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Prayer Diary



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This edition of the Prayer Diary contains prayers for the whole year from our services across Scotland.

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Thank you from all of CrossReach.

Eskmills, Edinburgh

Supported accommodation for adults with learning disabilities in Edinburgh and East Lothian.

- May the Lord Jesus, give everyone at Eskmills the grace to hear His voice and the strength to continue working for His kingdom in these challenging times.
- Thanks for the hard-working team at Eskmills, especially during the Coronavirus pandemic; may they have continued health and well-being as they support the people who use the service and keep them free of COVID-19.
- Thanks for Colin Robertson and the art group who have faced significant challenges during recent restrictions on group activities; may it continue to be a way of expressing creativity for all who take part.
- Thanks for technology that has meant continuing fellowship for staff; may the laughter, happiness and joy continue in such challenging circumstances.
- Thanks for the support and donations from the Algrade Trust who provide housing and also significantly improve the lives of the people who use Eskmills.
- May God's healing hand rest upon brothers and sisters who have suffered Coronavirus.
- That God may grant all bereaved families His consolation and strengthen their faith and hope in Jesus Christ.

The Mallard and GO2, Glasgow

Providing short breaks and day support for children and young people with additional support needs.

- Thanks for the dedicated staff team that has navigated the challenge of COVID-19 to ensure that children and young people have consistency, love, care and support. May they be refreshed, renewed and inspired in their work.
- For the children and young people whose lives have been changed by COVID-19 impacting their schooling, learning and development, social opportunities and changes to routine. May they have continued resilience and peace.
- Remembering the families of children using The Mallard for short breaks who have felt the strain of the Coronavirus over the last year. May they have renewed strength and peace as they cope with the daily challenges of caring for a child with complex needs.
- For GO2 as the team looks for additional accommodation so the service can continue to grow and develop. For fruitful partnerships that benefit the children and young people.
- Remembering the Management Team that has felt the strain of responding to the Coronavirus crisis; may they be renewed with energy, strength and optimism.
- For God's blessing over new staff joining the organisation; may they feel called to love and support in Jesus' name.
- Thanks that the services continue to provide high quality care and support to children and young people; nurturing their development and providing a safe place for them to grow.

The Oasis Garelochhead, Argyll and Bute

A Day Care Service providing care in the community.

- Thanks for all the families and friends of those who use the service and for the support they have given during these challenging times.
- Remembering those living with dementia; may they be blessed with supportive, loving families and moments of hope.
- That each person who uses the service will continue to know they are valued as they adapt to changes brought about by the Coronavirus pandemic.
- May the Lord bless the team at Oasis Garelochhead as they work together, caring for those they support; may they continue to be led by the Spirit.
- Thanks that though we don't always know what the next second will bring, God is graciously able to use any situation for good.
- Thanks for the opportunity and privilege Oasis Garelochhead has in serving God through caring for others in their homes. May the Lord continue to guide and bless the service.
- May the Lord continue to use the staff, to show Christ-like love and godly hospitality; may they help everyone they meet feel the warm welcome of Jesus' love.

The Garratt, Glasgow

Providing long term care and support for young people with additional support needs.

- For the young people living in The Garratt who have been impacted over the last year by the restrictions relating to COVID-19.
- Thanks for the staff who have maintained continuity and care for the young people during these most challenging times.
- For the staff of The Garratt; may they know God's blessing, feel God's peace and feel renewed.
- Remembering the families of the young people cared for as they navigate the impact of COVID-19.
- Thanks for The Promise, a national commitment to improving the experience of residential care for children and young people.
- For the colleagues of The Garratt in Social Work as they work to keep children and families safe and well.
- For the children and young people who the service has not yet met but who will become part of The Garratt family over the coming year.

South Beach House, Ardrossan

A residential care home situated on the Ardrossan shore front.

- May God the Father be with the staff of South Beach House as they give of their best to show love and care to all in the home.
- Remembering those whose lives have been impacted by the Coronavirus in many ways; from missing out on social activities to the loss of their finances and employment.
- Thanks for a night's rest and for the night shift who are going home to rest. May God grant the staff team with the strength they need for the day ahead. May God grant those who are unwell a speedy recovery.
- Thanks to God for listening and for never tiring of showing His love; may we never take this for granted. Thank you Lord.
- Thanks to God for His presence and care towards His creation; may those at South Beach House lean on Him and be comforted, may they be reminded they are not alone.
- Remembering those in the community who are lonely or isolated and those who are sick. May South Beach House be a place of warmth and companionship.
- Thanks to God for His provisions and remembering those who are less fortunate and in need.

Threshold Edinburgh

Housing support and day care services to adults with learning disabilities.

- Thanks that, despite the challenges of COVID-19, Threshold Edinburgh has been able to both resume and expand the service for adults with learning disabilities; thanks for the continued protection of clients, staff and their families.
- Thanks for the service as it supports each individual to have a good quality of life. May the people supported by Threshold Edinburgh be blessed and reach their fullest potential.
- Thanks for the new staff members who have joined the team.
- For the health and wellbeing of all who use the service and thanks for the new clients who have joined the service.
- Thanks for the Management Team; may they continue to lead by example, manage staff well and give of their best in what they do.
- For all who use the service and the staff; may they keep well and find spiritual nourishment and strength.

Whiteinch Move On Service, Glasgow

Supporting adults in Glasgow recovering from substance use to access their own homes.

- For the people who are being supported by the service as they begin life in recovery and build homes within the community.
- For the people who are moving out of the service into their own homes. May the Lord be with them as they adjust to life without formal support.
- Thanks for the staff members, who have a strong passion for supporting people who are homeless with love and compassion, and who are often required to lone work.
- Remembering the Management Team as they lead the service; may God provide wisdom and guidance.
- For good relationships with partners e.g. the Commissioning Team, Care Managers, local housing associations and community/voluntary organisations.
- For staff and the people they support as they face new challenges to daily life, brought about by Coronavirus restrictions.
- For the calming presence of the Holy Spirit; may the men and women supported feel safe and secure in a loving environment.

Budhmor House, Isle of Skye

A residential care home for 27 older people in Portree.

- Remembering the staff who are going through challenging times or enduring ill health at this time; may the Lord's blessing be with them.
- That the Lord would make Budhmor House a place of happiness and comfort for all who live and work there.
- Remembering the families who have lost loved ones and may the Lord's blessing be with them.
- For any family members or staff who may have private issues they are struggling with.
- For each of the residents and their families; may they find peace and love whilst at their home in Budhmor House.
- Budhmor House are thankful for the volunteers from the churches who support the home in many different ways.
- Thanks for the tradespeople and the continual improvements made in the home.

Adams House, Johnstone

A specialist residential care home for 30 older people with a diagnosis of dementia.

- Comfort and hope for the residents of the service; may they feel the presence of God's love surrounding them in this place they call home.
- That God would be with everyone as they do His work in the home; blessing the staff with strength, patience and understanding to do the best they can day by day.
- That God be with all Adams House residents and help them to find some joy and laughter in everything they do today.
- For the residents of Adams House, as some days can be more difficult than others; may God show His mercy towards them and give them peace.
- Remembering staff who are unwell; may God's blessing be on each one to restore their health and wellbeing for future days.
- Adams House are thankful to the Friends Group and fundraising team and to everyone who volunteers and takes part in the activities to raise money and awareness for the house.
- May everyone in Adams House, staff and residents, all feel God's comforting presence walking beside them in love and peace.

Morlich House, Edinburgh

Morlich House is a care home for older ladies in the Morningside area of Edinburgh.

- For God's help to always be strong and have faith even in the most difficult times.
- Thanks for the springtime; a time of new beginnings, with flowers bursting into bloom for everyone to enjoy.
- For blessings on the staff team, as they do their best in situations that can be very challenging; may God's helping hand be on them at all times.
- Thanks for the gift of laughter, which is so important in helping everyone to feel uplifted.
- God's guidance for the staff; to make decisions that are always best for those in the care of Morlich House.
- For the ladies at Morlich House; for the sharing of stories and the bonds they create.
- For help to enjoy the quiet moments; to take time to be aware of God's presence and His comfort.



Cameron House, Inverness

Cameron House is home to 30 people who are at various stages in their journey with dementia.

- Remembering those who are living with dementia and the frustration it brings; may they be blessed with loving, supportive families and days of hope.
- For those who experience despair in the midst of dementia; may the Lord help the staff to be able to reach out with grace and compassion so that all may know His love and solace.
- Thanks for the ministers who support Cameron House. Keep them serving faithfully and furnish them with periods of rest and recovery.
- Thanks for family and the strength and consolation they bring; may they feel God's closeness as they care for family members who are unwell.
- Thanks for the staff who are called to care for those with dementia; may their work be blessed and demonstrate God's intimate knowledge of each of us.
- For the victory we experience in Christ and His finished work; may it sustain us and bring us great joy each day.

Balmedie House, Aberdeen

Residential accommodation and day care set in 26 acres of woodland and gardens.

- In times of stress, hardship and pain may those who offer comfort be blessed with the Lord's guidance, taking strength from knowing that they do His work; bringing hope, charity and love to all they meet.
- For all the residents and day care clients of Balmedie House, giving thanks for the dedication of staff and for the love and patience they show to all the people they care for.
- Balmedie House are thankful for all those who support them in fellowship; bringing staff, residents and the community together.
- For the safety of staff and residents and for all their families and the friends who visit them.
- Thanks for the Lord's loving, caring and guiding hand over Balmedie House. Remembering new residents as they settle in to their new home and for the residents who have lived at the home for a while.
- For the Friends Group who work with the staff, supporting the home.
- Thanks to God for the commitment of staff across the service, who work to provide a high standard of care and support. Bless them and the work they do, supporting them in the challenges they can face daily.

CrossReach Counselling Services North & West

Offering one-to-one counselling - for adults, children and young people - in a safe and supportive environment in Glasgow, Inverness and Moray.

- For the clients of the services. May they receive the emotional support that they seek, and may the counselling teams offer understanding, empathy and compassion.
- Thanks for every volunteer counsellor who gives of their time in one of the service buildings or in the community; in a prison, school or outreach clinic. May God grant them health and energy.
- Remembering the Business Support Team who work behind the scenes to ensure the teams provide a professional counselling service. May they know fulfillment in their work.
- For the counselling staff team. May God give them compassion, patience and wisdom to deal with whatever comes their way.
- For individuals, churches and groups (like the Friends of Inverness Counselling group) who give prayer and financial support. May God bless them just as they have blessed others.
- Thanks for the skilled members of staff who are approaching retirement. May God retain expertise in the services, raising up people who are passionate about ensuring no-one is turned away from counselling.
- For God's blessings on all funding applications, may the staff preparing these receive wisdom. Thanks for the support and expertise provided by the Supporter Development team.

Lewis Street Project and Dochas, Stornoway

Lewis Street Project offers accommodation and support for mental wellbeing for five adults. Dochas provides support at home for individuals recovering from drug and/or alcohol use.

- For the positive pairing of clients and staff. May God provide the miraculous healing of hearts, minds and bodies.
- Thanks for the staff of the services; for their strength, energy and enthusiasm. May God guide, encourage and protect them in their work and as they reflect His love.
- Dochas means hope; may the Lord provide hope and peace in the lives of those supported and may they look to God for His peace and healing from mental illness, distress and addiction.
- May the Lord bless the new Advocacy service within Dochas and inspire, guide and bless the worker as they seek to reach those with substance use issues in rural Lewis and Harris.
- For each client to know their value and feel a sense of belonging and inclusion within their community, free from stigma. Remembering those who are working to overcome their addictions; that they will see and celebrate their achievements, regardless of how small.
- Remembering the families of those who are affected by substance use; may they be strengthened and receive God's comfort.
- Thanks for everyone who supports this ongoing and vital work. May God bless the agencies and colleagues that work alongside the services; Social Work, NHS and other local agencies.

Clashfarquhar House, Stonehaven

A care home for older people also providing Day Care and Respite Care in Stonehaven, overlooking the bay.

- May God watch over everyone at Clashfarquhar and keep their loved ones safe from harm.
- For the Lord's guidance for staff; helping them in their decision making, in their work and at home.
- May the Lord bless the team at Clashfarquhar as they work together for the good of those they support.
- That God will be with those in the Day Care service and those enjoying respite care; may He guide the staff to assist them to attain the best quality of life whilst at Clashfarquhar.
- May God continue to shape the staff team to fulfil the roles He has for them and grant them wisdom as they learn and grow together.
- Clashfarquhar are thankful for the support of the Friends Group and volunteers; may they be enriched by God's love. May the Lord help draw more volunteers to the service.
- May God hear the prayers of the service and know of their love and worship to Him as He guides them, giving strength in times of need.

General Assembly Week

During the General Assembly in May 1869, the Church of Scotland appointed The Committee on Life and Work and its Convener, Rev Prof Archibald Charteris. This became the Church's Social Care Council, which operates as CrossReach.

- For over 150 years of social care support delivered by the Church of Scotland.
- For the people that support the work of CrossReach today by giving of their time in prayer, through engaging with social media, by participating in events and by making donations to CrossReach campaigns and work.
- Thanks for the generosity of the individuals who made property donations which helped establish the work.
- Thanks for the people who felt called to leave legacies to maintain and expand the social care support provided.
- For the many volunteers who make this work possible.
- CrossReach is thankful for each of the 1700 staff members who, despite the challenges facing social care providers, are committed to ensuring the work continues.
- God's wisdom and guidance for senior staff and the Social Care Council members as they look to lead the organisation.

The Bungalow, Stonehaven

A specialist residential care home for adults with complex health needs and profound and multiple learning disabilities.

- May all who enter the home know the Lord's strong and gentle presence and may His love be shown in the care delivered.
- Thanks for the gifts God has blessed the service with. May He provide staff with the strength to do their jobs and anoint their work day so they might honour Him.
- Remembering the Management Team; may God continue to guide and bless them in their positions.
- May the Lord meet the cares and needs of the service users and their families in His gracious heart and cover them with His almighty hand of protection.
- Thanks for all the carers in the broader community and for the teams across CrossReach; may each receive strength and grace as they go about their work.
- For all those who suffer with personal struggles; may God give them strength and empower them to break through doubt, fear and anxiety.
- May staff continue to convey God's peace in all they say and do.

Allarton, Glasgow

A residential service providing support to 14 adults experiencing mental health issues.

- For those supported by the service; may they continue to live their lives free from discrimination and stigma.
- For the residents who are having difficulty with their mental health; may they receive comfort from troubling symptoms.
- For those who are struggling financially and who need to use food banks to feed their families; may those who provide such relief continue to receive funding to help those most in need.
- For those who are alone and do not have a good support network of family or friends; may they find hope and companionship.
- Remembering those in the community who need support; may they find the right support. May funding be available for the ongoing provision of vital social care services.
- For the governments of the world; that they put in place policies that respect and protect the planet that we live on. May those who have influence listen to the concerns of the people.
- For those who move on from the service; may they find continued safety, security and support for recovery in their future.

The Elms, Edinburgh

Residential care for older people with dementia in a safe and homely environment.

- Thanks that The Elms was established in and for God's glory. May the Lord's peace continue to be present in the building in a tangible way.
- Peace for the residents and their families and friends.
- Comfort for the residents receiving end of life care and also for their families and friends.
- For God's blessings on the staff in their work. May they know His peace and comfort.
- Remembering staff and their families.
- For provision of staff; may the Lord inspire and lead more people who are filled with His love into the team.
- For the agency staff who work at the service and who have become extended and valued members of the team. May they continue to see the love of God reflected in the work done.

Daisy Chain Early Years Project, Glasgow

Play based groups and family support to help families thrive together.

- For the children and families of Govanhill, that they may know God's love through their relationships with staff and the compassion they are shown.
- For God's blessing on the team as they work alongside families to help ensure they have the best start in life.
- Remembering those making decisions about funding throughout the year, that they may see the value of the work undertaken and the long term impact this has on the community.
- For the service's work in schools; focused on nurturing young people and allowing them the freedom to explore beyond the school environment in woodland areas.
- For the counsellor of the service as she supports parents through loss, change and challenge.
- Remembering new staff who have joined the project; may they feel part of the Daisy Chain family, guided by God to demonstrate His love in action in Govanhill.
- For all those working in Govanhill; that they will be renewed, inspired and encouraged as they support children and families to flourish.

CrossReach Board and Secretary to the Social Care Council

The CrossReach Board work closely with the Chief Executive and Assembly Trustees to ensure that there is good governance over CrossReach so that the services can continue to provide their vital care and support.

- Thanks for the sterling work and commitment, over many years, from the members of the past Social Care Council which was disbanded in June 2020.
- For guidance and wisdom for the new Board members as they continue to work through a process of change in the way that CrossReach is governed.
- Thanks for all of the staff who have served so diligently throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and ask for God's continued blessing on them.
- Thanks for the faithful supporters of CrossReach who have given of their prayers, energy, talents and financial resources to support CrossReach over a very challenging time, and who continue to offer that support.
- For strength and wisdom for the senior managers both in their daily tasks and as they make plans to ensure CrossReach can continue supporting those who depend on its services well into the future.
- For all of those in Government whose job it is to support Social Care services in Scotland. May they find a way through the difficulties and competing priorities so that those most in need of support are not further disadvantaged.
- For the Assembly Trustees and the Church's Chief Officer as they take forward the deliberations of General Assembly 2020 and consider how best to resource the Church in its many forms to be a rich blessing to the people of Scotland and beyond.

Heart for Art

Uses creativity to support and encourage people with a diagnosis of dementia and their families. The groups connect people in communities and provide therapeutic art sessions.

- Peace for every person experiencing the challenges and concerns arising from a diagnosis of dementia.
- Blessings for each member of the team as they continue to support the artists and their families with dedication and compassion.
- Thanks for the beauty of art and for the amazing creativity and talent being unlocked as the artists take part in the classes.
- For the artists to continue to feel supported and free to express themselves through creative arts.
- Blessings for the carers and volunteers whose love, commitment and free-time are given to support those with a diagnosis of dementia.
- For ongoing funding, so this needed and valued service will continue to be delivered and developed.
- Blessings, for all the Heart for Art groups and the people who attend and support them.

Threshold Support Services, Hamilton

Provides support to people who have learning disabilities and who are on the autistic spectrum in Lanarkshire.

- Thanks for all the clients who are progressing well towards achieving their identified outcomes; may they experience real encouragement as they reach their goals.
- For the staff as they support the clients in the community and for safety as they travel to and from their place of work.
- May the staff know that they are greatly valued by both colleagues and clients.
- For safety, relaxation and happy times during the summer holidays for both clients and staff.
- For guidance as groups are developed and tailored to the needs and preferences of the clients.
- Opportunities to nurture existing relationships with clients' families and with multidisciplinary organisations, so clients will continue to receive quality support.
- For clients to know their value as individuals and within their community, and to have a sense of belonging and inclusion.

The Oasis Bankfoot & Tryst day care services, Perthshire

Day care services for older people who live in their own homes.

These prayers were composed with people who use the service.

- Thanks for the friends we meet when we come to The Tryst and Oasis Bankfoot, it is nice to meet new people and enjoy activities together.
- Give thanks for our families and all they do to support us. May we all have good health and many years of happiness together.
- Thanks for the Lord's promise that says when we are weak He makes us strong and that when we are weary and heavy burdened we can go to Him and He will make us strong and give us peace.
- Give thanks to the Father that He is the source of all that is good. His beautiful creation is testimony to His artistry and handiwork.
- Remembering those who are going through bereavement: may they be comforted.



Elizabeth Tavener 'Tea for two'
Artwork from Heart for Art

Rankeillor Initiative, Edinburgh

Temporary supported accommodation for people in shared flats in central Edinburgh.

- Thanks to God for the work of Rankeillor Initiative in serving people within supported accommodation flats and for the personal growth and achievements of clients. May this work continue into the future.
- Thanks for an established staff team. May the service continue to build a supportive and encouraging team that seeks to develop and improve the service to best support those they work with during what are challenging times.
- For the physical and emotional health of staff working with clients with complex needs; that staff will let God be their strength, wisdom and motivation. May staff honour Him with all their action and words, showing His love and compassion in all that they do.
- For the continuing of good relationships and communication with partner organisations such as the City of Edinburgh Council, local homelessness services and community organisations.
- Remembering the clients of the service as they face challenging circumstances in uncertain times. May they see Jesus in the actions of staff and that staff will bear witness to a hope that transcends all circumstances.
- That clients feel safe and at peace in their accommodation and for the ongoing safety and wellbeing of people who have used the service in the past and have since moved on.
- That residents will find fresh opportunities to build resilience in their lives: social, economic, emotional and spiritual.

Williamwood House, Glasgow

A care home for older people living with dementia in Glasgow.

- For all the staff at the home, and in other CrossReach services, who work tirelessly to make life as comfortable and fulfilling as possible to the people supported and cared for.
- For good weather this summer which will allow residents and staff to be active outdoors and bask in its warmth.
- For all new residents who have come to live at Williamwood House; may they settle in, enjoy life and make new friends.
- That residents find their voices at resident meetings as this will inspire their desired changes to happen.
- That residents and staff enjoy good health and good fellowship.
- For leaders, politicians and decision makers in these uncertain times. May the Lord guide and lead them in accordance to His will.
- For the family and friends of the residents; may they know times of blessing when they visit their loved ones.

Oversteps, Dornoch

A comfortable and happy home providing residential care to 24 older people in Dornoch.

- For those who are grieving at this time, may the Lord comfort them with His love in their time of need.
- That any worries and anxieties experienced by residents and staff would be lightened.
- For any residents and staff who are feeling nervous about what tomorrow could bring. May He soothe their hearts and minds by reminding them of His presence.
- That the Lord would make the home a place of happiness to all who live, work and visit there.
- That the Lord will remind us in our trials that because we have Jesus, everything we have in life is a gift.
- For those dealing with health concerns and struggling in their body and mind; may God bring relief to their pain.
- May God send His blessing upon all who dwell in the home. May He carry them through the days like a shepherd who cares for His sheep, as we are like the sheep who need His care.

Morven Day Services, Kilmarnock

A day service for adults offering mental health support in East Ayrshire.

- For those who use the service; that they may be strengthened as they work to overcome daily challenges. May they feel cared for, included and through it all, may they find purpose.
- May those using the services find hope in all they do and help in building bridges over gaps that may seem unreachable and impossible.
- For opportunities, resources, and new and renewed relationships which help people handle mental health challenges in healthier ways.
- That those with poor mental health find encouragement and solace in places and people as they travel through their journey to recovery.
- For those who have lost hope and sight of the future; may they regain clear vision.
- Remembering those who experience challenges with everyday life, may they find support and comfort through relationships and appreciation of life's daily triumphs.
- For the staff of the service; may the Lord be their wisdom and strength as they come alongside those they support.

Perth Visitors Support & Advice Centre

Support, advice and friendship for families visiting Perth Prison.

- Many who visit the centre may be experiencing a period of crisis; may all who come into the centre experience a sense of peace and calm.
- Thanks for the staff and volunteers; may they have wisdom to deal sensitively with the various needs of the people who use the service.
- For all prisoners, that they can maintain a positive relationship with their families, wherever possible, and remembering those who have no visitors.
- Remembering the Chaplaincy Centre staff in the prison who are on duty daily to provide support to those of all faiths, and those who have no faith.
- Thanks for the many churches who give such valuable support to the service in so many different and thoughtful ways.
- For all the children that come in to the centre; may they benefit from their time there and may they find it a relaxing and nurturing space before their visit to the prison.
- Thanks for all the agencies who work with the centre to meet additional needs of individuals and remember all those who work in the prison.

Advisory, Consultative & Negotiating Group (ACNG)

The ACNG is an elected group of staff representatives who offer support services that work for and on behalf of CrossReach staff.

- Thanks for each representative of the team working within Older People Services, Adult Care Services, Children & Families Services and Central Services as they represent and support staff.
- For God's daily blessings on all CrossReach colleagues, the people who use its services, their families and friends.
- For guidance as the group works alongside management colleagues to find solutions to the challenges that may lie ahead.
- May ACNG meetings around the country continue to be a place for staff voices to be heard.
- For the strengthening of staff who are struggling with personal matters or are unable to be at work because of illness.
- For support and guidance for each appointed member of the ACNG team as they work together and demonstrate commitment to achieve the best service for staff.
- Thanks for the dedication and commitment shown by all CrossReach staff in the work they do each day.

Threshold Glasgow

Support at home and day opportunities for adults with learning disabilities. The service aims to empower and include all who are part of their great team: customers, staff and families.

- For the Government and leaders; may they have wisdom and compassion when making reforms to the social care sector.
- For the nation; for comfort and peace of mind through uncertain times.
- Remembering families within the service, especially those suffering through a bereavement or loss; may they find peace.
- For all in the service, may they have the strength to offer compassion, care and love to others.
- May God help us to be thankful for our own blessings and to reach out to others.
- Threshold Glasgow are thankful for all students who come to the service on placement; may all in the service continue to learn from each other.
- As the wider organisation of CrossReach supports the ongoing development and sustainability of the service; may they have insight and wisdom.

CrossReach Central Services

Including Finance, Human Recourses, Organisational Development and Senior Management staff.

- For all the CrossReach staff and the dedication they display in their roles and for new staff, as they commence their employment journey with CrossReach. May they feel supported and valued.
- May God be with everyone undertaking learning in their roles and give wisdom to those designing future training opportunities.
- Thanks for the team that work hard to raise the funds needed to allow CrossReach to keep providing much needed support. May each person have continued inspiration and wisdom in their various roles.
- The Estates team, with the remit of looking after all the CrossReach properties throughout Scotland and also the organisational Health and Safety needs.
- Thanks for the staff in the Finance section; may God give them discernment as they steward precious resources and may God give wisdom to everyone with responsibility for setting the annual budgets.
- Thanks to God for the I.T. staff who work hard to keep all the technology used in the services and main office running smoothly, efficiently and safely.
- May the Corporate Management Team (CMT) have the strength and guidance they need as they consider all aspects of the ongoing work of CrossReach.

Cumnor Hall, Ayr

A residential care home for older adults with a diagnosis of dementia.

- Thanks for God's goodness; may His face shine upon staff as they seek to serve Him in Cumnor Hall.
- Thanks to God for His presence; may all at Cumnor Hall receive their strength and wisdom from Him in their lives and work.
- Thanks for each new day; may the words and actions of staff glorify God's name.
- For each of the residents, their families and friends; may they always feel welcomed and supported at Cumnor Hall.
- For the staff members who may be unwell at the moment; may God strengthen, support and restore them back to health. Thanks to God for all He does every single day and for His love which never fails.
- Thanks for the committed staff team; may God bless the staff with health and enthusiasm to excel in the work that He has placed them to do, providing support to the residents.

The Walter and Joan Gray, Scalloway

The Walter & Joan Gray Care Home provides residential, respite and Day Care services to older people in the community.

- Thanks to God for The Walter and Joan Gray; for His continued care and protection throughout the years. May all who live and work there find friendship and fellowship.
- For the testimony and reputation of the home in the community to welcome new referrals and admissions.
- For the recruitment of new staff and guidance for the ongoing development of the service.
- For the residents and those who use the Day Care service who are unwell and the staff who are caring for them.
- Thanks for the privilege it is to serve Him by serving others.
- For unity and collaboration amongst all colleagues.
- For God's blessing on those who use the service, their families, the staff and all those who support the home in so many ways.

Queen's Bay Lodge, Edinburgh

A care home for older people in Edinburgh.

- Thanks for the changing seasons and the enjoyment that each one brings to life at Queen's Bay Lodge.
- Thanks for God's love, which never gives up on loving us exactly how we are.
- Thanks for the work of Queen's Bay Lodge and for the wellbeing of all who stay, work and visit. May they see God's work and feel His presence in the home.
- Thanks for Christ's love and how this love is manifested through the staff in their work with residents.
- For the volunteers who generously give their time to support the home with activities, outings and fundraising events. The service gives their grateful thanks.
- Thanks for the gift of each new day and for the provisions of compassion and learning to meet its challenges and rewards.
- Thanks for each and every blessing, in these we see God's love.



Well Hall

A modern residential home for 36 older people situated in the suburbs of Hamilton.

- For the Lord's guidance over staff as they work in unity as a team.
- For the residents; that they would feel content knowing their needs are being met.
- That staff would have fresh ideas and be enthused as they spend time with and take part in social activities with residents.
- That the families and all visitors would feel relaxed and welcome while visiting the home.
- Thanks for the community agencies that deliver vital services on a daily basis and for all health professionals who administer care to the residents. Also to Hillhouse Church who provide regular fellowship.
- That management and senior staff seek wisdom when making important decisions relating to the running of the home.
- Thanks for all within the community who give of their time and resources to offer the residents extra activities, outings and conversation.

The Kirkhaven Project

Providing move-on accommodation for homeless men and women aged 18-65 who have experienced mental health issues, substance dependency or challenging behaviours.

- Thanks to the Lord whose name is majestic; for the beauty of God's creation and His mindfulness of His children. May the staff be encouraged as they care for those in the service.
- Thanks to God for His great promises; may these be an anchor in any day to day challenges.
- For those in the service who are struggling with addiction; may they know the grace and mercy of God.
- Thanks to God for all the agencies who work tirelessly to help alleviate the suffering of those who know great afflictions in their lives.
- Thanks to God for the amazing colours of autumn and for the rainbows that sweep across the skies at this time of year. May staff remember the promises of God as they minister to those around them.
- May Christ be the source for staff in all they say and do each day.
- Remembering the staff and volunteers who work in night shelters providing hot meals and a warm place for men and women to sleep.

Bellfield, Banchory

A residential home for 34 older people, set in the picturesque town of Banchory in Royal Deeside.

- Thanks for this beautiful autumn season with all the changing colours that can be seen in the garden and beyond.
- Thanks for our families and friends who take time to visit us regularly. (Resident)
- Thanks for the wonderful care I receive at Bellfield and for all the lovely staff who always have a smile for me. (Resident)
- I am so thankful for all the small things, like a simple cup of tea with my friends. (Staff member)
- Remembering families and friends far and wide; may God keep them safe.
- Thanks for a dedicated staff team, who work hard to provide such a high standard of care and support; may God bless them in all the daily challenges they face.
- For the residents of Bellfield; as the days grow darker and colder may they may feel safe, secure and loved as the staff continue to care for them.

Please note the service description for Bellfield in edition 2020/21 was incorrect. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

CrossReach Perinatal Services

Perinatal counselling and therapy to families expecting a baby or with an infant up to two years old in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Moray and the surrounding areas. Counselling can be offered face-to-face, over the phone and online.

- For clients; that they feel safe, content, well supported and loved as they interact with staff and volunteers.
- Thanks for counsellors who volunteer their time; responding with care, support and compassion to clients' and their families' needs.
- For crèche workers and volunteers who provide an invaluable service, giving parents one less thing to worry about.
- For the clinical (counselling) team in Bluebell, Moray and Perinatal East; may God give them compassion, patience and wisdom to deal with whatever may come their way.
- Guidance for Bluebell; to maintain its outreach work (Hubs) serving local communities. For partnerships with local services and faith communities.
- Thanks for everyone who supports the service through donating or fundraising. Bless them, just as they have blessed others.
- That policy makers, communities and employers respond to the needs of those who are struggling with Perinatal mental health challenges.

Glasgow Day Opportunities

Offering support, friendship and outings for older people living at home in Glasgow.

- That God would continue to bless the people who use the service and staff alike; may they know His grace, peace and love as they go about their daily tasks.
- Thanks for the opportunity to work in God's name and provide a service to older adults in Glasgow, living in the comfort of their own homes.
- For the staff team who work out in the community; may they be kept safe as they travel to and from their places of work.
- For the people who use the service; for comfort and good health and that they feel protected and safe within their own homes.
- Remembering partners of the service: social workers, doctors, nurses and pharmacists, who work together to help provide a range of support.
- For the leadership team in CrossReach: the Social Care Council, Directors and Chief Executive; that God would provide them with the skills, knowledge, wisdom and courage to make decisions that will benefit those who use the service and staff.
- For CrossReach staff and the wider community of care providers who work tirelessly to ensure that each supported person receives individualised care.

CrossReach Residential Recovery Service

Formerly Rainbow House, CrossReach Residential Recovery Service supports people who are committed to living drug and alcohol free.

- Remembering the service as it continues to be in demand, by people from Glasgow and other areas. Remembering each person who enters the service in need of love and kindness.
- For the friends and families of those affected by substance use; may they find peace while their loved ones are cared for and know the service to be a space where they can also seek support.
- For the Recovery Workers who are supporting people through their individual recovery plans; may they be confident and find enjoyment in their work.
- For the Leadership Team who run the service and focus on its development and maintaining quality. For the Senior Recovery Workers who lead each shift and the Service Leader who manages the service daily.
- Remembering the Managing Coordinator who works with multi-disciplinary teams in Glasgow, prisons and local authorities, to ensure people have access to the service and are supported well.
- For the Glasgow City Council Commissioning Team who purchase beds from the service. Remembering them as they make decisions with people who need support.
- For the Recovery Volunteers who use their lived experience to be role models for those they support; may they feel supported in their work and benefit from the volunteering experience.

CrossReach Tayside Support Services, Dundee

A community service supporting people who wish to move on from substance use, working through a community of recovery and also recovery cafes.

- Thanks for the dedicated staff team who work in very demanding situations at times; may God guide them and give them the strength to carry on their work.
- For all the clients that come through the service; may they find peace and support amidst chaotic lives.
- Thanks for the provision of new premises for the service.
- Thanks for the Tayside Support Services; may they continue to flourish.
- For the recovery groups; Recovery at The Friary, The R & R Café and Connect Café. May all who use these services feel God's presence whilst there.
- Thanks for the women and children's work; may God guide and support the staff to continue to develop this programme and bless all those who attend.
- Thanks for all the volunteers, visitors and other services who work alongside Tayside Support Services and for the work that they do.

Cunningham House, Edinburgh

Supported hostel accommodation for men and women experiencing homelessness in Edinburgh.

- That residents would be able to have hope despite circumstances that can sometimes seem desperate; may staff be able to offer perspective and clarity, in the name of Jesus, when life seems overwhelming.
- That the staff team would work well together and be able to challenge and support each other to continue to give genuine and loving care to the residents in the name of Jesus Christ.
- That residents who experience the break-up of relationships would be able to find the strength to work through their feelings of loss and change.
- That those living with addictions would have assurance that there is a way forward and that they can lead strong, fulfilling lives.
- That those who are living with mental health conditions will find the right support to address these and be able to sustain their recovery.
- That staff would retain good health and motivation even when discouragements and frustrations come along and would be able to build trusting relationships with residents.
- That those residents moving on to a new home or stage of life will go with confidence and hope and be able to continue to achieve their goals.

Whinnieknowe Care Home, Nairn

Whinnieknowe is a care home for 24 older people overlooking the Nairn River and Cawdor Hills.

- For financial blessings for CrossReach and the Church of Scotland.
- Remembering the staff of Whinnieknowe; may they happily continue in the great work that they do.
- That each one of the residents in Whinnieknowe will be held in the hand of the Lord. May He keep them physically and mentally safe and strong, even in difficult times.
- For all the other care homes, residents, staff and families; may they experience God's love and a spiritual great big hug.
- Bind us together Lord with chords that cannot be broken. For all the relationships within Whinnieknowe, for the Friends Group and the volunteers who give of their time; bless the home with their friendship and close bonds.
- That the joy of the Lord will flow in all the work of CrossReach, reaching those who are struggling with life and who are receiving support through its services.
- Praise and thanks to the Lord for the blessings of great care and love through all of CrossReach.

Beechwood House, Inverness

Beechwood House offers residential rehabilitation, community outreach and social care to people affected by substance use.

- Thanks for a committed staff team who provide care and support, not only towards those who use the service, but for each other also.
- That Beechwood House may continue to offer a safe haven to those who are most vulnerable, a place where those who wish can learn to live free from alcohol and drugs.
- Remembering those who use the service; may they always find love and support. May God give them strength on the darkest of days and help them to their own path in recovery.
- Thanks to God, who guides and walks alongside the service, whatever challenges they face.
- Remembering the many CrossReach services as they continue to work with compassion and in God's name.
- Beechwood House are thankful for the other agencies in the Highlands who are committed to promoting recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. May the funding remain available to enable them to continue this vital work.
- Remembering the families and friends who have been affected by substance use; may they receive love, compassion and support and may God guide them through difficult times.

Polmont Prison Visitors Centre

Polmont is Scotland's Young Offenders prison for men (16-21) and some women. The Visitor Centre offers a warm welcome, refreshments, support, advice and a children's play area.

- Remembering the families, who often feel they serve the sentence too; for safe journeys and the strength to keep visiting, sometimes for years.
- For the children who visit the centre; that they may feel safe and welcomed by all staff and volunteers and are supported to build on vital relationships with their parent or family member in prison.
- For the mental and physical wellbeing of those serving a sentence; may they use the opportunities to learn new skills and lead positive lives on release.
- For the health and wellbeing of the prison staff, governor and chaplains as they oversee the safety and care of prisoners.
- For the staff of the Visitors Centre who faithfully serve the families and friends of those in Polmont; for the wisdom, compassion, courage, and energy to do their job.
- For the volunteers who come from all walks of life and offer a warm welcome.
- That all will work together serving God and Jesus to care for others: for God's peace to reign.

Cale House, Inverness

Homeless accommodation, for up to two years, for adults preparing for their own tenancies.

- May God protect the friendships within the service; may He encourage, inspire and strengthen all so that these blessings can be shared in return. May God remember the work of CrossReach and continue to bless it.
- Cale House is thankful for the gift of today. May God help the staff to always do the things that are pleasing to Him and are for the good of those they serve at Cale House.
- May the staff at CrossReach be blessed by the act of reaching out to people, bringing hope to those they work with and to the wider communities to which the services belong.
- May God bless the staff with wisdom and grace as they minister to those He brings to the service. May the prayers of the staff bring them wholeness and hope for the future.
- Thanks to God for His creation; may His people all find a harbour, a haven and a home.
- Thanks for all the graces and blessings that the Lord has bestowed on Cale House; may the staff continue, in gratitude, to use these gifts for His glory and the betterment of the people who use the service.
- For the staff of the service, that they would receive the strength and wisdom to find the best solutions to the challenges that arise in their daily work.

CrossReach Counselling East

CrossReach Counselling East provides a wide range of therapeutic support and counselling for individuals or couples, children and young people and those affected by substance use. Support is delivered from our two city centre premises at Queen Street and Palmerston Place as well as over the phone and online.

- For the people across Edinburgh and Lothians who are seeking support to improve their wellbeing.
- Thanks for the staff and volunteer counsellors who support children and adults effectively, creatively and with compassion.
- Thanks for the continued development of the counselling services in the East; including a collective identity, the introduction of Distance Counselling using technology and the establishment of the Business Support Team.
- For the Workplace Counselling service: for wisdom in growing the service as it generates income for all of the counselling services.
- For Sunflower Garden which works with children affected by parental drug or alcohol use; may these children, who face many challenges, be seen, heard and protected.
- For the Counselling & Recovery service whose staff are skilled in trauma counselling for people affected by drug use.
- For CrossReach Counselling Lothians; may the service continue to grow and develop, especially in delivering counselling in schools. May it be presented with new opportunities.

Gaberston House, Alloa

Gaberston House is a residential service for adults with mental health issues, based in tranquil private grounds. They also provide outreach support in the community.

- For each individual supported by the service; may they experience God's peace through their challenges and His joy in happy times.
- For God's grace and peace within Gaberston House and for continued strength and good relationships in the staff team.
- Gaberston House are thankful for a compassionate and patient staff team; may they know God's hand upon the work that they do.
- Thanks for Gaberston House as it provides a home, a place of refuge and a place where people are cared for.
- Remembering the families and friends of the individuals supported by the service; may they have quality time with their loved ones.
- For God's blessing for the future of the residential and outreach service; may God bring hope, grace and peace to all who are impacted by the work that goes on within the service.
- That the new staff will feel well supported as they settle into their roles as part of the team.

St Margaret's House, Polmont

St Margaret's House is a 36 bed specialist care home for people living with dementia.

These prayers were composed with residents of the service.

- May God grant more and more wisdom to CrossReach so it can continue to reach out to people in need.
- That God will continue to raise up men and women who will work with all the CrossReach services.
- Thanksgiving for agencies, businesses and community partnerships.
- That God will continue to bless the care given by all who work for CrossReach, whether as volunteers or staff.
- That God will continue to establish the work of CrossReach across Scotland.
- Thanks for the vision of those who founded CrossReach over 150 years ago.
- May all who receive care know God's peace and joy in their lives.



Residential Care and Education

Erskine Waterfront Campus, Renfrewshire is a purpose built campus for children and young people to realise their potential skills, interests and strengths through building relationship.

Our Children's Houses provide homely and therapeutic environments which allow children & young people to thrive and grow.

- For all the young people; may they feel safe and hopeful about their futures.
- For staff; may they provide care, support and inspiration to the young people in their care.
- Thanks for new accommodation that has been made available for the young people.
- For all the families of the young people; may they have confidence in the care and support given to their children.
- For the strong relationships with local authorities which enhance opportunities to support more young people.
- May the staff feel equipped, supported, energised and fully prepared to carry out their different roles.
- For the decision makers: that they will be discerning and that their focus will be child centred.

The Dick Stewart Project, Glasgow

Criminal justice supported accommodation. The service offers support with independent living skills for long-term prisoners leaving prison.

- For all those coming into the service; may they receive the support they need and may they move on to their own accommodation and an independent life.
- May God help the staff deliver the service with the same grace and compassion shown by Jesus Christ.
- Thank God for the positive relationships with the Commissioning Team and Social Work services; may they continue to value the service and see the positive impact it has on peoples' lives.
- That the people who use the service and their family members will feel safe and have an awareness of who they can turn to when they need support.
- For all the staff members' families; may they be blessed with good health.
- That the Lord is ever present in the service and that His love and compassion continues to shine through the work of the staff.
- That the Lord continues to provide staff with the wisdom to build positive relationships with all those who use the service.



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About us

At CrossReach we offer loving care to people of all ages who are in need of a helping hand, supporting them to live life to the full whatever their circumstances.

Our Mission Statement

In Christ's name we seek to support people to achieve the highest quality of life which they are capable of achieving at any given time.

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