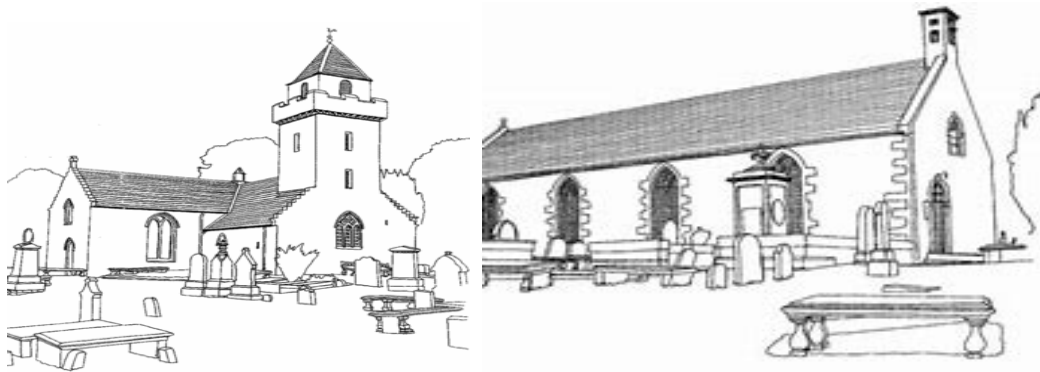


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The candle is lit for all who is suffering with Covid and other illnesses .

We all say together : Here we are Lord; your people, your Church meeting together in your presence. We welcome each other and we welcome You. Make yourself known to us with new ways through our worship, our prayers and our understanding of your Word today.

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

And also with you

Prayer / Lord's Prayer

As we come together today, it is the sabbath a day of rest and play, when we should put you first, and praise and adore you as our Lord, Prince of peace. You came into the world for your creation, to lead us forward in your name so that we can become better people. You made promises to the world, that your love will never fail, and shall be constant...a love that is so great, no one could ever have envisaged. For your love has no bounds and circles the world where each person alive or dead knows, a love that keeps us a live in you as our earthly body withers. A love which will soften the hardest of hearts and bring them forth, a love which you promised that all things will work out for the good for your children, where salvation is for all who believe in Jesus. Because you love us, you have

promised to supply our needs, not that we will get everything we *want*, but our *needs* will be taken care of. We are more valuable than the birds, and our Heavenly Father you shall feed us. Through your love, you promised Israel that their sin could be forgiven, their prosperity restored, and their nation healed and so Lord God we know that all that we confess to you, shall be forgiven...in silence we offer to you what we regret, words and actions which don't make us look very good with others**silence**...Lord we praise and adore you for the promise of all promises, that you promised eternal life to those who put their trust in you. The Good Shepherd also promised to hold us securely: "No one will snatch us out of your hands. Bless us Lord as we say the prayer which touch our heart and melts away all that is not goldy, and holds us secure in your name...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



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Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

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all I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
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blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]



Psalm 86 1-9, 11-14, 34-37, 52

I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. ² I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself. ³ You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, ⁴ 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all

generations."^[c] ⁵ The heavens praise your wonders, LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. ⁶ For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings? ⁷ In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him. ⁸ Who is like you, LORD God Almighty? You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you. ⁹ You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them. ¹¹ The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it. ¹² You created the north and the south;¹³ Your arm is endowed with power; your hand is strong, your right hand exalted. ¹⁴ Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

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Reflection



The prince of preachers Charles, Spurgeon and theologian says, "This is a psalm with a lot of trouble, but the presence of trouble didn't silence the psalmist's praise; he sang of God's mercies. "We have not one, but many mercies to rejoice in, and should therefore

multiply the expressions of our thankfulness. We think when we are in trouble, we get ease by complaining; but we do more, we get joy, by praising. Let our complaints therefore be turned into thanksgiving." And you know we have much to be thankful for...for God has made many wonderful promises upon his creation..."

God promised new life in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Salvation is the beginning of a brand-new existence for us as we begin to talk with Jesus. God promised that if we search for Him, we will find Him (Deuteronomy 4:29). He is not playing hard-to-get. "Our God is near us whenever we pray to him" (Deuteronomy 4:7). He is with us all the time; it is our human lack of ability at times not to feel his presence of failing in our faith to understand we do not walk alone. God promised that all things will work out for the good for His children (Romans 8:28). This is the broader picture that keeps us from being dismayed by present circumstances.

God promises comfort in our trials (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). He has a plan, and one day we will be able to share the comfort we receive.

Today as many say, promise can't it be at times a throw away word, one which we say without probably meaning what we are committing too, how often would we say as children I promise I will clean my bedroom, then go off to do something else...I promise I shall phone you, or I promise that I will do this or that job and does it happen? A promise is a binding pledge from one person to another to do, or not to do, some specific act. In Scripture, the central promise-giver is God. The person to whom the promise is made has a right to expect the promise to be fulfilled. Before anyone can "claim" a promise, however, he must be certain the promise is for him.

A very rich man held a party, He had a pool which he collected all sorts of alligators. After lunch he announced he was willing to give £1 million away or the hand in marriage of his most beautiful daughter to the one who was brave enough to swim across the pool. As he made this promise of a wager, no sooner, there was aloud splash. A young man had jumped into the pool and was frantically making his way to the other-side of the pool. On emerging unharmed

from the pool, the people watching were amazed and the rich man was bound to this promise. He asked, Son what you would like the £1 million or my daughter's hand in marriage. I don't want your money or your daughter, all I want to know is who pushed me in.

Well, thankfully not one of us have to swim a pool full of allegators, climb the world's highest mountain or do something which makes us look brave and strong...for God has promised or should I say Jesus, who is God, has promised His disciples power from on high (Acts 1:8). In this power, we will "turn the world upside down" and our lives if we follow him. (Acts 1:8) For if we truly follow him and put our trust in him, we become people who shine the light...not like a torch light or a light from a lighthouse...there is though an inner light which can be seen, for if we fully follow him, we are set a part from others. No easy task and one we cannot take on lightly, or take for granted that we shall be transformed...or where we make light hearted promises in His name.... it's a change of life style in many ways, its where we become people who let go of the past and look a fresh to the future and which we should take seriously. Where in Corinthians it states... When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. Easier said than done and it's something many of us strife for and continue to strive towards. There is a promise which says it all....

But firstly, there are many, many promises in Scripture which God makes. In each promise, God pledges that something will or will not be done or given or come to pass. These are not flippant, casual promises such as we often make; these promises of God are rock-solid, unequivocal commitments made by God Himself. Because God is faithful, the recipients of the divine promises can have full assurance that what God has pledged will indeed be realized (Numbers 23:19). The promise which helps me in my life is that, nothing will separate me from the love of Christ. (Romans 8:35), for

God won't let me be tried or tempted beyond what I can endure. (1 Corinthians 10:13), I have a crown, and you have a crown of righteousness which is waiting for us all because we long for His appearance. (2 Timothy 4:8), And the joy of all joys is that Jesus has promised that He will return for us one day. (John 14:2-3). From then on, we will be with Him always. When we find life difficult, if we cannot understand what is happening around us, if we need God, we can turn to him, remember he has made many promises for you...and that each promise he makes is rock solid. In life we experience much, there are the highs and the lows.... knowing God and his steadfast promises can get us through all that takes place within our personal lives. Dear God, it gives us a deep sense of assurance to know that you always stand by your Word, never recant anything you say, and never forget promises you have made. Help us be a person of our word, so that others can depend on us because we belong to you. Make us a blessing to those around us. In Jesus name I pray Amen.

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Prayer

Loving God promises are made, we know through our faith that what you say comes true, while there are the times when human promises can be broken. We can easily say this word, I promise, yet how often do we mean to keep such a command. Lord we pray for relationships which have been broken due to people making gestures and not fulfilling them. We pray for the promises we have made, whether it is upon ourselves or to others, help us to make these come true. Many people promise to stop their addictions then find this a hard task master to fulfil. We pray for all people who are imprisoned with an addiction...may they find the help which is needed to break free. Lord we pray for those who are searching for a new future whether it is a relationship, a new job, or home or wish to move to another country. We pray for those who are finding life hard and are

searching, willing help will come upon them. For those who are turning to crime, to lies and deceit, may their eyes be open. We pray that people will turn from their ways and see that a life of stealing is not the right way and that in the end darkness will overcome them and unhappiness. We pray for those who volunteer and help and give guidance to many who cannot see a way forward. For the people who collect food and hand out at food banks, to all who need to receive charitable help. You promised help and comfort, may we all receive this charitable help from you, and that your love will flow...in silence we bring the struggles and pains, the needs and loves to you now....silence....Loving God come upon us through the holy spirit, hear our prayers and guide us as you promise to lead us forth in your name....In Jesus names hear our prayers Amen.



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WISDOM

IF YOU LACK WISDOM, ASK GOD, WHO GIVES GENEROUSLY TO ALL...
FROM JAMES 1:5

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AND MY GOD WILL MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS ACCORDING
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FOR HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU
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...AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING,
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...IN YOUR PRESENCE IS FULLNESS OF JOY;
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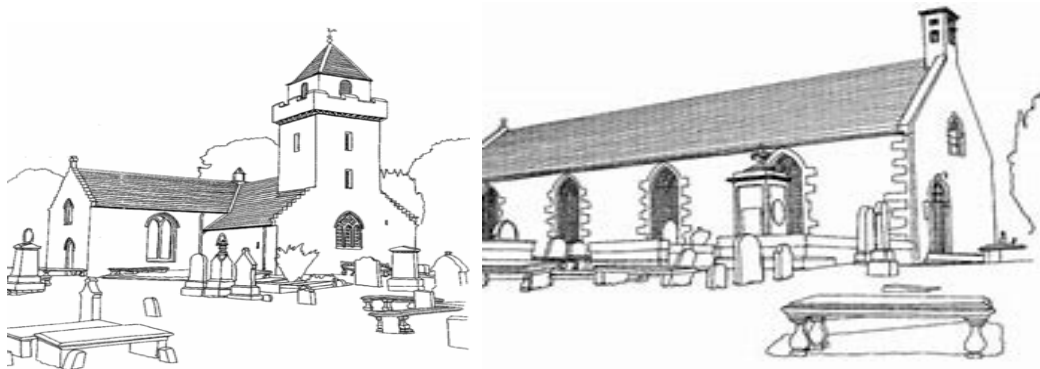
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Ideally, the Lord wants our homes to be filled with His presence and love. One of the most effective ways to ensure your family is heading down the right path is faithful family prayers. From spouses praying for one another to parents praying over children, it's all directed at a strengthening family ties.

Incorporating more times of prayer into your family is very important. There is a saying that rings true. A family that prays together, stays together.

I challenge you to pray with and over your family more than you already are. Go beyond what you've been doing and watch the Lord work. Families who pray grow closer. It's that simple.





Pray For Jesus To Be Number One In Our Family

Father, I want my family to be rooted in Christ like never before. I ask You that You would help us all to focus on all that He has done for us. I declare that we experience all that we can do, be, and have in Christ!

Remind me continually Holy Spirit to be grateful for all that Christ has provided for my family and I. May my children see Jesus in me and may I see Him in them as well.

I ask that You would help us all to grow stronger in our relationships with You. We want You to be number One in all that we say and do.

May everything we do be done to Your glory!

In Jesus Name, amen!