

Diocesan Day of Prayer

3rd August 2019

You are invited to pray with people from across the Church for God's guidance as our search for the next Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway continues. Below you will find suggested resources to focus your prayers and reflections during this time – you are welcome to use them as they are or as a supplement to plans you have in your home or congregation. If you are viewing this on your computer, the suggested scripture excerpts and songs at the end of the document are linked to corresponding resources online. We encourage you to share this widely within your congregation and join us in prayer on 3rd August.



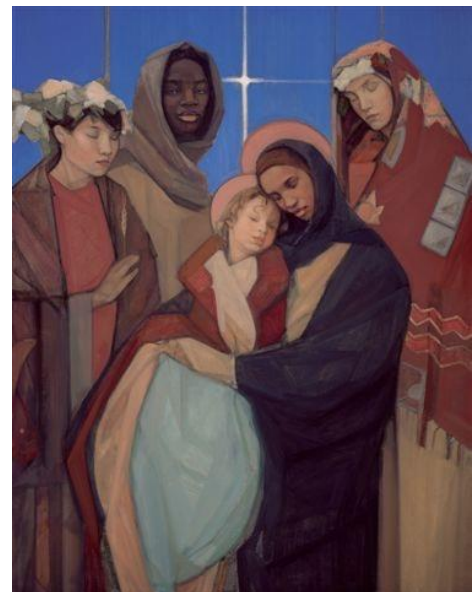
Peace, Be Still by He Qi (1992)

A Prayer for our Diocese

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us in our search for a new Bishop. Embolden each one of us to use our unique ministries, to share openly and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience and joy. Instil in us a vision of the Church's family; that guided by your Holy Spirit we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission of discovering the one you have called to serve with us as our Bishop. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the House of Bishops

Loving God, we give thanks for and hold up before you the six individuals called to serve in our House of Bishops as they prayerfully discern your will in our search for a new Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway. Lord, open their hearts and minds to hear your Holy Spirit's call and to bravely follow wherever the Spirit leads. Paint for them a picture of the whole Church of God with a unique view of our Diocese's individual role in that vision. Equip our bishops with patience, humility, wisdom, and joy as they endeavour to hear our story and to follow your lead towards an election. Gift all of us with open hearts and prayerful minds as we seek to serve you in all that we do. We pray all of these things in your most precious name. Amen.



Epiphany by Janet McKenzie



All Saints Icon

A Prayer for the Person called to be our Bishop
 God of All Hopefulness, we hold up before you this day the person you are calling to be the next Bishop of the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. We pray that in this time when their identity may be known to you alone, that you will grant them courage, wisdom, grace, and the peace that passes all understanding as they prepare to begin their journey with us. Holy One, we pray that you would open their heart to hear the Spirit's still small voice saying, "This is the way, walk in it." Jesus, give them words to speak, give us all ears to hear, and help us to see all the ways you will move us through their leadership. God, we also hold up their family and all those who love them because we know this is not a call one accepts lightly or alone – bless them in all of their relationships as they prepare to walk in our midst on your path of light. We pray this in the name of God who creates, redeems, and sustains us all. Amen.

Scripture for Reflection:

Isaiah 43:15-21

Psalms 16

Psalms 139

1 Peter 5:1-11

Mark 4:30-32

John 17

Hymns (public domain):

Be Thou My Vision

Come Down, O Love Divine

Come Thou Fount

O Thou, Who at Thy Eucharist Didst Pray

Hymns & Praise Songs (copyrighted):

Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord, the Light of Your Love

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Will You Come and Follow Me

Taizé Chants:

Bless the Lord

Laudate Omnes Gentes

Nada Te Turbe

Ubi Caritas