

## WEEK 10 Christians Against Poverty CAP

**Day 1** Think about where you have seen poverty in our local area. Pray for people in the Harryville community who struggle with debt, low income or other financial challenges. Pray for opportunities for our church through **Heart for Harryville** to provide practical and spiritual support to those in need and through this to build relationships with those in our community.

**Day 2** Pray that the churches in Ballymena would act to help those in need. Pray for the CAP team in Ballymena Baptist as they actively meet with those in debt and seek to share the Gospel with them.

**Day 3** Give thanks for the Trussell Trust and other foodbanks in the Ballymena area. Ask that this ministry would be resourced and equipped to help everyone who needs it. Pray that as people meet the volunteers at the foodbanks, they would experience the love and compassion of Christ.

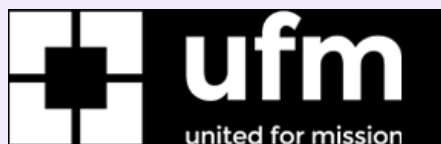
**Day 4** Pray that the Government would recognize and respond to people whose lives are being affected by low income and poverty. Pray for a change in priorities, so that the cost-of-living crisis can be addressed.

**Day 5** Financial education can make a powerful difference in people's lives. Pray for a greater focus on financial education across the UK and ask that many would find the help they need through the CAP money course which is now being re-launched.

**Day 6** Give thanks for the new **Heart for Harryville** sub-committee, and pray for them as they seek to provide practical and spiritual support in our community. Pray that through this they will have many opportunities to share the Gospel message.

*The Prayer Cycle is a 6-day 10-week cycle for use from September—December. 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.*

*Mission Committee*



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Donabate PCI - Beth McFarland

Presbyterian Children's Society - Iris Craig

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## Mission Partners

## Prayer Cycle

September - December 2023



## WEEK 1 UFM United for Mission

### UFM

**Day 1 David Morrow** (Irish Director) gives thanks for help at summer Missionary Conferences and for new enquirers exploring cross-cultural ministry with UFM. Please pray for planning of autumn conferences and church leaders' meetings in November that they will be honouring to the Lord.

**Day 2 Andrew & Rachel** (Church Planting, Claremorris, Co. Mayo) Praise God for two successful summer outreach events and for new people welcomed to the church. Praise God for growth in the youth and ladies' ministry. Pray for the Lord's guidance to bigger premises. Pray for a trip to Boston churches to share about the work of Calvary Mission.

**Day 3 Justin & Lisa** (100Fold UK) Give thanks for their son, **Thomas's** current good health; pray he will soon have the small surgery needed. Praise God for the Hindi online Bible Training Plan; pray for Justin's plans to train the team in India how to use it and to add more training courses. Pray for the continuing work on a gospel Chatbox.

**Day 4 Lamin & Jane** (Sierra Leone) Praise God for Lamin's safe return to his ministry in the Youth Remand Centre. Pray that the light of Christ might shine in this difficult place. Give thanks for baby **Theo's** paediatrician. Pray for resolving of Theo's many health issues, and that Jane and Theo may soon be able to join Lamin there.

**Day 5 Ben & Esther** (Moldova) Give thanks for good progress in language study and good relationships with neighbours. Pray for the great needs in the village, physical and spiritual. Pray for the family currently back in N Ireland and for the safe arrival of their third child in October. Pray for Ben, working to maintain his UK nursing registration.

**Day 6 Stephen & Linda** (Uganda) Praise God for the good work of Kiwoko Hospital and for a steady flow of visitors and volunteers. Pray for ongoing needs - medical, financial, organisational and spiritual. Pray for the *Christianity Explored* course for a new group of nurses, midwives and lab students. Pray for a good work/ school/ home -life balance, and that the main focus would remain on God.

## WEEK 2 Scripture Union SUNI

**Day 1** Give thanks for the thousands of children and young people who heard God's Good News at Camps and Missions over the summer throughout N Ireland. Pray that God would use the seeds that were sown for His glory.

**Day 2** Pray for new ventures including 'Prayer Spaces', a creative space that allows pupils of all faiths and none the opportunity to reflect, think or pray in a safe and interactive way, in some of our schools. Pray for wisdom going forward and God's blessing.

**Day 3** Pray for **Eve McMullan**, our local E3 schools worker in the Ballymena area. (E3 stands for Engaging, Equipping and Empowering our young people.) Pray for existing relationships with schools at the start of a new year, that these would deepen and grow as Eve gets to know children and young people better, and share the gospel message with them.

**Day 4** Please pray for doors to open into new schools - schools that we haven't had the opportunity to connect with yet.

**Day 5** Pray for the *Making Your Mark* event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Pray that senior pupils will be equipped and encouraged as they live for Jesus in schools. Pray for blessing and encouragement through this, and for all post-primary SU groups this term.

**Day 6** Pray for Primary School Assemblies, as Eve seeks to follow the theme 'Loved By Jesus', looking at various encounters Jesus had with people in Luke's Gospel. Pray that the children will be helped to understand how much God loves them and that Jesus gave His life for them.

## WEEK 3 Donabate Presbyterian Church

**Day 1 Rev Andy Carroll** writes: We are very thankful to God for a great group of teenagers in the church. Out of about hundred people who attend on a Sunday morning, up to 25 are in the 12-20 age bracket.

**Day 2** We are really seeking God's help and provision for leaders for these young people. Two attempts to appoint a part-time youth leader have not resulted in someone taking up the job. Pray particularly for **Ciara** who is our key youth volunteer as she works on her own this term, without her long-time side-kick, Ben.

**Day 3** Our missionary family from America were called home to the States for a six-month break at very short notice in July. **Scott and Becca** are normally deeply involved in the Sunday morning programmes in Donabate and Sunday afternoons in Balbriggan, particularly with music and our Sunday School. We're scrambling a bit to cover the gaps they've left. We know God will provide. (He always has!) Pray for those who are stepping into these roles for the first time.

**Day 4** We are in the process of electing a church committee in Donabate for the first time. Please pray for us as we work through that process.

**Day 5** We give thanks to God for our Discovery Kids' Club that happened in August. It returned after four years of not happening. It was a wonderful week - we're so thankful for the large numbers of kids who came along. Please pray that the connections and goodwill the Kids' Club generated would see the growth of the Kingdom of God in the area.

**Day 6** We didn't have any volunteers from other churches for the Discovery programme this year. This was the first time our leaders were all from our church. We are so thankful for the grace of gifts in the body of Christ and getting to see them in action. Praise God for growth in this aspect of church life.

## WEEK 4 Presbyterian Children's Society

**Day 1** Give thanks for continued support from committed Christians who pray and / or give regularly for the work of the Society. May the result be that individuals and families come to personal salvation through this practical Christianity.

**Day 2** Pray for parents from low-income Presbyterian families who may have been struggling to provide school uniforms for their children returning to school or starting a new school. Pray that they will be helped to make known any financial hardships they may have. Pray for children starting school for the first time that they will have no problems adjusting to school life.

**Day 3** Pray that we as a caring congregation would be passionate and committed to the work of the Society in helping Presbyterian children and their families through continued donations which provide grants for those families who require financial help. Give thanks that grants are issued quickly once a request has been approved.

**Day 4** Give thanks and pray for those who serve on the Board of Governors. Pray also for the dedicated administrative staff, asking that they will continue to be helpful and effective in every situation of need.

<b>Jason Nicholson</b>	Executive Secretary
<b>Valerie Henry</b>	Finance and Administration Officer
<b>Amy Boyd</b>	Grants and Administration Officer
<b>Angela Magill</b>	Administration Officer

**Day 5** Give thanks for all the families who have been helped during this time of financial difficulty. May they know God's plan for them through the kindness and caring of others. Pray that families receiving financial aid from the Society will also receive pastoral care which show them that God is with them in times of trouble and difficulty as well as in good times.

**Day 6** Pray for adults and children known to the Society who are experiencing mental health problems. Pray that they will receive not only professional mental care but also pastoral care. May they come to realize that God is their rock and their salvation.

## WEEK 5 The Florence Project

**Day 1** Give thanks to God for the holiday that **Pastor Davson**, his wife **Neide**, and his children **Christian**, **Eduardo** and **Melissa** enjoyed in the south of Italy at the beginning of September. Pray that the Lord would continue to refresh and strengthen them for the busy year ahead.

**Day 2** Ask the Lord to give Davson guidance as he considers how he can best equip the members of the church in Florence to live for Christ. Italy is a very secular country. Pray that the Lord would use Davson's teaching ministry to good effect in this regard, especially among the younger members of the church.

**Day 3** Recently, Davson has led the Church in different outreach efforts. As an assessment is made of the church's evangelism strategy, pray for wisdom and guidance. Ask the Lord to add new believers to the church.

**Day 4** Give thanks to God for the ongoing advocacy work of **Ian McElhinny**. Ask the Lord to give Ian encouragement and health as he seeks to tell others about what is happening in Florence and as he works to secure more prayerful and financial support.

**Day 5** Praise God that by his grace He is raising up from within the church in Florence mature disciples of Christ. Give thanks for those who possess teaching gifts and who can assist Davson from time to time by preaching and leading in worship.

**Day 6** Pray that the Lord would give the Christians in the Church in Florence a hunger to know the Lord more deeply. Pray that their enthusiasm for God's Word would be a powerful encouragement to Davson.

*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** Praise God that he gifts his Church with Spirit-led leaders. **Patrick Fung** with **Jennie** has served as OMF General Director since 2006. We are thankful for their sacrificial servant leadership. God has guided in the appointment of **Joseph** and **Lori Chang** (from Taiwan) as their successors, (beginning in November). Ask the Lord to fill them with his Spirit and to equip them for this daunting role, leading some 2,000 gospel workers in a variety of ministries.

**Day 2** Taiwan's doors are open wide for gospel workers, but for how long? The military presence of their Chinese neighbour near coastal waters constantly threatens. Pray for **David** and **Lucy Eastwood**, leading a large international team of missionaries. Pray for Taiwan's future, and for many churches to be planted in these uncertain times.

**Day 3** Pray for **Shirley-Anne Thompson**, Faith Academy, Manila, Philippines. Give thanks that Shirley-Anne's role teaching kindergarten enables these families to continue in ministry. Pray that these "Third Culture Kids" will be confident in their identity in Christ, wherever they live.

**Day 4** **John** and **Birita Timothy**, with **Jonas** and **Markus**, serve in a tiny church plant of 15 members in Hokkaido, Japan, an urban area of 80,000 people. Pray for many young families to be drawn to Christ through English Club, Mums and Tots, and Café Church. Japan is still one of the largest unreached people groups globally.

**Day 5** Praise God for our Diaspora team in Ireland – **Nathaniel, Ho** and **Laura-Jane, Mark, Rebekah** and **Alison**, all of whom have had years of serving in East Asia. Give thanks for opportunities to befriend, read the Scriptures, and share the love of Christ with East Asians who have come to Ireland North and South for study and/or work.

**Day 6** Many millions of East Asians are yet to hear the Good News of God's salvation. Pray for mobilisers **Trevor Warner**, based in Kent, and **Chris** and **Sarah Keiller** (with **Rebekah, Miriam** and **Daniela**), who lead OMF Ireland. Pray that the Lord of His harvest through them will call many new workers to serve - as evangelists, disciplers, supporters, prayer partners etc.

"Thy kingdom come!"

## WEEK 7      **Tearfund**

**Day 1** Pray for Tearfund as they aim to end extreme poverty. They partner with local churches in more than 50 countries to tackle poverty through sustainable development, responding to disasters and challenging injustice.

**Day 2** Tearfund are supporting the 'This is a rubbish campaign' which has been launched to tackle the mountains of plastic pollution in our world. It is people in poverty who are suffering the worst impacts of this. They are forced to live and work among piles of waste causing sickness, flooding and deaths.

**Day 3** During 2023-2024, 150 governments are meeting to develop the first ever global treaty on plastic pollution. Please pray for wisdom for all the leaders negotiating on the treaty and for Tearfund staff who will be present to ensure those living in poverty are kept at the heart of the negotiations.

**Day 4** The Philippines were struck by another super typhoon at the beginning of September. Thank God that Tearfund was able to distribute financial aid to 175 farmers and vulnerable individuals. Pray for swift distribution of resources to those who have been displaced and for safety for their local partners as they continue to assess the damage caused.

**Day 5** Please remember in prayer the region of Turkey and Syria which suffered the devastating earthquake in February this year. Pray for God's divine intervention in the difficult economic situation, where many affected are still living in containers. Pray for strength, guidance and sustainable solutions. Pray for peace in the hearts of those who are struggling, pray for hope amidst despair and that God's love and compassion would shine brightly amidst their trials.

**Day 6** Pray for Tearfund's CEO **Nigel Harris** and fellow representatives for guidance in the projects they coordinate. Pray through the support they provide to local churches and communities that God's love will reach people wherever the need is greatest.

## WEEK 8      **Mission Aviation Fellowship**

**Day 1** Praise God for the 115 aircraft used by MAF to faithfully bring the gospel message in word and deed to more than twenty five countries. Pray for the pilots, mechanical engineers and maintenance staff, who keep these planes operational and safe.

**Day 2** Give thanks for the much needed dormitories built by MAF at the Maasai Academy in SW Kenya's remote Loita Hills, saving pupils a three mile (one way) daily trek over dark and dangerous fields. Food, shelter and education are provided for the 270 children, bringing nourishment, safety and more study time.

**Day 3** MAF is privileged to serve all of God's creation and has enabled Tenkile Conservation Alliance in Lumi, Papua New Guinea, to help protect three species of tree kangaroo from extinction. TCA works with fifty villages to maintain and improve hunting zones with MAF transporting sustainable sources of protein to the rainforest communities. Thank God for all his creation.

**Day 4** Give thanks for the prayerful and financial support the **Crousleys** receive from their home churches, family and friends. Continue to pray for all the work carried out at the busy Mareeba hangar, in N Australia. Please pray for **Glenn's** long-awaited licence to be granted. Pray for fruit in **Julie Anne's** ministry in Sunday School and Kids clubs.

**Day 5** Give glory to God for frequent flyer, evangelist **Elisha Moita**, who led **Kiyapi**, a traditional Maasai healer, to receive Jesus as his Saviour. Pray for Kiyapi to grow in faith, encouraged by the pastoral care and teaching of Elisha. Pray for all who witness Kiyapi's transformation to be challenged to accept the gospel message and follow Jesus.

**Day 6** Pray that the stronghold of 'traditional' healers will be broken down. Pray for communities to realise that buying man-made charms from such people has not power to solve their problems. Pray too that Kiyapi's story will travel far and wide, causing many souls to be won for the Kingdom.

## Week 9      **DCM Dublin Christian Mission**

**Day 1** Our mission exists to come alongside individuals, families and communities in Dublin with compassion, and provide assistance as a demonstration of God's love. Pray for all our ministries as we seek to share the message of faith and hope in Jesus.

**Day 2** Whilst the mission history has included different kinds of Christian, medical and social action programmes, pray for the present focus on two aspects - homeless ministry in the Lighthouse, and youth and community work in three disadvantaged communities around Dublin - the Markets area, Drimnagh and Ballyfermot.

**Day 3** The Lighthouse is open five days a week to feed homeless and hungry in Dublin and we seek to make genuine connections through relationships and conversations. The Lighthouse is also open on Mondays and Fridays for 1-1 meetings with practical help and support. Pray for continuing provision of all needs - staffing, financial and practical.

**Day 4** DCM summer camps are held annually at a location in the Wicklow mountains for a variety of age groups. Pray for all those who attended this summer that the impact of the relationships formed with the team members and the Word of God proclaimed will in His time bear fruit.

**Day 5** Youth club/ after-school programmes take place five days a week, with over 70-100 from the ages of 4-17 years taking part in various social and educational activities. Two Youth Workers, **Anthony** and **Leanne** are fully trained in helping to support these children. They do this by building trust and connecting with them. Please pray for daily needed stamina, strength and wisdom.

**Day 6** Pray for many to find freedom and healing. These are communities that have traditionally been in poverty, have high rates of drug abuse, broken homes, abuse, teenage pregnancy and crime. Yet these are communities of people with such incredible potential - ask the Lord that DCM's ministry will be an essential link to freedom in Christ, bringing glory to his name.