

# PRAY WITH JOY

SU SCOTLAND DAY OF PRAYER | 29 JANUARY 2025



Thank you for setting aside time to pray for us. Your prayer support is invaluable! A **Video Prayer Guide** is also available. As well as a Prayer Guide, we are offering prayer gatherings across the country. Most are led by SU staff. Please bring them encouragement and join in! Visit [suscotland.org.uk/dop](https://suscotland.org.uk/dop) to find out where and when.

Today we are focusing on Philippians 1:3-11. Paul prays with thanksgiving and joy for the believers in Philippi. Let's allow God's word to shape our prayers – and let's pray with joy!

## PRAY WITH JOY...FOR PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **Philippians 1:3-6***

Paul overflows with thanksgiving and affection for the church in Philippi. The believers bring him much joy; they have a place in his heart. This joy comes from knowing that God is at work in and through them and that they are partners with him in the work God has called him to do.

As SU Scotland, we echo Paul's prayer. We give thanks, with joy, for you, our fabulous co-workers and supporters! We are grateful for your hours spent volunteering; your commitment to pray for our ministry and the young people of Scotland; your sacrificial giving. You are our 'partners in the gospel'. You have a special place in our hearts.

**Let's pause to praise God for one or more of the following topics. As we praise God, let's humbly invite him to continue to provide for SU Scotland in these areas of partnership.**

- **Volunteers:** Give thanks for over 250,000 hours given in a huge variety of roles.
- **Prayer supporters:** Give thanks for those who receive and use the daily Prayer Diary, Monthly Prayer Update, pray for schools, or who join prayer meetings in their region.
- **Donors:** We are blessed by the generosity of individuals and trusts, as well as special giving to our Appeals. Many have given faithfully over many years. We rejoice!
- **Churches:** Around 250 Ambassadors serve both SU Scotland and their church; we partner with churches to run many SU events and school SU Groups. Churches give financial support, hold Back to School with God services. We are grateful to God!
- **Ministry at the Margins:** Give thanks for longstanding partnerships with organisations such as Circle and Prison Fellowship. Pray for developing relationships with other organisations working with families in poverty.
- **International:** We partner with SU in Ukraine and Belarus. Our Gap Year will serve SU Hungary in summer, and we pray for wisdom concerning future trips to Rwanda.

## PRAY WITH JOY...FOR INCREASING LOVE AND KNOWLEDGE

*It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending or confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight...* **Philippians 1:7-9**

Paul prays with passion. Despite being absent from these believers, he feels at one with them. He experiences God's love for them and his heart is moved. He prays that their love will grow.

SU Scotland's vision is to see every child and young person exploring the Bible and responding to the significance of Jesus. Our strategy for 2024-27 continues to prioritise Ministry at the Margins and digital ministry, with a renewed focus on Bible engagement.

**Pray that as our strategy is outworked, individuals will grow in their love for God and make good decisions for God's glory. Pray for one or more of the following:**

- **The SU Scotland Board (Chair: Stephen Bell); the Leadership Team (Robin, Jackie, Paul, Mike, Zonya, Jenny)**
- **SU Holidays (Alan Myles, Graeme Stangoe); Young Leaders Development (Alan Scott)**
- **Ministry at the Margins (Tim Raynes, Elaine Tait)**
- **Local Ministries (Regional & Associate Workers) & Missions (Bruce Lockhart)**
- **Centres (Alltnacriche, Gowanbank, Lendrick Muir)**
- **Creative: Magnitude, Digital & Comms – new resources, online groups, social media**
- **Operations & Governance – finance, fundraising, HR and office staff.**

## PRAY WITH JOY...FOR THE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

*...so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.* **Philippians 1:10-11**

Paul longs for the Philippian Christians to be firmly rooted in Christ so that they may be capable of discerning right from wrong, and make good choices. His desire is their sanctification: that they may be living righteous and fruitful lives for God's glory, ready for the coming of Jesus.

Surely that is our prayer for the young people we work with! We passionately want to help children and young people **discover** God's love, **explore** the Bible, **respond** to the significance of Jesus and **flourish** in faith.

**Please join us in praying, with joy, for children and young people. Allow the Holy Spirit to bring an individual or group to mind or use the following as a prompt.**

- **School groups who visit our centres**
- **Pupil Leaders and pupils who attend SU Groups**
- **Pupils learning through Bible Alive**
- **Young people attending Equip, Spotlight, Magnitude Worship Nights, Connect Groups**
- **Young people engaging with SU Scotland online**
- **Young people attending Missions, SU Holidays or Magnitude**
- **Senior pupils attending Go Conference and COMMISSION Events**
- **Gap Year (John and Ewan)**
- **Young people who engage with Junction 12, Ferrywell and Associate Trusts**
- **Children and young people in poverty or with additional support needs; young carers; 'new' Scots.**

*We hope you have been blessed by spending time with God and interceding on our behalf. If you sense God saying something to SU Scotland, please do share it with us. Email: [pray@suscotland.org.uk](mailto:pray@suscotland.org.uk). Thank you!*