

## Especially Remember.....

Give thanks for the good things we hear about – new births, new jobs, weddings, resolutions to difficult situations, people recovering from illness or even someone just coping better than before. Give thanks that God knows and cares about every detail of life. Pray that those who have sensed God's touch in their lives will stay close to Him and not forget.

Remember all the young people undergoing school, college or university exams. Especially remember those who find this time very stressful. Pray that they would be able to find ways of keeping calm and focussed while studying. Pray also for young people who are looking for jobs. Pray that they will all know that God has a plan for them, a good plan to give them a future and a hope.

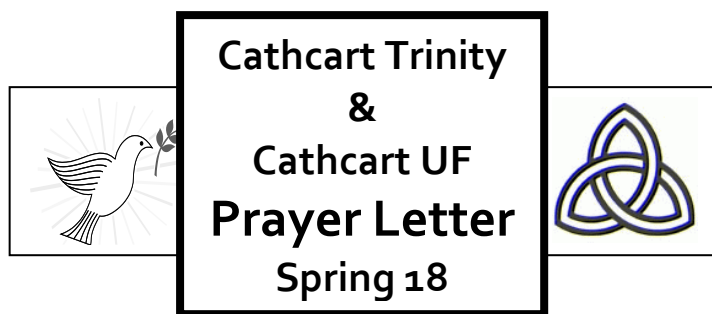
Give thanks for the chaplaincy work in Merrylee Primary and Hillpark Secondary and for the schools' openness in working with the chaplaincy team and volunteers. Pray that this work will bear much fruit, in the lives of pupils and teachers.

Pray for those who have uncertainty in their lives, and who are unsure what the future holds for them in terms of work, health, or relationships. Pray that they can put their trust in God, to believe that God has a plan for them too. Pray that they find peace in their hearts as they wait.

Pray for elderly members of our congregations who are becoming increasingly frail and are finding life difficult. Pray for their safety and well-being. Pray that they may receive the practical support they need from family or from care agencies. Pray too that in frailty or in confusion, they may draw close to the God who knows them, and understands them and loves them.

Very often, we are unaware of the burdens those in our congregations carry silently. Pray that each of us might be sensitive to those around us. Pray for the people who sit beside you in church, those you meet in the street or in the groups you attend. Ask God to meet their unspoken needs.

Give thanks for the people who are a blessing to you – for those who have said a kind word, for those who have been an encouragement to you, for those who brighten your day!



*We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.*  
*Psalm 33:20-22*

## National and World Events

Pray for the political leaders of the UK and Scotland as they try to guide our nations through Brexit negotiations, and other national and international crises.

Pray for local politicians as they seek to ensure that scarce resources are targeted fairly towards public services that are stretched and face increasing demands. Pray especially for those at the sharp end of health and social care pressures, whether as managers, staff or service users.

Pray for Christians who are persecuted in all corners of the world, and for organisations like Open Doors who support them. Especially pray for the persecutors and their victims in their highest priority countries: North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan, and Pakistan.

Pray for those caught up in people-trafficking and modern-day slavery, across the world and even in our own city. You could focus on the sex slavery which is rife in Nigeria and Libya, with kidnappings of young women continuing regularly.

Keep praying for the complex situation of conflict in Syria, and its neighbours Turkey and Iraq. Pray in particular for those civilians who are displaced, having fled for their lives with all they can carry.

Continue to pray for refugees everywhere, whether in camps or in even more precarious circumstances. Ask God to give world leaders the will and wisdom to find lasting solutions.

Pray for the plans for talks between North Korea, South Korea and the US. Pray that they may take place and bear real fruit in defusing tension and reducing the threat of armed conflict.

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## Local Events

Give thanks for the Lent studies “LiveLent” which took place across the 3 Cathcart churches and pray that further plans to work together will bear much fruit.

Give thanks for the Easter eggs delivered to the houses around the churches. Give thanks for positive conversations and pray that seeds would be planted that would cause people to reflect on Easter and its real meaning. Pray that it would also remind our neighbours that we care about them.

Give thanks for all those who have heard the Easter message and thought about it more deeply for the first time. Pray that God will open their hearts to His message and that they may want to find out more about Jesus.

Give thanks for the Easter holiday club and the opportunities it gives to share God’s message in lively and exciting ways. Pray for seeds to be planted in the hearts of the children who attend and that they will want to hear more.

Give thanks for all the leaders and in particular the young leaders who have come up through holiday club and are now at the stage of taking up responsibility as helpers.

Pray too for the many SU holidays that are taking place during the Easter holidays. Pray for the staff and the volunteers as they care for the young people and share their own faith with them. Pray that the seeds sown there will take root in many lives.

Pray for the Praise Gathering choir as they meet for rehearsals over the next few months. Pray that these rehearsals will be special times of fellowship and worship as they praise God through old and new songs. Pray especially for Ian as he teaches and leads such a large group of people. Pray too that the Youth choir who will join with them this year will be a real blessing to everyone who comes along to the concerts in Glasgow and Perth.

Pray for all the organisations meeting in our buildings. Pray that leaders and members, parents and young people will find a warm welcome, love and support as they come each week.

**Prayer Breakfasts:**  
**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April and Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
**8.30 – 10.00 am**  
**Wednesday prayer meetings:**  
**11<sup>th</sup> April and 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
**7.30 – 8.30**  
**All in the UF Church.**

## Church Family

Give thanks for our ministers and everyone who leads us in worship week by week. Give thanks for their faithfulness in preaching the gospel. Pray that God will continue to guide and inspire each of them. Pray too that God will speak through them to enable others to hear and respond to the gospel message.

Pray especially for Alasdair and Kirsty as they welcome a new life into their family. Pray that they may experience much joy and blessing in their new home.

Pray for Alasdair as he prepares to go to the General Assembly. Pray that God will be honoured in the debates and discussions that will take place and that Alasdair may find fellowship and draw close to God during his time there.

Give thanks for all those in leadership roles within the congregations. Give thanks for the gifts God has given them and pray that they will be inspired and enabled to use them to honour God and build up the faith of others.

Give thanks for the ways in which the churches in Cathcart are working together. Pray that this unity will speak to non-church goers and make them want to find out more about God.

Continue to give thanks for the work of CYMP and for Cara and Andrew and the many volunteers who have a passion for this young people’s ministry. Pray that the message of the gospel will impact on the lives of these young people in a lasting way. Pray that all the youth groups will provide opportunities to show God’s love and to plant seeds of faith that will be nourished and grow strong.

Pray for those whose faith is wavering or challenged by circumstances in life. Pray that they may hold on to the promises of God and trust in God to provide and support them.

Please continue to pray for Adrian that he would know the right time to head out to Nepal to collect his visa. This initial trip will only be for a few weeks. Pray for his family and especially for his dad at this time of change. Pray that Adrian would continue to know God’s peace and reassurance.

Continue to remember Catherine both as she prepares the material for the language classes and as she works with the immigrant ladies in Spain. Continue to pray for good working relationships within the team and that each one would know God’s equipping as he guides them in this work.