

The background of the entire image is a photograph of a field of tall, thin grasses, possibly wildflowers or reeds, blowing in the wind. The grasses are in sharp focus in the foreground, while the background is heavily blurred, showing hints of green foliage and some distant structures under a soft, hazy sky.

Yesterday, today, forever...

Prayer Diary 2024
Bethany Christian Trust

Pray with us in 2024

Dear friends,

As we begin a new year, I want to express my profound appreciation for your faithfulness in prayer for Bethany Christian Trust over this last 12 months. The whole team is so appreciative of the prayers of God's people in the ministry that we fulfil together. We serve the Lord of hosts, the Almighty, who is able to level mountains and make a way, and this is again our testimony to the praise of his glory. He is faithful, and in our 40th year the abundance of his goodness and kindness has continued to shine forth.

This last year, we have again been enabled in God's purposes to kneel with the broken and to respond with love, compassion and practical support across Scotland, serving people at risk of homelessness, people in deep crisis, and people looking for support to maintain their home. In God's strength we have increased our range and level of interventions and partnered with churches, charities and businesses along with local and national government in relieving suffering and meeting long term needs. All of this has been fulfilled through prayer, reflecting the grace of God, and none of our endeavours could have been achieved without prayer.

As we look forward to 2024, it is my privilege to send you the Bethany Prayer Diary, I want to ask you again this coming year, please pray for us; please pray for the people we support; please pray for broken and vulnerable lives that we might reach them with compassion and transforming hope.

May you know God's peace and blessing throughout this coming year.

With heartfelt thanks,



Alasdair Bennett,
Chief Executive





Father, as we enter this new calendar year, we pray that you would guide Bethany Christian Trust in their mission of relieving the suffering and meeting the long term needs of homeless and vulnerable people in Scotland.

Keep them in step with your Spirit and the new things that you purpose through them this year, as they seek to steadfastly demonstrate your love in action.

Fulfil your purposes Lord, through your grace and loving kindness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Alasdair Bennett, Chief Executive

Isaiah 43:19

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

January

We continually seek to sow God's love into the hearts and lives of people in our communities, developing new services that respond to the multiple needs affecting people today.

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Lord help us to develop healthy, robust communities that live right with God and enjoy the results through the hard work of getting along with each other, and treating each other with dignity and honour (as described in James 3:18).

Holy Spirit, work in us that we may be seen to be trustworthy people consistent in our integrity, ability and benevolence. Amen.

Craig Wood,
Chairman of The Trusted Executive Charitable Foundation

Thank you to all of our trust, foundation, statutory and corporate supporters!

We are so grateful for the many local and national partnerships we are continually blessed by as we work together in ending homelessness across Scotland.

February

1 Corinthians 4:2

It is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy.

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Heavenly Father, still our hearts and fill us with your Holy Spirit.

We come to you, the only source of true wisdom and ask you to lift us up and change us by your Grace through Jesus Christ your son.

We praise you for your amazing grace and ask you to guide our hearts and our minds.

Help us day by day, to lay our burdens at the cross and lift our eyes to the radiant glory of your goodness and love.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Heather Reid,
Recovery & Resettlement Worker



Mark 10:27

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

March

Bridge to Freedom provides both group and 1:1 support for adults either in or actively working towards freedom from addiction through a Christ-centred recovery programme.

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				Good Friday		Easter Sunday

Father in heaven, we are a resurrection people through the victory of your Son over sin, darkness and death.

We pray resurrection life into the local Church and for its partnership with Bethany Christian Trust to flourish and bear fruit.

We ask for the promise of the prophet Isaiah; that as we spend ourselves on behalf of the poor, needy and oppressed our light will rise in the darkness and that God will supply every need as we work together for the honour of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Ian MacDonald,
Leader of Holy Trinity
Wester Hailes



Isaiah 58:10-11

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

April

Thank you to all our church partnerships. Bethany relies on the prayers, donations and support of hundreds of churches across Scotland.

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Lord God we thank you for the many opportunities you give our staff to be vessels of your love and goodness to the vulnerable people we work with.

Help us each and every day to glorify your name in all that we do as we seek to serve those around us who find themselves in desperate circumstances. Lord renew and strengthen our staff each day, that they may serve you to the best of their abilities as they carry out the work of Bethany Christian Trust in Fife.

Johnny Rafferty, Director of Housing & Support

Psalm 100:4-5

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

May

Housing Support Fife offers a support service to vulnerable adults living in their own tenancies in Fife, helping people to develop their own ability to live independently in the community.

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Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly give thanks for your abundance of blessings as we work in ending homelessness in Scotland, one person at a time.

We give thanks to all our volunteers who continue to seek your grace, to inspire and selflessly serve our community and to uplift those in need. Grant us strength, wisdom and compassion to continue fulfilling this calling with hearts full of love and hands ready to help. May our actions reflect your love.

We pray for more volunteers to join us where we have need, Lord.

Lord of Mercies, hear our prayers.

Gladness Cole, Volunteer Development Coordinator



Volunteering at Bethany is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, give back to the community and boost your confidence.

Get in touch with our Volunteer Coordinator by sending an email to volunteers@bethanychristiantrust.com

June

Galations 5:13

Use your freedom to serve one another humbly in love.

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Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the work of The Shed Project in Stornoway. We thank you for the way that the staff and volunteers have served the community with their practical Christian love.

We thank you for the people that have come into the project. May you protect them and help us to show God's love in all that we do for them. Amen.

Iain Douglas,
Recovery & Development Coordinator

Bethany works in partnership with the Shed Project in Stornoway, running a community drop-in for men and women who are affected by drug or alcohol use.

Through peer and one to one support, recreational activities and volunteering opportunities, individuals seeking to make positive changes in their lives are supported in their recovery journey.

July

Hebrews 10:24

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works

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Heavenly Father, we grieve for young people who, at a time when life should be at its safest, most secure, and carefree, find themselves traumatised, distressed, anxious, and in despair.

We know that you are a life-giving God, capable of bringing light into any situation. We ask that the work of the new Bethany UpStream project reaches those young people who have not been able to access help.

We pray for healing, restoration, and peace in their precious lives.

Martin Fraser,
Bethany UpStream Counselling
and Families Manager



UpStream is a counselling and therapeutic family support service, delivered within schools and communities to promote positive mental health and wellbeing to families and young people.

Our highly trained staff and partners provide counselling, wellbeing support and clinical psychology for young people aged 10-25 in the Glasgow area.

August

Romans 12:15

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

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Father God, thank you that you are faithful and good. Amongst the pain and angst of this world, I thank you that you care for every individual personally and deeply.

Thank you for Bethany Christian Trust, and the opportunity they have to show your love through the services they provide. Thank you for our supporters and partners who give so generously, allowing so many to be lifted out of crisis and experience your love in action.

Amen.

Hannah Nelson, Director of Income Generation

Thank you to our community of supporters committed to ending homelessness in Scotland.

We could not do this without your prayerful help and faithful donations.

If you would like to make a donation to Bethany, please email us at - supporters@bethanychristiantrust.com

September

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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Heavenly Father, we are so grateful for the Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre, that we can welcome those who have nowhere else to go to a safe and warm place.

We pray the Welcome Centre will be a place full of your hope, love and light. Please be with each person who crosses the threshold of the Welcome Centre that they will experience you in the interactions with staff and volunteers.

Emily Millar,
Welcome Centre Deputy Manager

The Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre provides emergency accommodation and support to anyone who would otherwise be rough sleeping in Edinburgh.

Operating from October through to May, the Welcome Centre provides each individual or couple with their own bedroom, en-suite facilities and 24/7 care and support.

October

1 John 4:19
We love because he first loved us.

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Jesus as we move into the darker months would you fill us with your hope, joy and peace.

May we overflow by the power of your Holy Spirit, bringing light to our communities.

May we be mindful of our privilege and grateful for the blessings you give. Sustain us to give generously and to be agents of change bringing honour to your name.

Amen.

Luana Ackermann,
Fundraiser, Caring Christmas Trees

As nights draw in and temperatures drop, the need we all feel for a safe and warm home is known all the more keenly by those without.

You can help ensure Bethany is able to care for people who are vulnerable this winter through giving to our winter appeals and buying a Caring Christmas Tree.

*caringchristmastrees.com
bethanychristiantrust.com/bed*



November

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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St. Andrew's Day						

Dear Father, we give you thanks and praise for the way that you have been blessing the work of the Glasgow Shop and its staff and volunteers.

We pray that the shop will continue to grow in raising much needed income for the work of Bethany and will also continue to be a place where everyone will find a smile and a warm welcome.

Please continue to bless the wonderful team of staff and volunteers that work at the Glasgow Shop.

Amen.

Luke Wilson,
Head of Retail



Psalm 36:7-9

How precious is your unfailing love, O God!
All humanity finds shelter
in the shadow of your wings.
You feed them from the abundance of your own house,
letting them drink from your river of delights.
For you are the fountain of life,
the light by which we see.

December

We opened our newest Bethany shop in Glasgow's Duke Street in 2022 and it has swiftly become a vibrant community space full of quality pre-loved items.

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	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day			

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"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Please join us throughout the year in bringing our work, our staff, our volunteers and the people we support before the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving.

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...He is the same.

