

**Week one: Monday 4 September**

**A prayer to introduce Walking the Way – living the life of Jesus today  
from the Synod of Scotland**

God of grace,

Through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of your Son Jesus, you revealed your love for us.

Through the gift of the Spirit you give each one of us the strength to face the journey ahead.

Ready and prepared to consciously go Walking the Way – living the life of Jesus today; we respond to his words of invitation, 'follow me'.

Take us along spiritual pathways that will challenge and inspire.

Open our hearts and minds so that we are alert and ready to act whenever and wherever we hear your call.

Transform our frustrations and disappointments, our complaining and our weariness, and make us people of imagination and creativity.

Enable us to work together; collaborating and sharing, encouraging and supporting, all with generosity, compassion and love; as we go Walking the Way – living the life of Jesus today.

Using the power of the Spirit show us how to work for the advancement of your kingdom in our daily living.

Grounded in our traditions give us the confidence to draw on our collective experience and wisdom so that we can learn from the past and each other.

Take a culture of inward looking survival and give us the power to have vision, be radical and take risks so that we can become a culture of outward looking growth.

Energise and excite us, equip us with all the resources required so that we can go out with passion on a journey of discipleship; Walking the Way – living the life of Jesus today.

Bringer of peace and joy,

all glory to you, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and always.

Amen.

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