

MEADOWBANK

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Dear friends

COP26—A TIME FOR PRAYER

As people of hope, we followers of Jesus, continue in earnest prayer for the critical COP26 meeting over these 2 weeks in Glasgow.

I imagine the **Willowbrae knitters** praying as they worked on the canaries (see below) to be a public display out side the church.

On Saturday many Christians will be part of the march in **Glasgow from Kelvingrove Park to Glasgow Green** and others will join **THE BIG SING at 2pm outside the Scottish Parliament Building in Edinburgh**. These are active prayerful events!

On Wednesday evening at our first **COP26 VIGIL** our folk took time to reflect on The Lord's Prayer while thinking about COP26. You can see an example over the page which might offer a focus for your prayers over the next week.

Holding all in prayer

On the railings outside Willowbrae

Carbon monoxide — CO — is produced through combustion and typically dissipates in the air but can be toxic in a confined space such as mines. Just so, why did they take canaries down mines? Canaries were used in coal mines to detect the presence of carbon monoxide.

The bird's rapid breathing rate, small size, and high metabolism, compared to the miners, led birds in dangerous mines to succumb before the miners, thereby giving them time to take action.

Willowbrae Church Knitted Canaries — a time for action!

11am Sunday 7th November

We welcome Fiona Breingan as our pianist leading our hymn singing (wearing masks) for the first time since the COVID restrictions arrived.

With Dinner Church on Wednesdays offering a contemporary participative service the 11am Sunday Services will change to a more traditional format .



7-9pm Wednesday 10th November **VIGIL for COP26**

As part of the evening Margaret McLarty will lead folk in a 'wee sing' session with songs to listen to and join in

*There will be time for conversation round the tables
Pizza and salad + fruit are on the menu
+ opportunity to write a VIGIL song to an easy tune*

10.50 am 14th November **Remembrance Sunday**



*Our elders will lead this
Remembrance Sunday Service*

'We will remember them'



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At the VIGIL we expanded the words in The Lord's Prayer

Our Father ...

Abba, daddy who loves us.

We are your children and so are everyone else
even those far, far away.

You are with us as we struggle

Our carer—our provider—our listener
Our guardian—our creator—our Mother!

hallowed by your name

You, God, are special

There is no other like you!

We give you our respect.

Your kingdom come

Soon, please!

You are a great King!

Whatever it looks like I desire to be part of it.

We are not good as stewards of the earth.

**Bring us through 'the eye of the needle' and give us
the wisdom to make the right decisions**

Your will be done on earth as in heaven

Bless the leaders at this moment in Glasgow

Help US to do your will.

Whatever your will is for ME I will do it!

**Which, remembering Jesus parable
of the rich young ruler, is a bit scary!**

But we'd like to give it a try.

Give us today our daily bread ..

Thank you for the soup—and sorry
we take it for granted so often.

Give us what we need—not what we want

Give me what I really need—not want.

Not polluted with chemicals!

Forgive us our sins

.... of which there are many

It is easy to say—difficult to mean.

**We have so many debts—so many things we should
have done.**

Help me to stop lying, lusting, rebelling,
being angry and revengeful—forgive me
for I am trying!

Thank you for forgiving us when we mess up!

.... as we forgive those who sin against us

The annoying people

Our leaders

All the people on-line lying about climate change.

Let the earth forgive our sins against it.

Let indigenous people forgive us.

for our exploitation.

We hurt and are hurt

Let us let go

Help me to forgive those

who have destroyed my life.

Help us forgive those who are

nasty to us

unkind to us

thoughtless about us.

Lead us not into temptation

... of using disposable plastics!!!

Protect me from stumbling

Save me from falling into temptation

of revenge and lustful music

We could be tempted into alcohol and illegal drugs

.... but deliver us from evil

Of capitalism and conglomerates

Save us from Climate Change!

I am scared of what is happening in this world

Take me from the snares

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

All light is yours

The kindness, the love and justice are yours

All the good in the world is from you

Yes—you are a great King—and very powerful

... now and for ever

You are with us for all time

You are here with us for all eternity

Amen

**All shall be well and all shall be well
and all manner of things shall be well!**

We agree!

Often we 'rattle through' the prayer—take time!