

CROSSREACH

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Prayer Diary



Thank you for supporting CrossReach by praying for us.

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

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Perinatal East Counselling Service, Edinburgh

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

- Give thanks for the dedicated team of staff and volunteers who provide such a warm and caring setting in which to support Perinatal clients.
- Give thanks for new creche staff and pray that they would settle in well into their new roles.
- For the parents, carers and young children who use our service that they would experience God's love poured out through those they encounter within the service.
- For the clinical manager that she may have great wisdom and lead her service with care and compassion in the coming months.

Fundraising and Engagement

The Fundraising and Engagement team work alongside services to raise funds and co-ordinate events to support the work of CrossReach.

- Give thanks for everyone who donated a gift last year to support the work of CrossReach. Pray that more will join them this year to support others in need.
- Give thanks for everyone taking part in fundraising events across the country. Pray for new opportunities this year for people to get involved to support CrossReach wherever they are.
- Pray for all the churches and congregations that support CrossReach through prayer, fundraising and volunteering. Pray that our new partnership with the Guild will lead to stronger relationships and deepening support.
- Give thanks for the Charitable Trusts, Foundations and Companies that have supported CrossReach in recent years. Pray that this support will continue and will grow to bring change and transformation for families seeking help.
- Pray for those who have chosen to become members of CrossReach and pledged their ongoing regular support. Pray that God will bless them for their love and generosity. Pray too, for more people to become part of the CrossReach family this year.
- Give thanks for those who buy merchandise from the CrossReach shop. Pray for new ideas to reach potential customers who will support us in this way.
- Pray that the team will be motivated and inspired to make the most of every opportunity to raise support for people across Scotland.

The Mallard, Short Breaks and Go2, Glasgow

The Mallard provides short breaks and Go2 provides community based day support to children and young people with additional support needs.

- Pray for our staff teams to continue to carry out their work with the strength and resilience of God, so that they may continue to be successful.
- Help staff to live and breathe God's Love in harmony throughout all interactions within our services and community, keep them steadfast with our shared purpose; to ensure we are all giving our best to the young people and for the families we support.
- Pray for our teams to continue to grow with strong faith and to uphold the work of God Almighty, so that we may reach as many families that need our care and support as we continue to grow our services.
- Pray for excellent candidates to join our teams so that we may build strong foundations and ensure strength and stability for our services, which will in turn lead to excellence within our services.
- Pray that we can continue to nurture and value our staff teams so we can retain our excellent staff.
- Pray that God will keep our staff teams, our management and most importantly our Children and Young People and their families safe, nurtured and healthy.

Oasis Garelochhead, Argyll and Bute

A day care service, providing care in the community.

- That each person who uses the service will continue to know they are valued.
- May the Lord bless the team members at Oasis Garelochhead as they work together in caring for the people who come to the service: may they continue to be lead by the Holy Spirit.
- May the Lord work through the staff so they continue to show Christ-like love and Godly hospitality: may all know the warm welcome of Jesus' love.
- 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.
- Thanks that God uses all situations for the good of those who love Him.

Threshold Support Services, community support, day opportunities and short breaks, North and South Lanarkshire

Providing support for adults who have a learning disability and support for adults who are on the autistic spectrum.

- Give thanks for a stable and consistent staff team with a real heart for the people we support. May God bless us with additional members who also have a real vocation for working with us.
- Pray for resolution when financial challenges arise, and for the willingness of all partners to work together for the benefit of the service.
- Pray for the senior team, for good Christian leadership and sound management of resources.
- Pray for the people we support. May they have the best quality of life, to realise their dreams and aspirations, and to be accepted as valued members of the communities in which they live, work and socialise.

Dick Stewart Service, Glasgow

Justice services supported accommodation. The service offers support with independent living skills for long-term prisoners leaving custody.

- That the Lord continues to provide staff with the wisdom to build positive relationships with all those who use the service.
- May the Lord continue to provide guidance and wisdom to those in positions of authority. May they be aware of the value of the service.
- For the leadership team in CrossReach, may God give them wisdom as corporate decisions are made.
- Lord, grant your blessing to all staff and their families for them to keep good health.
- For all those coming into the service, may they receive the support they need, may they move on to their own accommodation and have a life that is free from crime.

Threshold Edinburgh including our transition service.

Support for adults in their own homes and in the community, who have learning disabilities. Also a day service supporting young adult school leavers with a learning disability as they transition into adulthood.

- Pray for the transitions day service team as they search for new premises to extend the service to families and young people.
- May the service continue to provide what the clients want and need so they will enjoy the best health and wellbeing possible.
- May God bless the team members and bring in new staff who also have a real vocation for service and care.
- For the senior team: may God provide them with all the wisdom and strength they need.
- Thanks for the central team: may they be sustained by God as they support us to provide the service wanted and needed by our clients.

Whiteinch Move On Service, Glasgow

Housing support and support for people in recovery from substance use, to maintain their chosen recovery paths, develop life skills and access their own homes.

- May every person supported in the service feel safe and loved as they focus on continuing their recovery journey.
- May the care and compassion of the staff make a positive and lasting impact on the lives of the people they support in the service.
- For strength physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually as the team members serve both the people using the service and each other.
- May the people walking the journey of recovery from substance use know strength and determination to journey on when days feel challenging and difficult.
- May God grant the leadership and management team wisdom in their daily decision making and guidance in the planning and development of the service.
- May the presence of Christ be felt, and His love be seen in all aspects of the team members' work with people using the service, and with partners from other organisations.
- May the team members know God's protection whilst they are out and about.

Children and Young People's Residential Houses

Providing young people with a sense of safety belonging and comfort, and a home that is the foundation for relationships and are life long and meaningful, where children feel loved, cared for, valued and connected with the people that have the great privilege of looking after them.

- For the children and young people: may they feel safe and loved, with a real sense of hope for their futures.
- For the adults: may they know strength in their hearts, minds and souls, as they support children in their care.
- For the families: may they feel supported, nurtured, heard and understood.
- For ongoing growth in relationships with partner agencies so that the needs of children and young people continue to be met.
- For the decision makers: may the needs and wellbeing of the children and young people always be at the heart of the planning.

Adams House, Johnstone

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

- For a sense of ongoing comfort and hope for the residents: may they be aware of God's presence and that they are precious and valued.
- May the staff be aware of God's strength, patience, wisdom and understanding as they carry out their tasks.
- Thanks for God's constant presence in all circumstances: may residents, their families and staff be aware that God's arms are strong and steady.
- May the team be aware of God working through them as they bring a sense of love and strength to the residents.
- Thanks for ongoing joy, humour and happiness: may the residents and staff know much laughter and fun in everyday activities.
- May each day be anchored by the peace of God that is beyond human understanding.

Morlich House, Edinburgh

A care home for older ladies in the Morningside area.

- Thanks for all the people who support Morlich House and the varied ways in which they help.
- Thanks for the dedicated staff group: may they be granted continued wisdom and knowledge in all aspects of their work.
- May families and friends feel comfort and strength during times when their loved ones experience declining health.
- For the ladies at Morlich House: may they feel a sense of contentment, fulfilment and love.
- Thanks for the joy experienced as staff build relationships with new residents and learn about their life experiences.
- May God continue to strengthen the staff's close-knit team spirit through His love and peace.
- Thanks for God's sustaining grace and strength in all circumstances.

Cameron House, Inverness

Home to 30 people who are at various stages in their journey with dementia.

- May each service user always have a deep sense of being loved and valued.
- May families who are supporting their loved one's transition into the home experience wisdom, strength and peace.
- For job applicants to be well suited to the positions and to be filled with a spirit of loving service. May new staff quickly settle into the team.
- For the love of Jesus to be experienced by everyone visiting, living or working at the home.
- Thanks for the Friends of Cameron House group as it continues to support service users and staff in many different, and often invaluable, ways.

Balmedie House, Aberdeen

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

- Thanks to God for giving us very supportive leadership within CrossReach.
- Thanks to God for being with the staff of Balmedie and helping them to overcome challenges and trials faced in their daily lives.
- For the safety of Balmedie House, residents, staff and family always.
- Thanks to God, for all support and guidance. We ask you to protect everyone in Balmedie and around the world.

CrossReach Counselling Service North and West, Glasgow, Inverness and Moray

Offering one-to-one counselling for adults, children and young people (CYP) in a safe and supportive environment.

- Thank you for the school counsellors who continue to provide outstanding therapeutic support to those who are struggling or are distressed. May this valuable work continue to benefit those who need it for many years to come.
- Thanks for the volunteer counsellors, those that have dedicated years, and those that have recently joined us. Thank you for giving of their time, empathy and compassion to help so many people who experience mental health challenges.
- Thank you to senior Counsellors who are now retiring and who have devoted so many years to CrossReach and helped build up a successful counselling service.
- Thank you for the business support team members who work behind the scenes to ensure the teams provide a professional counselling service: may they know fulfilment in their work.
- For all those experiencing mental health challenges: may they receive the emotional support they seek and may the counselling teams offer understanding, empathy and compassion.
- Thank you for the Hubs and those counsellors who are running them. Thank you for the dedication, effort and passion they bring to their work.
- For all of us to come to work with joy and purpose every day and service those we support with patience, love and kindness.

Lewis Street Project and Dochas, Stornoway

Lewis Street provides accommodation for 5 adults, to support mental wellbeing. Dochas (meaning 'hope') provides support at home for adults recovering from drug and/or alcohol use.

- For staff in both services that they would seek the Lord daily and find the strength and encouragement for difficult times from the Lord as promised in Isaiah 58 v 2.
- For the service users who have recently arrived at Lewis Street, we pray that they would find the service a joyful and peaceful place to be as they begin their journey towards independent living.
- Help staff to pray without ceasing that we will carry out our work with integrity and kindness and that the Lord Jesus would be seen in everything we say and do.
- Pray for the families of all our service users in Dochas that they would find the peace from the Lord that passes all understanding.
- For good working relationships with all professionals, enabling service users to make progress.
- We thank you for the seasons and that the beauty we see around us would lift service users and staff alike.
- For each new day and whatever it brings that you will guide us and give us new strength.

Clashfarquhar, Stonehaven

With a great view over the bay, this is a care home for older people that also provides day care and respite care.

- Thanks for God's guidance and strength: may we continue to work with hearts full of gratitude and worship for His love and provision.
- For good health and wellbeing: may God grant this for our residents, their families and for our staff.
- For the staff team: may they know the Lord's guidance in all the decisions they have to make both at work and at home.
- For the respite service: may God bless each person receiving a service with a deep sense of their value and worth as the staff work with them to attain their best quality of life.
- Thanks for the volunteers: may each of them be enriched by God's love and may other people join with them in their support of our work.
- Thanks for the laughter enjoyed in the home on a daily basis: may everyone continue to feel blessed as they work in Christ's name.

General Assembly Week

The General Assembly is a significant annual event in the Church of Scotland calendar. Throughout the week, commissioners will examine the work and the laws of the Church and make decisions that affect its future.

- Pray for wisdom and strength for the incoming Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.
- Thanks for the continued growth of new and previously existing relationships with CrossReach and Church of Scotland congregations across the presbyteries.
- We pray that new connections with CrossReach and commissioners will be made this week and that we will see renewed energy, enthusiasm and support from those hearing about the work of CrossReach.
- We pray that the voice of the Church of Scotland may be used to speak up on behalf of people in Scotland who are struggling to meet their daily needs.

The Bungalow, Stonehaven

The Bungalow is a specialist residential care home for adults with profound and multiple learning disabilities in this coastal town.

- For all those who enter the home: may they know the strong and gentle presence of God through the care given to them.
- Remember the service users' families: may relationships continue to strengthen and may God's peace be experienced by them every day.
- Thanks for God's provision, which enables the support and care given to service users: may God's hand continue to guide the plans for the Bungalow.
- For the staff team: may abilities, skills and giftings be recognised and used to build a strong team that's guided by God.
- Thanks for each team member: may the love of Jesus be evident as we work and service together in Christ's name.
- For God's guiding hand on our commitment to managing environmental and stewardship causes.

Allarton, Glasgow

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

- For the residents who are having difficulty with their mental health: may they receive comfort from troubling symptoms.
- For those suffering from stigma and discrimination: may they be shown kindness, compassion and understanding.
- For those who are affected by conflict: may they know peace from strife.
- Remembering those in the community who need support: may they receive support and know where to turn to when they feel at a loss.
- For the social care system: may the appropriate services and their funding be made available, in a timely way, for everyone who needs social care support.

The Elms, Edinburgh

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

- Dear God, please fill our hearts with hope, faith and love and to help the residents at the Elms enjoy every single day.
- Dear God, please let staff at the Elms feel your presence, when they are gaining their skills and knowledge; let them find the wisdom and empathy when they are at work, so they feel enjoyment and satisfaction from what they have achieved.
- Dear God, please help families at the Elms to understand the changes they may face, let them enjoy every single precious moment with their loved ones.
- That the residents who come to live in the Elms are blessed by their choice.

Daisy Chain Early Years Project, Glasgow

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

- For the families and children who attend the service: may they feel supported, safe and loved.
- For the staff team: may they look after their wellbeing and feel strengthened and supported by those who surround them.
- Gratitude for God's grace in sustaining us through a challenging couple of years and helping us trust we are in His hands regarding future funding.
- Gratitude for the area of Govanhill and the community support available and that His light will shine through the work we do.

The CrossReach Board

The CrossReach board works 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 all the gifts and talents of those who volunteer to serve on the board of CrossReach.
- For strength and wisdom to guide the leadership team as they work to ensure CrossReach can continue to support those depending on its services well into the future.
- For conviction and enthusiasm to help steer a path amidst the challenges and adversity being faced by the social care sector.

Heart for Art

Using 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.

- Thanks for the Heart for Art service as it continues to support those living with a diagnosis of dementia.
- For encouragement to continue to make a difference to the lives of those who attend the service.
- For wisdom and knowledge as the service seeks to further understand dementia and reach more communities across Scotland.

Threshold Support Services (Residential and Housing) North and South Lanarkshire

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

- For God's ongoing provision: may God bless the service with all that is needs to continue to support the clients to live their lives to the full.
- May God bless the team members and bring in new staff who also have a real vocation for service and care.
- For new partnerships: may God lead us in developing new and mutually beneficial relationships with individuals and partner organisations.
- May the Lord lead the service into the future with peace and a real sense of hope.
- May the strength of God renew, the beauty of the God inspire, and the joy of the Lord uphold all involved in the service.

Highlands and Islands Residential Recovery Centre, Inverness

The Highlands and Islands Residential Recovery Centre extends Beechwood's addiction recovery support across the North of Scotland from Moray to the Western Isles, as well as Orkney and Shetland.

- For those affected by substance use: may God show them new ways to manage problems which lead them to use.
- For the families and friends who visit: may God bring comfort when most needed.
- Thanks for those who have helped in creating the new recovery centre, may it provide the necessary support to those who visit.

Rankeillor, Edinburgh

Edinburgh based temporary supported accommodation flats for people experiencing homelessness and who are in recovery from addictions.

- Thanks to God for the work of Rankeillor, for the personal growth and achievement of clients: may this work continue into the future.
- 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 and may clients see Jesus in their actions and words, as staff 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.
- 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 challenging times.
- For the continuation of good relationships and communication with partner organisations such as the City of Edinburgh Council, local homelessness services and community organisations.
- 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.

- For all new residents who have come to live at Williamwood House: may they settle in, enjoy life and make new friends.
- For new staff: that they would enjoy the variety of their roles and the learning available organisationally, from other colleagues and from the residents.
- For the families and friends of the residents: may they know times of blessing when they visit their loved ones.
- For good weather which will allow residents and staff to enjoy outdoor activities.
- Thanks for the staff, may God grant them strength, wellbeing and resilience as they focus on caring for the residents.

Oversteps, Dornoch

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

- Thanks for the opportunity to serve God through the work done at Oversteps.
- For those who are grieving at this time: may the Lord comfort them with His love in their time of need.
- For all the staff at the home, and in other CrossReach services, who work tirelessly to make life as comfortable and fulfilling as possible for the people supported and cared for.
- That the Lord would fill this home with happiness, joy and peace for all who live, work and visit here.
- May any worries and anxieties experienced by residents and staff be lightened.

Morven Day Services, Kilmarnock

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

- Where there is darkness, bring light; where there is isolation, bring us together; where there is sadness, bring us Joy.
- For our staff; may the light of our Lord bring us together and brighten even the darkest roads, giving us the strength to provide the best possible care for those who use our service.
- For the people who use our service; Although the path may seem long and arduous, know that you will always find a place of peace and support at our service
- Remember that no matter how small, every achievement should be celebrated, and every step taken will be toward a brighter, healthier future.

Perth Visitors Support and Advice Centre

The centre provides a welcoming, trauma-informed safe space for all families who visit HMP Perth. Our team supports each visitor to receive emotional and practical help, based on their need at that time. We link in closely with local churches who engage positively with the service.

- Remembering the family members who visit the Centre: may it be a place of sanctuary and hope.
- For the children who play in the Centre: may they feel safe, understood and hold positive memories of their visits as they grow older.
- Thanks for the churches that support the Centre throughout financial and practical means: may they know how important their contributions and belief in the families are.
- For staff at the Centre: may they feel encouraged and supported when meeting with families who may be experiencing trauma and loss.
- Thanks for the positive professional partnership CrossReach has with the Scottish Prison Service and other agencies.
- Remembering the Scottish Prison Service Officers as they care for prisoners in HMP Perth and for those who support visitors who come to meet with their loved ones.
- Remembering those in prison: may they feel a sense of peace and purpose as they serve their sentence.

Employee Representative Group

An elected group of staff reps who provide support to the workforce through: an effective employee voice, representation and through negotiating salary and terms and conditions changes for staff.

- Thanks for each member of staff working within CrossReach who represent and support staff.
- For God's daily blessing on CrossReach colleagues who work tirelessly to care for those who use the services.
- For God's guidance as the Employee Representation Group work alongside management colleagues to find the solutions to the challenges faced.
- May God give strength to staff who are struggling with personal issues or who are unable to work because of illness.
- For guidance as the Employee Representative Group continue to engage and support staff and ensure the voice of the workforce is heard.
- For support and guidance: may God grant the members and Lead Representative of the Employee Representative Group wisdom, as they work together to achieve the best outcomes for all staff.

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 patience, wisdom and strength through times of uncertainty: may Your footsteps be seen in the sand when we look back over these times.
- For God's guiding hand on Threshold Glasgow as it continues to develop. For wisdom and a sense of team, as new and established staff work together.
- Thanks for the service leader and service co-ordinators: may they know strength and wisdom as they lead the team.
- Thanks for the students who come on placement to the service: may everyone in the service continue to learn from each other.
- For our nation: for comfort and peace of mind through uncertain times.

CrossReach Central Service

Supporting our services as they support their members of the CrossReach family.

- Thanks for our Human Resources and Organisational Development team who work tirelessly to recruit, train and support the CrossReach workforce throughout Scotland.
- Strength for the Finance team members as they support CrossReach's services and teams to keep budgets on track, whilst delivering quality support.
- Insight and wisdom for the IT team members as they work hard to keep everyone secure and safely connected in the world of digital communications.
- Thanks for the Estates team members in their various roles that include looking after our buildings, overseeing essential utilities and keeping us healthy and safe in our workplaces.
- Stamina for our Fundraising and Engagement team members as they actively promote the incredible outcomes experienced by the people we support, and as they continue to find creative ways to raise much needed funds.
- Gratitude for our Payroll team that supports the weekly, monthly and annual processes to ensure employees are paid on time.
- Thanks for the other teams, secretaries, senior managers and members of the Board whose work supports the services to continue to deliver care that people can put their faith in.

Cumnor Hall, Ayr

A specialist care home supporting up to 31 people living with dementia.

- For all Cumnor Hall staff: may they be kept safe as they carry out their work in Christ's name.
- For each of the residents, their families and friends: may they always feel welcomed and supported at Cumnor Hall.
- Thanks for the laughter and joy between staff and residents within Cumnor Hall, and for the sunshine this brings every day.
- May all the visitors and relatives who come into Cumnor Hall, and other CrossReach services, enjoy their visits.
- Thanks for God's presence: may He provide strength and wisdom for all staff at work and at home.
- May staff experience God's joy in their hearts and may this help to make others feel happy, secure and content.

The Walter and Joan Gray, Shetland

A care home providing residential and respite and day care to people in our community.

- Thanks for the connections with the local and wider communities that the residents and staff enjoy.
- For the residents: for the life stories they share that enrich all those around them and for their unique personalities.
- For God's blessing on the service users, their families, the staff and on all those who support the home in so many ways.
- Thanks for the peace, fun and friendship experienced in the home.
- For relatives and friends of residents: may they know how much their visits are valued and appreciated.
- For staff: may they continue to enrich the lives of residents with their care, compassion and energy.

Queen's Bay Lodge, Edinburgh

A happy and relaxing home providing residential care to older people.

- Thanks for the beautiful garden that showcases the changing seasons and for the enjoyment this brings to residents and staff.
- Thanks for the volunteers who generously give their time to support the home with activities, outings and fundraising events.
- Thanks for each of the staff members who make up the team: may the Lord continue to give them the strength to carry out this work in His name.
- For residents' families: may they know real peace as they work together with the staff to ensure the best care possible is provided for their loved ones.
- For the wellbeing of all who stay, work and visit the home: may they see God at work and feel His presence in the home.
- Thanks for God's eternal love, meeting us as we are.

Eskmills, Edinburgh

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

- Pray for support for the management team at Eskmills as they strive to recruit new staff.
- Help the team as they continue to work with complex and difficult care arrangements with service users, families and funding authorities.
- Guide the staff team as they develop a new housing service for young people with learning disabilities in the Milton Road East area of Edinburgh.
- Give thanks for the long service of staff like Art Therapist Colin, who retired last year after many years encouraging the development of the people we care for.
- May each person supported know that they are loved, respected and valued as an individual.
- Pray for all the staff who are off sick or who are struggling with personal difficulties.

The Kirkhaven Service, Glasgow

Resettlement homeless project for service users with complex needs.

- Thanks for God's mercy and faithfulness.
- Thanks for God's provision: "The earth is filled with the gifts of the Lord, wine, oil and bread to strengthen us and cheer our hearts." (Ps 67:6)
- For wisdom and guidance in all decision making about and for the service.
- Thanks for the abilities, skills and giftings each person brings to the team, as they serve in Christ's name.
- For staff as they work patiently with those in their care: may God strengthen them.
- For the people supported by the service: may they know God's presence and peace.

Bellfield, Banchory

A residential home for 34 older people, in this picturesque town within Royal Deeside.

- For the staff: thanks for their dedication and for the joy and comfort they bring to residents.
- For the families and friends who live both near to and far from the home: may God keep them safe.
- Thanks for the local community and all the gifts and support its members give to Bellfield.
- For the residents: may they feel safe, secure and loved as staff continue to care for them.
- Thanks for health, happiness and for all of God's daily blessings.
- The beautiful scenery: thanks for the way it displays the uniqueness of each season and for the joy that brings to residents, staff and visitors.

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Umbrella Project, Irvine

A community group supporting mental health recovery based in Irvine, North Ayrshire.

- Remembering those who attend the service: may they be able to recover good mental health.
- Thanks for the Kirk Session and congregation of Irvine Old Parish Church, who allow the use of their halls to host Umbrella.
- Umbrella has run as a trial project since the Covid-19 pandemic, using funds from a legacy left to CrossReach. May God secure the financial resources to continue running the project.
- Thanks for the Community Link Workers and other staff within the NHS and local social work teams who support the work of Umbrella and signpost people to the service.
- Thanks for the service users who attend the service: "Coming to Umbrella has improved my confidence and I've enjoyed meeting new people".
- Thanks for the positive impact on lives: "I feel like part of a community at Umbrella, I've met new friends and now socialise out-with the group which has been a real help to me"
- That God would guide staff as they work to support people to overcome difficult circumstances and experiences.

CrossReach Residential Recovery Service, Glasgow

Supports people who are committed to living drug and alcohol free (formerly Rainbow House).

- For the residents: may they experience complete freedom from addiction through the help and support received in the service.
- That the residents may have an understanding of God's healing and forgiveness.
- That residents would experience God's love through their stay in the service.
- For peace and protection for the staff and residents.
- Remembering the families who struggle with the effects of addiction.
- For continued unity and good relationships in the staff team.
- That staff would experience personal growth in their relationship with God: may His love flow through them and be experienced by those who receive support.

CrossReach Tayside Support Services, Dundee

A non-judgemental community service, supporting people in recovery from addiction, to move forward and achieve goals; Learning tools to help people in recovery with day-to-day life and to build confidence and self worth; Recovery cafés to engage the wider community and reduce stigma.

- For everyone who comes in contact with team members: may the CrossReach values touch their lives.
- For the service users fighting stigma: may staff and their peers provide the encouragement needed to help them stay strong on their recovery journeys.
- Thanks for connections with other agencies committed to the common goal of ensuring the health and wellbeing of service users.
- Thanks for all the volunteers and other services that work alongside us: may our collective efforts provide our service users with the holistic support they want and need.
- For all the people that come through the service: may they find real peace amidst the many challenges and difficulties they face.
- For the people who need our help in Dundee: may any and all barriers to accessing Tayside Support Services be removed.

Cunningham House, Edinburgh

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

- For blessings on Cunningham House: may the staff team be physically and emotionally strong for those they support.
- Thanks for a dedicated and committed staff team: may they continue to remain focused and trauma informed as they support individuals to express themselves confidently.
- For the family and friends of those who receive support: may God bring them peace and the confidence to reach out for their own support through times of struggle.
- For the continued development of the service: may God provide vision and insight.
- For strong working relationships: may staff continue to develop knowledge and experience they can bring to their role.
- For God's love and grace upon those who are supported by the service: may He give them confidence and reassurance through their journey.

Whinnieknowe Care Home, Nairn

A care home for 24 older people, overlooking Nairn River and Cawdor Hills.

- For all of CrossReach's services: may God touch and fill the lives of those who are struggling with life and who are receiving support through our services with His joy.
- For safety: may God's presence be experienced as daily tasks are carried out and may He provide a real sense of comfort.
- For the staff: may they know God's strength as they look after the residents and may they help create happy memories within the service.
- For the families with loved ones at Whinnieknowe: may they know God's peace.
- Thanks for the volunteers who selflessly help whenever they can.
- Thanks for God's promise to be with us: may He continue to provide strength and guidance to deliver care in His name.

Beechwood House, Inverness

Offers residential rehabilitation, community outreach and social care to people affected by substance use.

- Thanks and gratitude for a committed staff team who have worked tirelessly giving care and support to those who use the service.
- Remember those who use the service, may they always find love and support. May God give them strength in the darkest of days and help them through their own path of recovery.
- For families affected by substance use. May God give them inner strength to walk tall during challenging times.
- May God continue to bless the work carried out in all our CrossReach services.

Polmont Prison Visitors Centre

HMPYOI Polmont has a population of male Young Offenders aged 16-21 and women of all ages. The Visitor Centre offers a warm welcome, refreshments, support and advice to families. We also support children visiting their parents in custody, with activities and opportunities for positive interaction.

- For all the families and friends who have a loved one in HMPYOI Polmont. That they would receive comfort and support in their sense of loss and shame, and in managing the practical difficulties of financial hardship and long journeys to visit the prison.
- For children who have a parent in HMPYOI Polmont, that the time they do have with their parent will be one of connection and positive relationship building. That these children will be supported and protected from the negative impacts of parental imprisonment.
- For energy, resilience and wisdom for the CrossReach Visitors Centre staff who daily provide emotional and practical support to the families and friends who visit the prison.
- For the prison staff who work in often challenging situations, that they would have wisdom and understanding in the decisions they make.
- For those in prison, that this time would provide an opportunity for positive engagement. Also for protection over their mental health and wellbeing.

Cale House, Inverness

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

- For the work of CrossReach: may its people be blessed by God's encouragement, inspiration and strength.
- Thanks for the gift of today: may all that is achieved be pleasing to God and benefit those served by the CrossReach team at Cale House.
- For hope and blessing on the people who use CrossReach services and on the wider community.
- For those who attend the service: may they find wholeness and hope for the future.
- For wisdom on how to live in this fragile world: may staff know God's protection as they work to support others.
- Thanks for God's grace and blessing: may these gifts be used for His glory as the team work with the people who attend the service.
- For strength and wisdom to find the best solutions to daily challenges.

CrossReach Counselling East, Edinburgh

Providing a wide range of therapeutic support and counselling for individuals, families, children and young people and people affected by substance use. Support is delivered from our city centre premises on Queen Street as well as by phone and online.

- For those who struggle with their mental health and wellbeing, for whom Christmas can be the most challenging time of the year. May they know God's compassion.
- For those for whom Christmas is a time of great loss because of estrangement or grief: may they feel Christ's unconditional love.
- May God's comfort and peace be felt in the hearts of those who carry the weight of trauma.
- For the families in our services: may they find hope in the story of Christmas.
- Thanks for the staff and volunteers who show great love, care and compassion to those who we are honoured to serve.
- May the services continue to build supportive and encouraging teams who seek to develop and improve the services and look at how they can best support our clients in Christ's name.
- For the young people who attend Sunflower Garden: may their time with staff, volunteers and their peers be fun and supportive and may they experience real warmth from their taxi buddies as they travel together.

Gaberston, Alloa

A residential service and a community outreach support service for adults with mental health issues.

- Give thanks for the new building which opened earlier this year.
- For each individual supported by the service: may they experience God's peace through their challenges and His joy in happy times.
- Thanks for Gaberston House as it provides a home, a place of refuge and a place where people are cared for.
- Thanks for the staff: may the team be built through successful recruitment and may each member of staff be blessed in their work and personal lives.
- Thanks for the service: may God's will direct future changes and new chapters at Gaberston.
- Thanks for positive community links with health and social care partners: may these be strengthened and fruitful.
- Thanks to God for His daily provision of good relationships: may all those we work with be blessed.

St Margaret's House, Polmont

A 36-bed specialist care home for people living with dementia.

- Give thanks for the love and care of many people and for the residents and staff.
- Give thanks for those who lead the worship each week and bring a sense of being part of a worshipping community.
- Pray that as we recruit we find new staff who have the skills, commitment and enthusiasm to work in care.
- Thanks for the people who offer their time and skills to benefit the residents, who drive the minibus, sing and entertain.
- Pray that we will be aware of God's presence with us in all our care of the residents. For those near the end of life may that be especially true.
- Give thanks for Heart for Art and the enjoyment and sense of fulfilment that has given to all those who take part.
- Blessings for all who enter the service.

Erskine Waterfront Campus

A school for children and young people aged 8-18 with additional support needs. Provides a caring and compassionate environment for children to learn and grow.

- For strength and resilience for staff as they support pupils and families.
- May pupils feel safe to learn, grow and develop relationships and know that they are loved.
- For the families of pupils: may they see the positive changes that being at EWC can make in their child's life, no matter how small they may seem.
- For good relationships with partner agencies and the community, to help support the lives of the pupils in the school.
- That everyone would know the love of Jesus through the actions of all those at EWC.



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Purpose

To demonstrate Christ's love in action by offering high quality care and support which will empower people, across Scotland to live a full and fulfilling life.

Vision

A compassionate society where the worth of every individual is recognised and celebrated, and where loving relationships support all to live well in line with their needs, choices and aspirations.

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