



## St. Nicholas Church Prayers May 2021

*"Be always humble, gentle and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another."*  
Ephesians 4:2

We pray for India where covid deaths have escalated and hospitals and medical services are overwhelmed through a lack of the necessary equipment. Lord we give thanks for the many countries responding to this emergency and sending vital supplies and we pray that many more of the Indian population will have access to the vaccine to help stem the spread of this terrible disease.

We also remember families and communities still feeling the pain of loss of loved ones. May they experience God's love and comfort through our actions and words.

A high percentage of the population of Ethiopia are illiterate and this includes most church attendants. The Bible Society tries to reach out with the Scripture listening programme. Pray that "Faith comes by Hearing" will be effective in helping people to hear God's Word when they cannot read it for themselves. Pray that those who hear the Gospel for the first time will respond positively to the message.

The focus of Christian Aid Week this year is Climate Change in Kenya.

Great God

Who makes the sun to rise and opens the heavens,

Hear the cry of the people

Who sow in hope for rain, but reap only in despair,

Hear the cry of the people

Seeking shelter from the storm, their hopes and homes submerged,

Hear the cry of the people,

When creation is hitting back, with rage and resistance

Give us hope, grant us salvation

Give us a new relationship with creation

With reverence to tend this gift from You

And say once again of the earth and all you created

It is GOOD.

(Christian Aid Prayer Rev. Bob Kikuyu, Christian Aid Global Theology Advisor. Nairobi Kenya)

Pray for all scientists, indigenous people and young people working hard to encourage us all to protect our world for the future.

Let us pray for the Church **in** Scotland, for the Church of Scotland and all denominations that share her mission in cities, towns, villages and countryside and islands.

Especially we pray for the new Moderator, Rt. Hon. Lord Wallace of Tankerness QC and all those meeting in General Assembly. May they be guided by the Spirit and discern God's will for the Church's future and her witness.

Come, Holy Spirit, and awaken within us the light of Faith;

Come, Holy Spirit, and rouse Christ's Church today;

Come, Holy Spirit, in the quiet and in the business of life,

Engage with us in our daily living.