

The St Mary's Prayer Diary for September 2010

Would you like to be part of St Mary's Prayer Life? Listed below are prayer topics from the last *Drop In Prayer Time* on August 28th. By including these topics in your prayers we can all be sharing together in the Prayer Life of our church. Although names are not used in the diary, requests for specific people are included and you may have your own names too.

If you have further suggestions for prayer topics, then these can be placed in the special orange envelope on the prayer display board in the church.

At our last Drop In Prayer Time we looked at the words from Matthew 11: 25-30 as translated in Eugene Peterson's *The Message*. A familiar passage but given a fresh meaning with Peterson's choice of words. We are reminded that God's message through Jesus is for every one - Whoever and Whatever. Jesus tells us to look at Him so that we may learn how to communicate with God and then with the outside world. He says *"Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."*

- Let us pray for the willingness to listen to these words of Jesus and to then act on them so that we all may "walk , work and watch with Him" in order that God's purpose may be shared and fulfilled in our church , our community and beyond.
- Please pray for those involved in fulfilling God's purpose with the young in Haddington. Pray for the work of the Jericho Cafe: for the volunteers establishing relationships with young people who may understand nothing of God's love or the Gospel story and for whom the truths of wrong and right are no longer taken as read. Pray for the young people and give thanks for the questions some of them are asking when they see the example of the volunteers who walk, work and watch with Jesus.
Pray for God's blessing on the work of the Young Church as it gets ready to start a new Session and give thanks for those who have volunteered to share with the children God's message through the Bible and life of Jesus.
- Please pray for those for whom each new day is a struggle for whatever reason.
Pray for those who grieve, for those who have had to face tragedy, for those who are lonely, for those who are worried for the future.
May they all find strength, support, comfort and hope through God's love and promises.
- Please pray for those waiting to go into hospital, for those in hospital and for those waiting for hospital test results and pray for strength and patience for those who are recovering from illness and accidents.

- Please pray for the people of Pakistan and Niger and Chad who are suffering as a result of flood, war and famine, leaving destruction, hunger, disease and loss of loved ones, crops and animals, homes and livelihoods.
- Thank God for Aid agencies who seek to support, enable and empower devastated communities. Thank God for organisations like Open Door which works to profile and support ordinary everyday folk who are persecuted because they are Christians. Thank God for groups like Saltmine who use different skills and talents in order to raise our awareness and understanding of what is going on and the truths of the Bible.
- Thank God for holiday time and all the good things we have experienced and pray that as church and community life take up again we may be ready to meet the new challenges that lie ahead seeking God's guidance and wisdom.