

**Call to Prayer: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
**Prayer @ 7pm**

The Psalmist says of the Lord: 'You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.' The imagery embodied in the words of the Psalmist speaks of a God whose will is to sustain and nurture all creation. The God who so wills is a God whose 'kingdom is an everlasting kingdom' and one that endures throughout all time. (Psalm 145: 10-18) As our eyes turn to God, we see that intention expressed in the good gifts that we receive in the course of our lives. Equally, we are conscious that the gifts we receive are not thereafter to be kept and retained by our closing our hands and keeping the gifts to ourselves. The goodness of God is a gift to be shared with others.

Within the community of which we are a part, we are called to reflect the One in whose image we are made and whose hand is open towards us. We pray:

Living God,  
You open your hand towards us  
And offer to us good gifts.  
We accept your gifts with gratitude  
And respond with thanks and praise.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Living God,  
You open your hand towards us  
And offer to us the gift of life.  
We acknowledge that we made in your image  
And recognise your image in the life of each person upon the earth.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Living God,  
You open your hand towards us  
And offer life to the world.

We receive your offer  
As a sign of your faithfulness towards us.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Living God,  
You open your hand towards us  
And offer your gifts to all.  
We resolve to share the gifts we have received  
And not to close our hand towards others.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Living God,  
You open your hand towards us  
And offer to us signs of your kingdom.  
We pledge to bear witness to your enduring kingdom  
And to your abundant grace.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Signed by:

Lord Wallace, Moderator of the General Assembly, Church of Scotland

Most Rev. Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Roman Catholic Church

Most Rev. Mark Strange, Primus, on behalf of the College of Bishops, Scottish Episcopal Church

Rev. Dr David Miller, Moderator, United Free Church of Scotland

Rev. Neil MacMillan, Moderator, Free Church of Scotland

Rev. Paul Whittle, Moderator, United Reformed Church (Scotland)

Rev. Martin Hodson, General Director, Baptist Union of Scotland

Rev. Mark Slaney, District Chair, Methodist Church (Scotland)

Rev. Thomas R. Wilson, Chair, Congregational Federation in Scotland

Lt. Col. Carol Bailey, Secretary for Scotland, Salvation Army

Adwoa Bittle, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Rev. Ruth Turner, District Superintendent, British Isles North District, Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Chris Gbenle, Provincial Pastor, Province of Scotland, Redeemed Christian Church of God

Bishop Francis Alao, Church of God (Scotland)/Minority Ethnic Churches Together in Scotland (MECTIS)

Rev Fred Drummond, Director, Evangelical Alliance (Scotland)