

Call to Prayer: 16th June 2024

General Election 2024

On behalf of the churches that we serve, we encourage Christians in Scotland to engage actively, constructively, and charitably in the democratic process of the General Election called for 4th July 2024.

We pray:

Lord our God, you are the maker of heaven and earth
And in your image we are shaped
That we might care for creation
And for all that you have made.
May a deepening concern for the world we share
Shape our vision for the future that is to come.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Your presence is revealed through Christ
In the midst of all the places where people dwell,
And so we pray for the welfare of the city
And for all who dwell in the cities and towns of our nation.
May their concerns be heard and understood
That our towns and cities might flourish and prosper in these days.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You promise renewal by your Spirit
To all whose hearts are open to receive,
And so we pray for the renewal of our rural communities
And for the islands of our nation.
May the voice of the islanders be heard
And the contribution of the land to our well-being be embraced.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord our God, you see the people of our nation
And understand the heart of their concerns.

Grant to all who stand for office
A desire to understand and to share those concerns.
May our Parliament shape our nation for the good of all
And may we see our society renewed, through Christ and by your Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Signed:

- Rt Rev Dr Shaw Paterson, 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
- Col. Sylvia Hinton, Secretary for Scotland, Salvation Army
- Adwoa Burnley, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
- Rev. Colin Brown, Moderator, United Free Church of Scotland
- Rev. Callum Macleod, Moderator, Free Church of Scotland
- Rev. Lindsey Sanderson, Moderator, United Reformed Church (Scotland)
- Rev. Martin Hodson, General Director, Baptist Union of Scotland
- Rev. Mark Slaney, District Chair, Methodist Church (Scotland)
- Pastor Chris Gbenle, Provincial Pastor, Province of Scotland, Redeemed Christian Church of God
- Rt Rev Kenneth Nowakowski, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London