

Intercessions

God of Love, your Son Jesus called Andrew to 'come follow me' and he did. From successful fisherman, he became a faithful disciple bringing the good news to all he met.

Like Jesus, his Teacher, he accepted everyone, he took the initiative always, he made of every obstacle in life a springboard to loving you, always going the 'extra mile' to the point of dying a martyr's death. We honour Andrew for the witness of his life, and are pleased to call him our national patron. Today, with Andrew, we come before you in prayer:

We pray for our City tonight. May we be inspired by Andrew who left everything to follow Jesus, to let Glasgow flourish by the preaching of Jesus' word and the praising of Jesus' name. May all who visit Glasgow be able to recognise a Christian people who live out Jesus' commandment to love one another. We ask for special graces for all our civic and religious leaders, that they might guide us in reconciling and respecting all, in labouring for justice and peace and in attending to the needs of all your children.

Lord, hear us

We pray for our Scottish nation today. May we be a community where everyone is valued, where everyone is given their dignity because God is Father of us all and therefore we recognise each other as brothers and sisters. May we acknowledge the giftedness of our diversity and use all our talents for the building up of a better future for all.

Lord, hear us

We pray for our world. May Scottish people everywhere contribute to the common good of the people in whatever nation they find themselves making their new home. May we as a nation give our contribution to the fair and just development of all nations, so that following the example of Andrew and the first Christians, everyone might have what they need in order to live a fully human life. May all peoples live in peace and harmony recognising each other as children of the same Father.

Lord, hear us

We pray for all Christians in Scotland today. Inspired by Andrew, and those who down through the years brought us the Good News, may we be rooted in our common faith and baptism and continue to be faithful witnesses to Jesus. May we strive to serve everyone in whichever way you invite us to. May the cross become an ever clearer sign of our unity, and may Jesus' resurrection become an ever greater source of common hope in the full coming of your Kingdom.

Lord, hear us