- Pray for those being welcomed into membership this morning. Ask that they would grow in godliness and faith as part of the church family at Chalmers.
- Pray for the children who attend Creche, Little Stars and Sparklers. Pray that even at this stage of life they would begin to understand who Jesus is and know their need to trust in him.
- Pray for student lunch as they think about living distinctively on campus. Pray that the students would be encouraged to live for Jesus in all areas of their lives.
- Pray that as God's Word is preached, God would change our hearts to be more like Jesus.

13 Monday

- Pray that the kids in the SU group would make use of the new question box so that their bible study times can be relevant to where they are at.
- Pray that those working on Bible passages for talks, sermons or studies would be determined to pass on God's Word faithfully, without distorting the truth.
- Pray for Andy and Caireen at Charleston Community Church. Pray that the Lord would continue to sustain Andy as he pastors to the complex needs of his church family.

14 Tuesday

- Give thanks for those who organise and help run Chatterbox. Ask for God to give them wisdom and guidance as they talk to the parents.
- Pray that what the students learn in Focus during their time here would equip them to keep walking with Jesus through all the ups and downs of life.
- Pray that the Lord would help the church seniors place their trust in Jesus for daily help, knowing that he cares for them greatly.
- A&D, Middle East. During the summer there have been several security incidents in the region with some expatriate workers asked by the authorities to leave the country and local believers coming under significant pressures. Pray that despite persecution, the church would continue to grow.

15 Wednesday

- Pray that the leaders in Sorted would receive time for rest as the students enter half-term.
- Pray that the Lord would help the Elders to continue in seeking his guidance through prayer.
- Pray that God would open our friends' hearts so that they can see Jesus clearly.

16 Thursday

- Pray for Connections taking place today. Pray for good conversations and fellowship, and that new people would feel welcome. Pray for listening ears as a short gospel message is shared.
- Pray that those who attend the English conversation class would feel warmly welcomed and that many would respond well to Jesus' gospel.
- Pray that the congregation would be committed to reading the Word of God and obeying God.

17 Friday

- Pray for the MAPs in the various ministries in which they serve. Pray that they will learn what is involved in different ministries and how they can best serve the people they meet.
- Pray for the teams that help cook hot meals for those sleeping rough over the winter months. Pray for opportunities to share the reason for the hope that they have.
- Pray for the Global Mission Group as they support our partners around the world. Pray that they would be an encouragement and support to our mission partners as they share Christ's love with them.

18 Saturday

- Give thanks for those who give up time on a Saturday to set up the chairs for the Sunday services. Pray that they will be blessed as they give up time to serve God in this way.
- Pray for those who mentor the MAPs. Pray that they would be good listeners and would have the wisdom to know how to speak into the situations that the MAPs are facing.
- Pray for Gospel churches across Edinburgh, asking that love for the Lord would motivate them to share Jesus with their communities in the year ahead.

19 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

Exodus 9:13-10-29

Andy Buchan

6:30pm

Galatians 6:11-18

Freddie Hogan

- Pray for children attending Sunday Club today, that they would be blessed as they learn truths about God in his Word.
- Pray that God would increase our love for Him and that this would inspire us to go and tell others about the good news of Jesus.
- Give thanks for Davi and Emma de Paula at Smithton Free Church. Pray they would be a blessing to the congregation as they seek to make Jesus known.

20 Monday

- Pray that the kids in the SU group would engage at a heart level with the 'One Big Story' bible overview for youth that they are running this term. Pray for growth in their knowledge and love of God and for them to 'get' the beautiful story of God's plan to redeem a people for His glory.
- Pray for those preparing to teach God's Word as they deal with competing demands on their time. Pray that they would trust God with the time he has given them.
- Pray for Jonny and Fiona serving in Hebron Evangelical Church. Pray that Jonny and Fiona would strike a good balance of family life and church family life.

21 Tuesday

- Pray for Chatterbox. Pray that those who are new would feel quickly a part of the group.
- Pray that as the small groups study God's Word, we would be gripped by it and want to live lives that honour God.
- Pray that the church seniors would know God's care and that they would know the church family values them greatly. Give thanks for their wisdom and encouragement.
- Pray for Elvira in Guatemala, the child that Sunday Club sponsor, that she would grow in her understanding and love of Jesus through the Bible-teaching she receives.

22 Wednesday

- Pray that the young Christians in Sorted would be bold in living distinctively as the Lord continues to grow and shape their faith.
- Pray that the Elders would be unified in their discussions as they meet tonight– that the Lord would lead them in agreement on the right decisions.
- Pray for Iain and Liana Morrison at Dowanvale Free Church. Pray for them after the birth of their baby, that they would adjust to being a family of 5 and would look to Christ for their strength each day.

23 Thursday

- Pray for Leaders' Growth Groups, that these would be an opportunity for small group leaders to speak the truth in love to one another as they wrestle with God's Word.
- Pray for the English Conversation Class as they start a new term with a bible overview in the optional bible study. Pray for more people to attend the bible overview.
- Pray for the pastoral care team as they visit the sick and elderly. Pray that as good relationships are built with those they visit, that they would be able to talk more about Jesus.

24 Friday

- Pray for those leading in Ladies' Bible Study. Ask that God would give them the right words to say and clarity as they teach.
- Pray for Christian Heritage Edinburgh. Ask the Lord to open doors for evangelism even in a quieter period for tourists in the city.
- A&H, East Asia. Give thanks for the time A&H had recently at Chalmers. Pray that the new orphanage site would meet their needs as they help the young people with developing independent living skills.

25 Saturday

- Pray for those who will serve in unseen ways tomorrow at church. Give thanks for them and pray that they would know that God sees their service for him.
- Pray for Christians in Eritrea, that they would live with boldness and confidence in Christ despite their country's hostility towards him. Pray particularly for those who are persecuted and imprisoned for their faith.
- Pray for those in the congregation who are reading the Bible with someone who is not a Christian. Give thanks for this and pray for God to open their eyes to the wonderful news of the gospel.

26 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am
7pm

Exodus 11:1-12:13
Gospel Partnership Service at Charlotte Chapel

Roger Day

- Pray for all the children and young people, that they would be growing in their relationship with God and becoming more like Christ.
- Pray that the whole church Link-up Lunch today would be an opportunity for building fellowship and good relationships between different members of the church family.
- Pray that as we gather as a church family that we would be helping each other to grow in maturity in Christ.
- Pray for the East of Scotland Gospel Partnership service at Charlotte Chapel. Pray that as we join with other churches from across Edinburgh and the Lothians that we would be encouraging and spurring each other on.

27 Monday

- Pray that the Christian teachers at JGHS would find time to pop into the SU group from time to time to encourage the kids and set a godly example to them.
- Leaders' Growth Group for Ladies Bible Study and Home Groups. Pray for God's help for the leaders to be doers of his word and not merely hearers.
- Pray for those preparing sermons, talks and Bible studies this week. Pray that they would understand clearly what God's Word is saying and be able to teach it clearly to others.
- Inger & Imanuel, Eurasia. Give thanks for the completed illustrations for the story of the prodigal son. Pray for the storybook production, that in due course it will help people to know the Father-heart of God.

28 Tuesday

- Pray for Chatterbox. Pray for deep and meaningful relationships to develop between the parents there.
- Give thanks for the small groups at Chalmers and for the love and support that people show for each other.
- Pray for Ali and Julie Sewell at Haddington Community Church. Pray that they would know God's grace and strength as they serve him.

29 Wednesday

- Thank the Lord for bringing the students back for Sorted and pray that the Lord would provide them with more cooks.
- Pray that the Elders would experience the Lord's peace, especially in times that may be overwhelming.
- Richard and Yuko Brash, Japan. Pray for the ongoing redevelopment work on the CBI building which is taking longer than expected: they won't be able to restart seminary classes in the building until November.

30 Thursday

- Pray for Connections today. Give thanks for those who attend and pray that they would be confident in bringing others along too. Pray that the gospel would be shared clearly today.
- Pray for English Class which meets this evening. Pray that attendees would be keen to stay for the Bible study and that God would convict them of their need for Jesus.
- Pray that as a congregation we would be devoted to expressing our dependence on God.
- The Margetts, West Africa. Give thanks for R's attendance at the Digital Bible Engagement gathering and the encouragement of speaking to those who are using Scripture App Builder - these kinds of events are always inspiring and this one has led to lots of ideas to follow up on.

31 Friday

- Pray that the staff and MAPs will grow in personal godliness through persevering with Bible study and prayer. Ask that God would give them time to spend with Him each day, even when times are busy.
- Pray for the relationships between the leaders and young people at Impact. Ask that there would be opportunities for conversations about Jesus and his gospel.
- Pray for the Global Mission Group as they support our partners around the world. Pray that they would be an encouragement and support to our mission partners as they share Christ's love with them.
- J&R, East Asia. Continue to pray for the family as they relocate across the country and settle in a new city - pray for all the logistics of this that they would go smoothly and that the door would be open for good ministry and training opportunities.

Meeting together as a church family to pray Tuesday 7th October

6:45pm church family meal, 7:30-9pm prayer in small groups.

Join others in the building to pray together.

All welcome – many can't commit to coming every time but please come when you can to join with others in asking the Lord to advance the cause of the gospel in this city, nation and world.

Praying before the services on Sunday

There is an opportunity to pray together each Sunday before the morning and evening services, at 9am and 6pm. These times of prayer are open for anyone to join.

Prayer letters from Gospel Partners

For more information about our Gospel Partners and to receive their prayer letters, contact Naomi Wright (naomi@chalmerschurch.org).