

WEEK 10 Donabate Presbyterian Church

Day 1 Give thanks that the Lord is continuing to build his church in the North Dublin area. Pray that the Spirit of God will continue to add many to his church in these days.

Day 2 Please pray for **Rev Andy Carroll**, leading the congregation in Donabate as well as overseeing the Balbriggan fellowship. Pray for constant guidance in teaching God's word and discipling members to maturity in Christ. Pray especially that the Lord will keep raising up members who are able to serve in all the different activities of the two fellowships.

Day 3 Praise God for the large proportion of young people attending regularly in Donabate, also the many children of the area reached through the summer programme. Pray for many to come to faith in Christ and to grow in him.

Day 4 Pray for new folk who came to the special Christmas events. Ask the Lord to give them a desire to continue to join in the worship services, and to journey on into a living faith in Christ.

Day 5 Praise God for all that he is doing in Balbriggan, one of the youngest Presbyterian congregations in PCI. Praise God for the vision given to Donabate PCI to plant this "daughter church". Beginning with a small group meeting regularly for Bible study and fellowship in a home, over 60 people from over 20 countries are now gathering for weekly Sunday services, (which began in January 2020). They now meet in the local community centre.

Day 6 Please continue to pray for **Josh McCance**, the community outreach worker, who leads the programme, under Rev Andy Carroll. Pray that Josh would be able to balance his ministry and family responsibilities in Balbriggan with those he has while studying and training for ministry.

The Prayer Cycle is a 6-day 10-week cycle for use from January - April. We hope this will help us to pray each week for one of the missions we support. After 10 weeks please continue to use the cycle to pray for missions of your choice.



Our Mission Links

UFM - Linda Millar

Scripture Union - Bryan & Carole Sutters

Donabate PCI - Beth McFarland

Presbyterian Children's Society - Iris Craig

Florence Project - Rev Eddie Chestnutt

OMF International - Beth McFarland

Tearfund - Alison Fulton

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Prayer Cycle

January - April 2024



WEEK 1 Christians Against Poverty

CAP

Day 1 Pray for those who have started the new year 2024 with money worries or unmanageable debt. May God break through the shame they feel about their situation and give them courage to ask for help.

Day 2 Ask God to bring political stability to our country; pray that those in government will make decisions of integrity and for the common interest that will positively impact on the lives of people living in poverty.

Day 3 Pray for three female befrienders needed to work alongside three ladies seeking help from the CAP team in Ballymena Baptist. Pray that volunteers would come forward and that the Lord would bless these relationships and draw the three ladies into a relationship with Christ.

Day 4 Pray for the Money Management course due to take place in Ballymena Baptist in February. Ask that people who need assistance with managing their money would have the courage to attend and that they would receive the help they need.

Day 5 Remember those in the Harryville area who are struggling with their finances. Pray for the **Heart for Harryville** committee, asking that God would give them opportunities to provide practical and spiritual support to those in need and through this to build relationships with those in our community.

Day 6 Give thanks for the generosity of those who contribute to **Heart for Harryville**. Pray for those who received help in 2023, asking that the impact of this would lead them towards becoming part of our church family here in Harryville.

WEEK 2 SUNI Scripture Union

Day 1 Give thanks to God for the opportunities to share the *Good News of Jesus, the Rescuer*, with Primary School pupils in ten different schools in our area in December. Pray for fruit to come from this outreach.

Day 2 Give thanks for **Molly**, who is with us this year for her Belfast Bible College placement. Give thanks for the wonderful way God has already been using her, as she builds relationships with pupils. Pray God would use her mightily this year. Pray also for **Megan** who is joining us in January for placement in a local Primary School. Pray that she would also be encouraged and used fruitfully for the Lord.

Day 3 Pray for outreach through assemblies, the *Amazing Jesus* R E lessons, *Peacemakers* R E lessons and SU groups. Pray that the seed of God's Word would bear much fruit in his time.

Day 4 In January we are running our second *Prayer Space* for pupils in Ballykeel Primary School. Pray that God would work in the lives of both staff and pupils through this for his glory.

Day 5 Pray for the planning and logistics for some exciting events planned for this term, including a *Link and Church Leaders Breakfast* (Saturday, 3rd February, and both a Junior and Senior *Unite SU* event, bringing together pupils from all Post Primary SU groups for worship and encouragement.

Day 6 Give thanks that the effectiveness of Scripture Union work in our schools throughout N Ireland is well known and valued among Christians. Pray for many churches and individuals to continue to support this important ministry to our children and young people through prayer, giving and involvement in delivering the different programmes.

WEEK 3 United for Mission

UFM

Day 1 Home staff, **David Morrow**, with **Gillian**, gives thanks for new candidates for mission ministry, and for safe travels to visit missionaries in their location. Pray for wisdom in adjusting to changes in work patterns and the necessary administration involved.

Day 2 **Lamin & Jane** (Sierra Leone). Give thanks for opportunities to discuss the true meaning of Christmas, and that Phase 1 of the building project is almost complete. Pray for trips to encourage pastors and children's workers. Pray for possibilities to support others in gospel ministry. Pray for good health for Baby Theo.

Day 3 **Ben & Esther** (Moldova). Give thanks for the safe arrival of Baby Eden, and for Ben getting more experience as a special needs nurse. Pray for their return to Moldova in February, especially for the boys and farewells to friends and family. Pray for work on the houses for disabled to continue unhindered.

Day 4 **Stephen & Nikki** (Castlebar, Co Mayo). The new church building will be ready for use in February. Pray for the team going down to do final touches. Give thanks for the Lord's provision; pray that many will hear the gospel in coming years. Much prayer is needed for their son, Eoin (11), who had a bleed on the brain early December. Pray for complete recovery from serious side effects.

Day 5 **Andy & Tatyana** (Ukraine). Praise God for many Christmas outreach opportunities, also for many presents given to children and others through UK churches. Pray for those struggling with extreme cold. Pray for partnering with a soldier recuperation / outreach project. Pray they will be able to help traumatised refugees, materially and spiritually.

Day 6 **Justin & Lisa** (One Hundred Fold, UK). Give thanks for a lovely family Christmas, and for good health for Thomas. Pray for an Asian language project, creating an online Bible training system and digital resource library of over 50 e-books / audiobooks; pray for a Mustard Seed chip to enable easy offline access. Give thanks for a productive trip to Asia to achieve all this.

WEEK 4 Presbyterian Children's Society

Day 1 Give thanks for the continued generous financial and prayerful support from congregations and individuals to the Society in order that families who are suffering (often mentally) because of financial problems, be awarded grants, helping to alleviate stress in their lives. Pray that sufficient donations will be received in 2024 to enable the Society to carry out its work.

Day 2 Pray that ministers will be aware of any financial troubles of families in their congregation, either through their own contact or through other church members bringing it to his/her attention in confidence. Pray that ministers would follow up with spiritual/pastoral care.

Day 3 Once grant applications have been made by the minister on behalf of the families, may the applications be handled quickly and sensitively by the dedicated administration team of the Society. May those in receipt of such grants know that there is a God who loves and cares for them in all aspects of their lives; pray that they will come to personal faith in Christ.

Day 4 Give thanks for the past 150 years of the Society, formerly known as The Widows and Orphans' Society, for its ethos and the practical way in which numerous families have been supported in unforeseen circumstances such as bereavement, separation, divorce, loss of employment, low income etc.

Day 5 Give thanks that currently the Society has helped approximately 900 children in around 450 families in over 200 congregations throughout the Presbyterian Church in Ireland with grants amounting to £688,000. Some £364,000 of this total came directly from Presbyterians.

Day 6 Care and compassion for others both spiritually and practically are central aspects of the Christian life, therefore give thanks for the continued ministry of the Children's Society. Give thanks for the Board of Governors, and **Jason Nicholson** (Executive Secretary) in their responsibility for the efficient running of the Society..

WEEK 5 The Florence Project

Day 1 Pastor Davson and the members of the church have a great love for the Lord. Because of this love, they have a passion for evangelism. They want to see their family members and friends come to know the love of the Lord Jesus for themselves. Give thanks for this.

Day 2 Ask the Lord to help the members of the church to use their existing family, work, and social connections to invite people to church events. Ask the Lord to give them courage and boldness as they pray about who they might ask to come along.

Day 3 The church has planned several special outreach events for 2024. As unbelievers come along to these and as they listen to God's Word, pray that they might come under conviction of sin. Ask the Lord to break into their lives and save them.

Day 4 Pray that the spiritual lives of the members of the church would be deep and rich. Many of those who have come to faith have initially been attracted by the way in which members of the church live their lives. Ask the Lord to make them into attractive, godly witnesses.

Day 5 Pray for the 'Cinema for Youth' project. Children from local football teams are invited to the church to watch special videos explaining the message of the Gospel. These nights have been very well received – by both children and their parents. Ask the Lord to bless these events with salvation.

Day 6 Give thanks to God that Davson has managed to establish a number of small groups in the congregation. These have provided an opportunity for fellowship and encouragement. Ask the Lord to guide those who have the responsibility for leading these.

Most of our mission partners produce their own regular detailed prayer materials. Why not sign up to become a prayer partner for a mission or a missionary family that you have a particular interest in? Ask the Mission Committee for details..

WEEK 6 OMF International

Day 1 OMF/ China Inland Mission was founded on prayer in 1865. In 2024 we still depend on prayer in all our ministry. We thank God for the Ireland OMF family of faithful prayer partners and supporters, praying in small groups or individually. Pray that the Lord will raise up many from younger age groups to commit to this role.

Day 2 Pray for **Chris and Sarah Keiller** (with Rebekah, Miriam and Daniela) serving as OMF Area Reps for Ireland. Their task involves connecting with churches and prayer partners, arranging missions events and journeying with potential candidates for mission. The Keillers praise the Lord that Miriam's cochlear implant surgery in September went well; she is adjusting well and hearing better.

Day 3 John and Emiri Orme (with Anna and Noah) are home from Japan until late July. Pray for good re-connecting with their prayer partners and sending church (First Antrim). Pray for good preparation and transition into a new area leadership role on their return to Japan.

Day 4 Wilson and Irene McMahon serve the Philippines church and OMF field through leadership training. Wilson as Dean of Koinonia Theological Seminary asks for prayer for guidance - KTS needs to upgrade their current building or build on a new site as their student intake grows.

Day 5 For over 10 years, **Walter McConnell** has been directing the OMF Mission Research department; it is now overdue to hand over the role. Pray for someone suitably qualified to take on this role. This ministry gives important support to all our workers in the rapidly changing global mission scene.

Day 6 Nathaniel Jennings is in a new role, networking with internationals to build the global church in the UK and Ireland, through evangelism, discipleship and mobilizing people to serve. Give thanks for partnership with Dublin Chinese Gospel Church which has resulted in a new outreach beginning to Chinese students studying in Ireland. Pray that Nathaniel will know step by step how to develop the varied aspects of his new role.

WEEK 7 Tearfund

Day 1 Pray for Tearfund as they aim to tackle poverty through sustainable development, responding to disasters and challenging injustice. This Christian charity partners with more than fifty of the world's poorest countries, so that God's love will shine where the need is greatest.

Day 2 Give thanks for the impact Tearfund and its partners have made around the world. Thankfully over 50,000 people have now access to clean water, toilets and filters. An amazing 1,378,200 people were reached through the emergency coronavirus response projects. Pray that through this practical support, people will be shown God's love and provision.

Day 3 Pray for the crisis in Gaza and Israel. Pray that God's peace would fill the hearts and minds of all those suffering because of this conflict. Pray for world leaders with influence in this region to make wise decisions that would bring lasting peace.

Day 4 Pray for Tearfund working with local churches in Gaza and Israel, responding to the needs of the people in the region. Pray for unity, strength and bravery for Christian communities, so that they can bring people together and show God's love in troubled times.

Day 5 Give thanks for the training programme for the most vulnerable people in the world's poorest areas. Over 65,000 have been trained in innovating farming techniques to increase food production. This is changing lives. Isaac (in Chad) was able to build a home for his family, and learn new techniques to grow vegetables, despite the changing climate. He was able to feed his family and produce enough crops to sell some for profit too.

Day 6 Please pray for the Tearfund 'This is a Rubbish Campaign'. This aims to tackle the mountains of plastic pollution in our world; unfortunately those in poverty suffer worst from its effects. Pray for 150 governments throughout 2023-2024, aiming to establish the first ever global treaty on plastic pollution. Pray for wisdom for all leaders involved, and for Tearfund representing the most vulnerable.

WEEK 8 Mission Aviation Fellowship MAF

Day 1 Pray for all MAF pilots flying supplies into regions of conflict, where they can be vulnerable during routine airport security checks. Give thanks for pilot Ryan Koher's release, after he was falsely accused of helping insurgents in November 2022, while flying essential supplies in to an orphanage in Mozambique. Please pray boldly that his case will finally be dismissed.

Day 2 Give thanks for **Harriette Knigge** and **Helen Symmonds** who bring God's love and hope to women in Boram Correctional Institution, Papua New Guinea. Alongside sharing the gospel, they provide Trauma Healing and teach Conflict Management, shining light into a dark place.

Day 3 Pray also for the vision of **Harriette** to partner with a penpal project between Christian women in the Netherlands and these women prisoners. This is of real benefit for their very poor literacy skills. Please pray that when released, each woman will spread God's love throughout their communities.

Day 4 Praise God, 90 new pastors were ordained in Papua New Guinea last year. MAF flew **David Graves** to Dusin to ordain six people. The streets were lined with villagers celebrating. Pray for the pastors as they seek to bring God's love to the Dusin people.

Day 5 Give thanks for the **Cousley** family, serving with MAF in Northern Australia. **Glenn** is currently working on a twin engine plane bought second-hand for MAF flight school in Mareeba. **Julie Anne** works four days within the **SWAN** team (Students With Additional Needs) and one day a week with P4/5. Pray for this family - their son, Benjamin, working with MAF, alongside his dad, daughter Esther still at school, and also son Joshua married to Nakia.

Day 6 Praise God for the safety of MAF pilots who show skill, quick reactions and courageous love as they fly in and out of the world's roughest, steepest and most challenging airstrips. Pray for the pilots and also for all the maintenance crews keeping these vital planes available.

Week 9 DCM Dublin Christian Mission

Day 1 Pray for **Joe Murphy** who is Operations Manager as he oversees all the different ministries in D.C.M. This includes helping our friends with the housing process, and other issues related to homelessness. Joe also encourages those seeking a new way of life to volunteer with the work in Dublin.

Day 2 The *All Rise Café* was refurbished in September and provides a great resource for outreach with many activities for all ages based in Chancery Place. Pray for many to be drawn to Christ through friendship with the workers there.

Day 3 in November the kids club celebrated "All things Autumn" pumpkin painting, chocolate apples and lots of crafts. The little 'elves' made Christmas boxes for mums and tots in the Dorcas centre. Thank God for these opportunities to connect with the community and build relationships.

Day 4 The Lighthouse continues its challenging ministry among the homeless. Praise God for his work in Sean's life. Sean ran away from home at 13 due to family problems. He slept rough and was in prison and on drugs. In Tiglin Christian treatment centre in Wicklow, he had an encounter with God. He started street outreach, praying with people and seeing God touch lives. He now serves in the Lighthouse doing what he loves, serving among other homeless people. Praise God for the many "successful" stories of God's grace like this, however the homeless situation in the city continues to worsen. Please pray.

Day 5 Pray for **Aubrey McCarthy** and **Allen Bobinac**, partnering with the Lighthouse. They have a designated ministry for those with addiction problems. Give thanks for an amazing night of 'craic' for homeless guests held in November. Pray for God to set many free in Christ.

Day 6 Believers who are called by God for special service are hardworking, determined labourers. Let's support them by praying for them to take care of their own health, and for God to sustain them in ministry.