

# TOMORROW'S CALLING

*The Mission and Discipleship Council would like to thank Rev Colin Sinclair for providing this prayer as part of 'Tomorrow's Calling'.*

*Jesus said "I will build my church," Matt16:18*

Living God,  
We thank you for your Church  
found throughout Scotland.  
We thank you for the communities of faith  
throughout the Central Belt,  
the Borders and beyond.  
In the Highlands and Islands,  
in cities, towns and villages.

Help our communities to express our love to you,  
in the worship of our lips  
and the holiness of our lives.  
Thank you for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament,  
and for those whom you have called down through the years.  
We pray that in this Decade of Ministry,  
you would raise people up  
to servant leadership  
May they open your word faithfully and creatively  
applying it relevantly to our world today,  
and minister the sacraments  
in a way that brings us closer to you.

Help us express our love to one another,  
in the fellowship we share  
and the discipleship we foster.  
May our leaders be open to the needs of your world,  
and with the people of God,  
respond to its cries with prophetic insight,  
going out with an evangelistic heart,  
showing pastoral sensitivity and wisdom  
to the needs that they meet.  
Help us express our love to our neighbour,  
in the service we provide  
and the witness that we give.

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Thank you that you call people to ministry,  
to equip all God's people  
for works of service.

May all God's people be encouraged  
to discover the gifts you have given them,  
to develop them for the blessing of others,  
and be given opportunity to use them  
for the good of all and for your glory.

Strengthen your Church and help us  
to find the leadership we need  
that we may all fulfil God's calling  
to be salt and light in our world today  
for Jesus' sake.

Amen

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