

**Call to Prayer: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
**Prayer @ 7pm**

The Gospel of Mark records the story of a woman who reaches out to Jesus and does so from the depth of her suffering. She does so because she 'had heard about Jesus' and longed to find healing. The Gospel describes how a large crowd was following Jesus 'and pressed in on him' and it is from the midst of the crowd that the woman reaches out. In the moment that she does so, Jesus senses 'that power had gone forth from him'. In response to his question: "Who touched me?", the woman comes 'in fear and trembling' and tells 'the whole truth'. In response, Jesus affirms that her faith has yielded wholeness and peace. (Mark 5: 21-43)

In times of suffering, we may find ourselves worn out and uncertain as to the strength of our faith. Whether from the depths of the crowd, or; in the loneliness of our isolation, Jesus invites us to reach out and experience the healing and peace of God. We pray:

Living God,  
Move among us  
And invite us to reach out to your presence revealed in Jesus.  
When we are fearful,  
Calm our fears and bring us safe into your presence.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Living God,  
Move among us  
And invite us to reach out to the One who inspires faith.  
When we sense our faith ebbs low,  
Renew our faith and reassure that your faithfulness abides forever.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Living God,  
Move among us  
And invite us to the place of healing.  
When we are broken,  
Lift us up and remake us in your image.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Living God,  
Move among us  
And invite us to the place of peace.  
Where peace seems absent,  
Fill the place of absence with your abiding presence.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Living God,  
Move among us  
And invite us to step out of the crowd.  
Where we are hesitant to do so,  
Reassure us that you see us and know us and accept us as we are.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Signed by:

Lord Wallace, Moderator of the General Assembly, Church of Scotland

Most Rev. Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Roman Catholic Church

Most Rev. Mark Strange, Primus, on behalf of the College of Bishops, Scottish Episcopal Church

Rev. Dr David Miller, Moderator, United Free Church of Scotland

Rev. Neil MacMillan, Moderator, Free Church of Scotland

Rev. Paul Whittle, Moderator, United Reformed Church (Scotland)

Rev. Martin Hodson, General Director, Baptist Union of Scotland

Rev. Mark Slaney, District Chair, Methodist Church (Scotland)

Rev. Thomas R. Wilson, Chair, Congregational Federation in Scotland

Lt. Col. Carol Bailey, Secretary for Scotland, Salvation Army

Adwoa Bittle, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Pastor Chris Gbenle, Provincial Pastor, Province of Scotland, Redeemed Christian Church of God

Bishop Francis Alao, Church of God (Scotland)/Minority Ethnic Churches Together in Scotland (MECTIS)

Rev Fred Drummond, Director, Evangelical Alliance (Scotland)