

Week of prayer

AUTUMN 2021

JOIN US: 21-27 NOVEMBER

"Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

JEREMIAH 29:7

PRAY FOR

Wednesday TRANS IDEOLOGY Sunday OUR LEADERS

Thursday

SOCIETY

Monday ASSISTED SUICIDE

Friday OUR SCHOOLS Tuesday MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Saturday RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Sunday OUR LEADERS

The Apostle Paul urges us "first of all" to pray and give thanks...

⁶⁶for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.⁹⁹ 1 TIMOTHY 2:2

PLEASE PRAY:

- For the Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his Government ministers;
- For First Ministers Nicola Sturgeon, Paul Givan and Mark Drakeford;
- For MPs, Peers and all elected representatives, that they would be wise and promote what is good and restrain evil;
- That believers working in public service will act as salt and light.

Monday ASSISTED SUICIDE

Human life is precious, not because of our 'quality of life', or our gifts and abilities, but because we are made in God's image.

66...All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**? PSALM 139:16**

PLEASE PRAY:

- That Liam McArthur MSP's proposals to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland will fail;
- Giving thanks that the Prime Minister has said he will not support legalising assisted suicide in England and Wales;
- With thanks that many Peers spoke out so powerfully against assisted suicide in the recent House of Lords debate;
- With gratitude that assisted suicide is still illegal in the UK.



Tuesday

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Marriage is a creation ordinance. It has been given by God for the good of all people – not just Christians.

66 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.**77 GENESIS 2:24**

Wednesday

TRANSGENDER IDEOLOGY

Transgenderism seeks to destroy the God-given distinction between men and women.

⁴⁴ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." GENESIS 1:27

PLEASE PRAY:

- That churches will faithfully uphold the Bible's teaching on marriage and sexual ethics;
- That state authorities will respect parents' Godgiven responsibility for their children;
- That Christian parents remain free to raise their children in the training and instruction of the Lord;
- Giving thanks for the Coalition for Marriage as it seeks to promote traditional marriage.

PLEASE PRAY:

- With thanks that those who oppose transgender ideology are beginning to be heard in the media;
- That the Scottish Government will abandon its plan to speed up 'sex changes' for anyone aged 16 and over;
- For the protection of young people and that Christians continue to show grace and truth to those struggling with gender confusion;
- Giving thanks that Stonewall's influence on public institutions has been exposed. Some have cut their ties pray that many more would follow.

Thursday SOCIETY

Scotland was once known as the 'land of the Book'. Now liberal thinking on moral issues is displacing Christian values.

46...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.****** MATTHEW 5:16

PLEASE PRAY:

- For strong opposition to the non-prosecution policy that effectively decriminalises all drugs – even heroin;
- That the controversial laws on 'hate crimes' and reasonable chastisement will not be used to target Christians;
- Giving thanks for the freedom Christians have to engage with important issues in the public square.

Friday OUR SCHOOLS

Schools need to be balanced when teaching controversial issues.

44 ...Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them**?** MATTHEW 19:14

PLEASE PRAY:

- That teachers and pupils will not be compelled to promote or affirm LGBT lifestyles;
- For our education team as they help parents, teachers and governors;
- That the Scottish Government will stop advising teachers to use false pronouns, and stop promoting sex changes to children as young as four;
- That God will bless all those seeking to have a Christian influence in schools.

Saturday RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The Gospel is good news. Christians should not be hindered from sharing it.

⁶⁶Pray...that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ" COLOSSIANS 4:3



PLEASE PRAY:

- For the Institute's new Let Us Pray campaign as it opposes any 'conversion therapy' ban that would criminalise the ordinary work of churches;
- Giving thanks that Kenneth Ferguson, sacked for his beliefs on biblical marriage, won his case for religious discrimination against The Robertson Trust;
- For Stirling Free Church whose case against the Trust is expected to be heard in early December;
- For Cornerstone fostering agency as with the Institute's help – it seeks a Supreme Court ruling on whether "evangelical" includes those who reject biblical teaching on sexual ethics.

"Pray continually." 1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

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