

# LARBERT WEST PARISH CHURCH

## PRAYER FOCUS



## FEBRUARY 2017

*Help us to accept each other as Christ accepted us,  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread;  
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:  
Renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one.*

*S.G.P. No. 41: 1 & 3. F.Kaan*

### **JANUARY**

Mon. 30 Give thanks for our homes, our food, clothes and all our comforts, and pray for those who do not experience these comforts.

Tue. 31 Pray for Christian Aid and their partners working in war-torn lands such as Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

### **FEBRUARY**

Wed. 1 Take time to look around God's wonderful world and give thanks for His creation.

Thur. 2 Pray that in the coming month we shall all use our time wisely as we consciously make an effort to grow in God's love.

Fri. 3 Pray for the organisations and groups within Larbert West, that all those involved will find friendship and companionship as they move forward on their journey of faith

- Sat. 4 Pray for families as they get the opportunity to spend time with one another over the weekend, and remember those families who, for whatever reason, do not have this opportunity.
- Sun. 5 *Give thanks for every disciple of Jesus Christ who shares His love with others, and ask God to empower us to do His work on earth.***
- Mon. 6 Pray for refugees, displaced from home and coping with the challenges of trying to settle within a different culture.
- Tue. 7 Praise God for the opportunities He gives us to make a positive difference in other peoples' lives, and ask Him to help us recognise and use these opportunities.
- Wed. 8 Give thanks for the commitment of teachers, early years' workers and support staff who work to ensure our children reach their full potential.
- Thur. 9 Pray for those who struggle to cope with the illness or disability of a family member or friend.
- Fri. 10 Pray for parents as they love and care for their children – that they will be a positive example, setting appropriate boundaries whilst encouraging growth and exploration in their lives.
- Sat. 11 Pray that God will help us to focus on the many good things that others do and not the few negative actions.
- Sun. 12 *Give thanks for the children and young people of Larbert West Church who come along to Crèche, Sunday Club, Quest and the various organisations as well as those who do not attend these groups.***
- Mon. 13 Pray for those who are unable to provide food for themselves and their families, and give thanks for all those who strive to help them through Foodbanks, social cafes, and similar organisations.
- Tue. 14 Pray for those who feel unloved that they will know and recognise the love of others together with God's unconditional love.
- Wed. 15 Pray for all ministers in training and those considering going forward for training that God will guide them and strengthen them.
- Thur. 16 Give thanks for all volunteers in youth organisations who spend many hours planning for and working with our children and young people.
- Fri. 17 Pray for our Prime Minister and all other world leaders that they will listen to and follow God's guidance.
- Sat. 18 Pray for those who are lonely, and give thanks for organisations such as Silver Line Scotland who are a point of contact to lessen loneliness and isolation.
- Sun. 19 *Pray that God will continue to lead, guide and direct us in all that we do in Larbert West as we seek to move forward in Christ's name.***

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- Mon. 20 Give thanks for those workers and volunteers who work in literacy programmes in schools, libraries, prisons and clubs.
- Tue. 21 Give thanks for all those who work in the NHS, and pray that ways will be found to relieve the stress and pressures they are under.
- Wed. 22 Pray for the Children & Family Services of Crossreach.
- Thur. 23 Give thanks for everyone who has made a difference in your life through the years.
- Fri. 24 Pray for God's blessing on our Emergency Services as they deal with a multitude of challenges.
- Sat. 25 Pray for those whose lives have been touched by tragedy, whether by accident or deliberate act, and give thanks for those who bring comfort to others.
- Sun. 26 Pray for courage to be consistently obedient to God's leading.***