

## Liberton Kirk Daily Devotions – February 2026

*But when the people said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord.*

*1 Samuel 8 verse 6*

**During 2026** we are looking daily at the theme of DAVID – GODLY WARRIOR KING. So far, this new year we have considered some of the PSALMS and this month we begin the story of David himself, digging into 1 SAMUEL.

We pause at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world.



We are all invited to listen for God's voice and make our response as we journey together daily in our 'rhythm of devotion' in 2026.

These Devotions are but one way to feed on God's Word in the morning, at midday, in the evening... to pray with Him continually through the day and even to share with others the treasures or hurdles you discover.

The Church website and Facebook page (even on a handy mobile) provide a fuller daily devotional page. However, it all follows the pattern below which the information provided fits into, based on the Kirk's origins of the Celtic and Northumbrian traditions which we started as a church family back in 2015.

**Morning:**

Reading and Meditation on the content, and Prayer of response

**Midday:**

Prayer – mostly for others

**Evening:**

Verse(s) from the morning reading  
Reflection and Prayer at the end of the day

**Prayer of the Month:**

*Father God, provider and protector,  
we cry to You with our deepest desires.  
Then listen to Your response.  
Help us discern Your voice,  
and trust in Your deliverance.  
When we battle against our foe,  
You are all the armour that we need.  
With you as our shield and sword,  
we cannot fail.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL Chapter 3

Meditation: we take time to consider these words this morning.

*"Here I am"*

And then we pray to this God in response.

*Father God, who calls to us,  
we respond to Your words.  
Here we are, Lord,  
to be Your instrument.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

Pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer.

*Father God, provider and protector,  
we cry to You with our deepest desires.  
Then listen to Your response.  
Help us discern Your voice,  
and trust in Your deliverance.  
When we battle against our foe,  
You are all the armour that we need.*

*With you as our shield and sword,  
we cannot fail.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read these set words again from 1 SAMUEL Chapter 3.  
Reflect and then pray to this God of ours.

*Lord in heaven, our Father and friend,  
You have always shown yourself to Your followers.  
Come to us as You did to Samuel,  
bestowing on us the confidence to share Your vision.  
In the name of Your son, Jesus, amen.*

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL Chapter 8.

Meditation: as we pause with God, take time to consider these particular words today.

*“so he prayed to the Lord”*

And then pray in response.

*Heavenly Father, always present.  
Thank You that you listen when we call to You.  
Remind us this day, as Samuel did,  
to turn to You when we need guidance.  
For we trust that You will never fail us.  
In Jesus name, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God's blessing on the wider SEECOS family.

*Bring blessing and unity in Your church, for Your glory, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the verses again from 1 SAMUEL chapter 8.  
Reflect and then pray to this God in response.

*Lord Jesus, our wonderful counsellor,  
there is no one we can rely on more than You.  
Even when those around us,  
refuse to hear Your words,*

*gift us with discernment and faith  
to follow Your commands.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL Chapter 9.

Meditation: as we pause with God today, we consider these truths.

- Messages from God

And then respond in prayer with Him.

*Lord who speaks, call to us this morning.  
You have a plan for each of us,  
all we need to do is listen to Your message.  
We may not be called to be kings and queens,  
but we are called into your family,  
and to spread Your message.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

Take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!

*We are here Lord, we knock, we seek, we hear, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the words again from 1 SAMUEL chapter 9.

Reflect and then pray in response to our God.

*Lord Jesus, as we reflect this evening,  
we stay where we are to listen to Your message.  
We stop running in this busy world,  
and take time to discern your message  
and will for our lives.  
In Your name, amen.*

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL Chapter 12.

Mediation: pause with God this new morning. Prayerfully consider these words written here.

*“the Lord will not reject his people, because the Lord was pleased to make you his own.”*

And then turn to prayer.

*Protector and comforter, You make us yours.  
You call us Your people and teach us Your ways.  
Help us this day to serve You in all that is good and right.  
In Jesus, name, amen.*

**Midday;**

We pray God’s blessing on our locum, Elliot Mitchell.

*We thank You for sending Elliot to help lead us at this time, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the verses again from 1 SAMUEL chapter 12.

Reflect and then pray to the LORD our God.

*Lord Jesus, the constant faithful King,  
we pause this moment, to consider all that You have done for us.  
We know that You will answer when we call to You.  
Show us the path that we should follow,  
so we stay safety in Your light.  
In Your name, amen.*

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL Chapter 13.

Meditation: consider this passage this new morning.

Then respond in prayer to this God, our God.

*Father God, help us this day to always seek your command.  
We turn to you for support in our dark times.  
When we feel overwhelmed and under attached,*

*help us to stay loyal to You and stand in Your truth.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God's blessing on the Church across the UK.

*Let your church be revived for the good news spread in this country, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the set verses again from 1 SAMUEL chapter 13.

Reflect on what is said here and then pray to this God we believe in.

*Jesus, our Saviour and cornerstone.  
You are the warrior King who will always fight for us.  
We keep our faith only in You,  
to build our lives upon.  
In Your name, amen.*

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 15:1-11.

Meditation: as we pause with God, we take the time to consider these verses.

*"he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions."*

And then pray in response to God.

*Holy Father, we hope You never say those words about us.  
We ask for the courage to listen and follow Your instructions.  
Even though we know we will fail,  
we trust You to reset our path towards You.  
In Jesus, name, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God's blessing on our Church Prayer list.

*For those who need Your help, pour out Your blessings. Amen.*

**Evening:**

Read these words again from 1 SAMUEL 15:1-11.

Take time to reflect and pray to Father God.

*Lord Jesus, our guide and shepherd,  
we listen to Your commands and follow the voice of our leader.  
As we rest and reflect, show us where we erred this day,*

*and guide to hold steady to Your example tomorrow.  
In Your name, amen.*

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 15:12-35.

Meditation: as we pause with Jesus today, we take time to consider these verses.

And then pray to Him.

*Heavenly Father, help us to hear and follow Your word.  
Protect us from human arrogance  
that tells us that we know better.  
Put people in our lives who can instruct us on Your path.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

Pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today.

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom,  
the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the verses again from 1 SAMUEL 15:12-35.  
reflect and pray in response to what you read.

*Lord Jesus, all-knowing,  
You are aware of what we will say  
and do before we do.  
As we look back on today,  
we hope You are proud of us.  
Help us to improve on our failings of today.  
In Your name, amen.*

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL Chapter 16.

Meditation: we take time with God to consider these particular words on this Sunday morning.

*“Do you come in peace?” ... “Yes, in peace”*

And then we pray to Father God in response, humbly, honestly.

*Heavenly Father, Prince of peace,  
we ask You to fill us with Your peace this morning.  
Calm our worries, extinguish our pain,  
let Your peace emanate from us to all we meet.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

Pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer

*Father God, provider and protector,  
we cry to You with our deepest desires.  
Then listen to Your response.  
Help us discern Your voice,  
and trust in Your deliverance.  
When we battle against our foe,  
You are all the armour that we need.  
With you as our shield and sword,  
we cannot fail.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read these verses again from 1 SAMUEL chapter 16.

Reflect and then pray to this God of ours as we step into a new week – together – with Him.

*Lord Jesus, You are the heart of us.  
You see through all the trimmings of our earthly life.  
Your judgement is pure and true.  
Help us look on those around us, as You look on us,  
passed the outward outfit to the soul beneath,  
with love, and mercy, and compassion.  
In Your name, amen.*

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 17:1-11.

Meditation: as we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular words today.

*“let us fight each other”*

And then pray in response.

*Heavenly Father, when we are pressed up against a wall,  
and taunted by the world around us,  
You will be our warrior and fight our giants.  
With You by our side we need not run terrified.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God's blessing on your neighbours.

*Bring safety and love to those that live beside us, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the verses again from 1 SAMUEL 17:1-11.

Reflect and then pray to this God in response.

*Lord Jesus, your Spirit is our armour.  
When we are elicited to fight,  
You have prepared us to stand against the enemy.  
Thank you for this safety in Your Spirit, Amen.*

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 17:12-32.

Meditation: as we pause with God we consider these words.

*“Do not lose heart”*

And then respond in prayer with Him.

*Lord, protector and steadfast support,  
many things in this world will test us,  
people will taunt us,  
and situations will put us on trial,*

*so we turn to You to not lose heart.  
You will help us defeat*

**Midday:**

Take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!

*We are here Lord, we knock, we seek, we hear, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the words again from 1 SAMUEL 17:12-32.

Reflect and then pray in response to our God.

*Lord Jesus, we reflect at the end of this day,  
we think on moments when we feel silenced by others.  
We hope to react kindly and patiently,  
to seek someone who will listen.  
We strive to act compassionately,  
as You would.  
In Your name, amen.*

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 17:38-58.

Meditation: pause with God this new day. Consider these words written here.

*“it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves”*

And then turn to pray to God.

*Lord, You are the warrior who saves us.  
It is only Your armour that will protect us.  
You save us through the gift of salvation.  
It is our trust in You that we will triumph over the enemies.  
In Your name, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God's blessing on friends and colleagues.

*Bring peace, love and hope to all, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the verses again from 1 SAMUEL 17:38-58.

Reflect and then pray to the LORD our God.

*Father in heaven, You are always faithful.  
You will stand with us when our enemies call us out.  
You will prepare us for the battle,  
and will triumph through us.  
All praise to You, amen.*

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL Chapter 18.

Meditation: as we pause with God today, we consider this passage this morning.

And then respond in prayer to this Jesus.

*Lord and Father, protect us against those who wish us ill.  
For those that scheme against us,  
stop them in their tracks  
and turn them from their insidious plans.  
Protect us, O Lord, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God's blessing on your family members.

*For those we love, bring provision and happiness, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the set verses again from 1 SAMUEL chapter 18.

Reflect on all that is said here and then turn to pray to this God we believe in.

*Lord Jesus, restore us this evening and night,  
to be ready tomorrow to battle against plans to trip us up.  
We hold our trust in You and rely on You for security.  
In your name, amen.*

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL Chapter 19.

Meditation: as we pause with God, we take time to consider these words.

And then pray in response to this God.

*Almighty Victor, our Lord of provision.  
We ask for discernment,*

*to see the correct path,  
to judge what is the true action,  
within a difficult dilemma.  
May we always seek Your wisdom  
and follow Your ways.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God's blessing on those on our Church Prayer List.

*For those who need Your help, pour out Your blessings. Amen.*

**Evening:**

Read these words again from 1 SAMUEL chapter 19.  
Take time to reflect and pray to Father God.

*Jesus Christ, You have already won eternal salvation for us.  
But this world will still challenge us, aiming for destruction.  
Surround us with those who want to protect us,  
with people who will protect us  
and stand beside us in strength.  
In Your name, amen.*

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 20:11-15.

Meditation: as we pause with Jesus, we take time to consider these words.

- Friendship
- Trust

And then pray to this God.

*Lord, our confidante and friend,  
we thank You for the protection You provide.  
When we are threatened,  
You will always stand beside us.  
Remind us to turn to You when challenged.  
In Your name, amen.*

**Midday:**

Pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today.

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom,  
the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the verses again from 1SAMUEL 20:11-15.  
Reflect and pray in response to what you read.

*Lord Jesus, Prince of peace,  
we think of those You bring into our lives,  
that stand beside us,  
in the face of those that wish us harm.  
We ask for the courage to do the same for others,  
to stand in support and protection.  
In Your name, amen.*

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 20:16-34.  
Meditation: we take time to consider these words this morning.

*Father, wonderful counsellor,  
help us when we are angered by the decisions of others.  
Let our anger only be righteous,  
but guide our actions in love and compassion.  
In Your name, amen.*

And then we pray to this God in response.

**Midday:**

Pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer.

*Father God, provider and protector,  
we cry to You with our deepest desires.*

*Then listen to Your response.  
Help us discern Your voice,  
and trust in Your deliverance.  
When we battle against our foe,  
You are all the armour that we need.  
With you as our shield and sword,  
we cannot fail.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read these set words again from 1 SAMUEL 20:16-34.  
Reflect and then pray to this God of ours.

*Lord, at the end on another week,  
we reflect on our thoughts and action.  
We are sorry for failing short,  
and ask for help to be better next week.  
For the moments, we stood strong and acted well,  
we praise You for Your guidance and leading nudges.  
For all these, we pray, amen.*

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 20:35-42.

Meditation: as we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular words today.

*“Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the Lord”*

And then pray in response.

*Lord, the greatest of our friends,  
we thank You for Your support and provision.  
For all those You have put in our lives,  
we ask for blessings on them  
and for the maintenance of true friendship in You.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God's blessing on the SEECOS Session.

*Bring unity, wisdom and love to those in our leadership, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the verses again from 1 SAMUEL 20:35-42.  
Reflect and then pray to this God in response.

*Jesus, our Lord and confidante,  
we turn to You at the beginning of new week  
and ask for your guidance and support.  
As we face trial and troubles this week,  
provide the help we need for safety and care.  
Through the fellowship of the Spirit,  
we have sworn friendship with our holy family.  
Let us always act to help those in need.  
In Your name, amen.*

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 21:1-9.

Meditation: as we pause with God today, we consider these truths.

And then we take the time to respond in prayer with Him – asking, seeking, knocking.

*Father God, Jireh, the provider,  
help us this day to be worthy of your gifts.  
You alone have the power to keep our hearts true  
and our action holy and just.  
We turn to You in trust for our care.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

Take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!

*We are here Lord, we knock, we seek, we hear, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the words again from 1 SAMUEL 21:1-9.

Reflect and then pray in response to our God.

*Lord Jesus, the challenges of each day sometimes overwhelm us  
so we thank You for we have reached this evening.  
Fed us Lord with the sustenance only the bread of life can give.  
We open our hearts and minds to this nourishment for rejuvenation.  
In Your name, amen.*

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 21:10-15.

Meditation: pause with God this morning. Prayerfully consider these words written here.

*“took these words to heart and was very much afraid”*

And then turn to pray to God.

*Holy Father, life can be a challenge,  
and we can sometimes be in fear  
for ourselves, for others and for the future.  
We focus on You in those moments  
and ask for peace to endure and wisdom to conquer.  
In Jesus name, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God's blessing on Chris Brandie, our session clerk.

*We thank You for his service and ask for continued strength to do Your will, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the verses again from 1 SAMUEL 21:10-15.

Reflect and then pray to the LORD our God.

*Lord Jesus, our Saviour and our brother,  
in our times of fear, You stand beside us.  
We turn to You for the resilience to endure any hardship,  
in the knowledge that you endured  
more than we could ever imagine.  
And at the start of lent,  
we reflect on all the sacrifices You overcame for our sake.  
In Your name, we pray, amen.*

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 22:1-5.

Meditation: consider this passage as this new day begins.

And then respond in prayer to this God, our God.

*Lord, provider to all,  
in times of uncertainty we turn to You.  
We ask for guidance and support  
through the provision of a well-placed friend.  
When we see people in that need,  
help open us up to be Your vessel,  
bringing both encouragement, hope and safety.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God's blessing on Jenny Thomasi and Kirkgate Café.

*Thank You for making her a prominent part of mission in this area, and continue its growth, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the verses again from 1 SAMUEL 22:1-5.

Reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in.

*Lord Jesus, open our ears,  
to the messages we get through Your people.  
Give us the discernment,  
to know Your will and the strength to follow Your instructions.  
In Your name, amen.*

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 22:6-23.

Meditation: as we pause with God, we take the time to consider this passage.

And then pray in response to this God.

*Father God, help us to stand strong in the face of adversity.  
Help us stand for what is true,  
and help protect what you have asked us to.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God's blessing on those on our Church Prayer List.

*For those who need Your help, pour out Your blessings. Amen.*

**Evening:**

Read these words again from 1 SAMUEL 22:6-23.

Take time to reflect and pray to Father God.

*Lord Jesus, as we look back on today,  
give us the discernment over when we took the wrong path,  
we hope we did not hurt others.  
In Your name, amen.*

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 23:1-6.

Meditation: as we pause with Jesus, we consider these words.

*“Once again David inquired of the Lord”*

And then pray to this God we believe in.

*Father God, we inquire of You this morning,  
what path we should take.  
Please bless us with strength and encouragement  
to follow Your commands at the first moment,  
so Your will comes to pass through us.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

Pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today.

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom,  
the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the verses again from 1 SAMUEL 23:1-6.

Reflect and pray in response to what you read.

*Lord Jesus, You are the perfect example  
of following the Father's commands.  
You came to this earth and endured the greatest pain,  
with complete faith in the Father's plans.  
We can never fully comprehend what You endured,  
but we can strive to follow Your example  
of trust in the Father.  
In Your name, amen.*

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 23:7-29.

Meditation: we take time to consider these words this Sunday morning.

And then we pray to this God in response.

*Heavenly Father, on this first Sunday in Lent,  
we think on Your son, his coming to earth,  
putting himself in harms way.  
Sometimes, our life is not safe,  
but You will always provide,  
a stronghold for our protection.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

Pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer.

*Father God, provider and protector,  
we cry to You with our deepest desires.  
Then listen to Your response.  
Help us discern Your voice,  
and trust in Your deliverance.  
When we battle against our foe,  
You are all the armour that we need.  
With you as our shield and sword,  
we cannot fail.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read these set words again from 1 SAMUEL 23:7-29.

Reflect and then pray to this God of ours.

*Jesus Christ, You know our hearts,  
You know our fears.  
Help us to stand strong despite the fears,  
show us who we are to help,  
give us the tools to succeed  
and the best path to do so.  
In Your name, amen.*

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL Chapter 24.

Meditation: as we pause with God, we take the time to consider these particular words today.

*“May the Lord reward you well for the way you treated me today.”*

And then pray in response.

*Father God, show us the correct way to act.  
Let us in all situations, follow your example,  
holding to the values You asks of us,  
to treat all, whether friend or foe,  
with compassion and respect.  
In Jesus’ name, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God’s blessing on SEECAT group of churches.

*Bring unity and continued fellowship, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the verses again from 1 SAMUEL chapter 24.

Reflect and then pray to this God in response.

*Lord Jesus, You know what it is like to be falsely accused,  
to turn towards Your enemies with grace.  
We ask for that same grace.  
Help us follow Your example  
and the example of Your servant David,  
when dealing with our adversaries.  
Show us how to act justly and wise,  
as You did.  
In Your name, amen.*

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 25:1-13.

Meditation: as we pause with God today, we consider these truths.

And then respond in prayer with Him –asking, seeking, knocking on Heaven’s door..

*Father God, You sometimes send us to unknown places,  
help us to follow in obedience.*

*We ask for guidance as to where to go,  
and seek Your wisdom to understand why.*

*When we arrive, we trust that provision will be given.  
In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.*

**Midday:**

Take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!

*We are here Lord, we knock, we seek, we hear, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God.

*Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
You always deliver our hearts to peace,  
we ask the same of our bodies.*

*You have already won the battle,  
but fighting is sometimes still needed.  
You have equipped us in Your armour,  
to stand beside You.  
In Your name, amen.*

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 25:14-35.

Mediation: pause with God as the day starts. Prayerfully consider these words written here.

*“May you be blessed for your good judgment”*

And then turn to pray to Him.

*Father in heaven, the great counsellor,  
Your judgement and wisdom have no rival.  
We spend time this morning, in Your presence,  
learning from Your word,  
in the attempt to be gifted with fairness and discernment.  
We give this day to You to be led,  
following in faith and justice.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God's blessing on Big Idea group of churches.

*Bring unity and continued fellowship, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the verses again from 1 SAMUEL 25:14-35.  
Reflect and then pray to the LORD our God.

*Lord Jesus, we can often be too hasty,  
jumping into angry and vengeful thoughts  
against those we perceive as enemies.  
This evening, we reflect on today,  
show is when we falter,  
where our human nature triumphed over our faith.  
We look to you, asking for guidance,  
to keep our focus on You tomorrow,  
to be Christ-centred in all we do.  
In Your transforming name, amen.*

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 25:36-44.

Meditation: consider this passage as this new day begins.

And then respond in prayer to this God, our God.

*Heavenly Father, Your plan is perfect.  
We ask for patience and understanding  
in place of our puzzlement.  
And for patience to endure in our heart  
as we wait for You.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God's blessing on members of our link groups.

*We thank You for the fellowship and support provided in these groups, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the verses again from 1 SAMUEL 25:36-44.

Reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in.

*Lord Jesus, You came not to be served but to serve,  
and now you sit on a heavenly throne.*

*We are reminded this evening of the importance  
to be prostrate and serve,*

*so we re-iterate those same words:*

*"I am your servant and I am ready to serve you",*

*Lord, we are, please use us.*

*In Your name, amen.*

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 26:1-12.

Meditation: As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these words.

*"Don't destroy him!"*

And then pray in response to Him.

*Father God, You are the giver of wisdom,  
of which we ask for a little.*

*At times we can feel challenged,*

*and can be tempted to return discord with further hostility.*

*Help us Lord to act justly,*

*with integrity and compassion.*

*In Jesus name' we pray, amen.*

**Midday:**

We pray God's blessing on our family members and friends.

*Bring love and provision for all, amen.*

**Evening:**

Read these words again from 1 SAMUEL, 26:1-12.

Take time to reflect and pray to Father God.

*Lord, we look to You to be our support.  
When our friends are beaten down,  
help us to stand with them,  
in support them in truth,  
staving off retaliation.  
We look to Jesus' example,  
to turn the other cheek,  
and so love to our enemies.  
In Your glorious name, amen.*

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February

**Morning:**

Reading: 1 SAMUEL 26:13-25.

Meditation: as we pause with Jesus, we consider these words.

*"The Lord rewards everyone for their righteousness and faithfulness"*

And then pray to this God we believe in.

*Father God, we strive to be named among the righteous and faithful.  
Show us the path to be such.  
You call us to have integrity  
and act according to Your commands.  
Help us this day to honour Your name,  
in both thought and deed.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Midday:**

Pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today.

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom,  
the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.*

**Evening:**

Read the verses again from 1 SAMUEL 26:13-25.  
Reflect and pray in response to what you read.

*Lord Jesus, we are blessed to call You brother and friend.  
In You, we can do great things and share in the victory of the cross.  
We look back on another month,  
and ask for You to show us when we acted foolish  
and did wrong.  
Show us how to turn from those actions  
and be a better example of Your people.  
In Your name, amen.*