

Call to Prayer: Sunday 3rd October 2021
Prayer @ 7pm

What do we see? As we survey the day-to-day progress of life: What do we see? What we might *prefer* to see is a world that is coherent and ordered, with everything in its place and a place for everything. Equally, we might prefer to see a world subject to a guiding hand leading us on to a place of certainty. Whatever we might prefer to see, we may be certain that it is not yet the world as we see it today.

The Letter to the Hebrews takes up the words of the Psalmist and pictures the 'son of man' as the One who has all things subject to him. Indeed, the Letter affirms that: 'God left nothing that is not subject to him.' Immediately thereafter, it states: 'Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.' There is a vision of the world as it shall be and a realisation that the world in which we live is not yet aligned to that vision. What we see is the world as it is and not yet the world as it shall be in the providence of God. The place we inhabit is the point of tension between the world we see and the world as God intends it to be. In this place, and by the grace of God, 'we see Jesus...now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death' and we resolve to live out our faith as we follow the One who is the author and pioneer of our salvation. (Hebrews 2: 5-12/Psalm 8: 4-6)

Living God,
You give life to the world
And to all Creation,
And we seek your guiding hand
In the days in which we live.
Grant that we might discern your guidance
And live faithfully in accordance with your will.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Living God,
You give life to the world
And to all Creation,

And your care for Creation
Overflows to all the earth.
Grant to us the resolve to care for Creation
In the place we inhabit and in the time you have given to us.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Living God,
You give life to the world
And to all Creation,
And you create us to reflect
The image of God.
Grant to us that we may see in our neighbour
A reflection of your image and so value the lives of all.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Living God,
You give life to the world
And to all Creation,
And we see the world as it is
And know that it is not yet the world as you will it to be.
Grant to us faith that we might see Jesus and follow the One
Who is the author and pioneer of our salvation.
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)
- Rev. Ruth Turner, District Superintendent, British Isles North District, Church of the Nazarene
- 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)