**Call to Prayer: 7th July 2024**

**General Election 2024**

On behalf of the churches that we serve, we encourage Christians in Scotland to engage actively, constructively, and charitably with the United Kingdom Government democratically elected at the General Election held on 4th July 2024.

We pray:

Lord our God, you speak and we listen for your voice

And hear your Word proclaim:

Unless the Lord builds the house,

The builders labour in vain.

May these words engraved at the heart of our Parliament

Continue to inform and to guide the governing of our nation.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord our God, you are King and sovereign over all

And your rule extends throughout all the earth.

We acknowledge that all authority comes from you

And there is no good governance except in obedience to your will.

Grant to those now elected to serve as Members of Parliament

A desire to govern well on behalf of all the people of our land.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord our God, you are the One who sees rulers rise and fall

And in the midst of a world of change:

You remain and abide for ever.

We pray for the Prime Minister as he takes up office

And ask that you will grant to him wisdom and understanding

That he might serve the nation well and govern with integrity.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord our God, as citizens of the world that is to come

And citizens of the nation of which we are a part:

We pray for your Kingdom to come and for your will to be done.

Grant to us a commitment to work with and for

The communities of which we are a part

That, in concert with others, we might see our nation renewed.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Signed:

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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

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