

Wed. 24/05	Pray for guidance for those who are in jobs that make them sad or stressed but fear the thought of change. Pray for wisdom and courage.
Thur. 25/05	Give thanks for all those who give of their time and talents to serve others in the our church in so many different ways, however there is always the need for further help within all the groups of our church "Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." <i>Matthew 9: 38</i>
Fri. 26/05	Pray for those that feel lonely; often right in her midst. Pray that we take the time to ask them how they are and be emotionally available to support them.
Sat. 27/05	Give thanks for Dermot who faithfully compiles the prayer calendar each month. Give thanks also for all those who faithfully contribute items for prayer.
Sun. 28/05	Many around you will be struggling to see how God is faithful. Hold them up in prayer, and ask Him to reveal Himself to them.
Mon. 29/05	Give thanks for several bible books bought by mums and pray that God will use them to bring the families closer to himself.
Tue. 30/05	Pray that God will empower each of us to examine more honestly our own walk with Him, and to be open to playing a more active part in supporting God's work in our fellowship and community.
Wed. 31/05	Anybody can praise God in the good times. But when you have to rise above your feelings and your circumstances, that's when it really counts. It's the last thing you feel like doing. But when you praise God anyway, you discover the truth of Nehemiah's (8:10) words: "The joy of the Lord (the joy that comes from knowing He is present with you and has gone before you to work things out in your favour) is your strength"

## Newhaven Church Prayer Calendar May 2017

Mon. 01/05	Pray for the senior members of our congregation. Give thanks for every gray hair attained by righteous living. We are blessed by their example and ability to train us. Pray that God will help us to humbly submit as we benefit from their wisdom and understanding. That they will receive the strength and power that God has promised to the weary and weak. May they put their hope in the Lord and be renewed in the process. "Grey hair is a crown of splendour; it is attained in the way of righteousness." <i>Proverbs 16: 31</i>
Tue. 02/05	Give thanks for the increasing number of people asking to find out more about the Christian faith. Pray that we will know what to tell them and how best to follow it up.
Wed. 03/05	Pray for fractured family relationships, that healing and reconciliation can triumph over grievance.
Thur. 04/05	Pray that God will direct us to the person He has in mind to take over as Cafe Assistant.
Fri. 05/05	Give thanks for a good start to the Chatterboxes term. Pray that the children will feel able to ask questions that they have and for their faith to grow.
Sat. 06/05	"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," <i>Matthew 5:34</i> . Jesus taught and practiced love, forgiveness and non-violence. This can be difficult to reconcile in a society where Christians are encouraged to accept the falsehoods of redemptive violence and "Just Wars." Pray for the courage to hold to the truth.
Sun. 07/05	Praise God for Peter's faithful preaching of His word. Pray that Peter will continue to rely on and be inspired by the Holy Spirit in all that he shares with us week by week.
Mon. 08/05	Pray for the Kirk Session meeting tonight. Pray that there will be a good attendance and give us wisdom as we consider issues affecting the church and the way forward. Help us to know what are the priorities for the work and

	where our resources of people and money should be concentrated. Pray that we may know the way forward in the wise stewardship of our resources.
Tue. 09/05	Pray for wisdom for planning for our cafe; desperately short of regular volunteers, the staff who are under constant pressure to keep the cafe open and functioning well.
Wed. 10/05	Give thanks for the visits of various classes from Victoria Primary to the Church. The children were given a taste of a family service and the opportunity to learn what went on and what people did in the church. It was a great chance to explain to some children who may never otherwise go into a church what we do and more importantly why.
Thur. 11/05	Pray that we support our children during the exam period and do not add to their anxieties. Pray for happy, stress free teenagers who radiate God's love.
Fri. 12/05	Give thanks for the ways in which the church is interacting with the community. The café, Toddlers and the Haven all give interaction with the community. We are finding that more and more that the feel of the events in the building influences folks. Pray that this "fragrance of Jesus" may be felt through out our community and more and more will begin to ask where it comes from.
Sat. 13/05	Praise God for the new people whom He has drawn into our fellowship. May we who know the Lord continue to radiate His love and His fragrance into our community so that others are attracted to Him.
Sun. 14/05	Praise God for Cassie and all those working with the young people - for their energy and commitment to the faithful teaching of the Gospel.
Mon. 15/05	Lord, we lift up the children and youth in our congregation to you. May they remain humble examples of what we adults need to become in the kingdom. Let their conduct always be pure and right with characters that show that they remember you as their Creator God

Tue. 16/05	Pray for the group times we are doing to prepare the P7s as they go up to Secondary after the summer. Pray for Derek a local youth worker who will be taking the Trinity Secondary group to make good relations with the children, that they might want to continue with him as they move to Trinity Academy.
Wd. 17/05	Pray for those who are seriously ill and whose family are fearful of the future and how they will cope. Pray for a sense of peace. Pray for Peter as he ministers to those with health problems and supports them and their families.
Thur. 18/05	Pray for the personal integrity of candidates contesting the forthcoming General Election. That they will be motivated by public service and not ego and ambition.
Fri. 19/05	The consumer society encourages greed, exploitation and jealousy. As Christians may we demonstrate an alternative, simpler lifestyle. One based on meeting our needs, not our wants. On sharing our skills and resources.
Sat. 20/05	Pray for the upcoming General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Pray for the debates on the topics that engender heated debate. Pray for respect for those of differing views and that debates will be conducted in a spirit of love and seeking to find out the will of God on the issues.
Sun. 21/05	Pray for God's peace in the lives of those in our fellowship suffering as a result of age/infirmity/illness.
Mon. 22/05	Pray for children around the world, that they would hear the story of Jesus and believe. Pray for children living in poverty, pray that they may have shelter and enough food to fill their stomachs each day. Pray for children who have been orphaned due to conflict and HIV/Aids, pray that God will send missionaries to care for those orphans. Pray that education will be available to all children around the world.
Tue 23/05	Give thanks for all who help at Toddlers, for all the families who come to Toddlers. Pray for a few more people who would commit to one morning every four weeks.