

May Prayer Diary

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16

Mon 3rd –Sun 9th May

Pray for **Discipleship Explored** as it continues on Thursday nights. Pray that it will encourage to those who come along to grow in their faith and walk with God. Pray for the plans for all small groups to use this course in the Autumn and for this group to continue as the basis for a new small group.

Pray for **Special night for P&T mums** and helpers on Friday Night. Give thanks that between 40-50 women are coming. *Pray that catering will run smoothly. Pray for the lady who will share the message afterwards that God will guide her what to say and that the spirit might be working in hearts of those there.*

Pray the Juniors as they go on the GB trip to Belfast on Saturday for safety in travel and a good time of fun and fellowship.

Pray for **Youth** as they go to Ice Bowl on Sat evening – Pray for safety in travel and activities. Pray for the ongoing development of our youth work.

*Pray for the **Communion Service on Sunday** as we focus on what Jesus Christ did for us when he shed his blood on the Cross for our transgression and had his body pierced for our sin. May this be an opportunity for all members to consecrate themselves afresh to God. Pray especially for Deborah Gilmour, Philip and Elaine Crossett, Andrea Herron, Wendy, Rebecca and Karen Evans and Kathryn King who are becoming **new communicants**. May they know God's blessing and strength as they make this commitment to God and to the church.*

Pray for those within our congregation who have **been bereaved**, may they experience God's loving care and blessing as they journey through the valley of the shadow. Pray that God would guide them and comfort them in their days of sorrow. Remember especially the Houston family circle at this time.

Pray for **all parents as they seek to keep their baptism vows** that they would be able to teach their children about God and lead them to faith in Him. Pray especially for **Richard and Jenny Duncan** whose daughter Remy is baptised this month.

Pray for **Election Day on Thursday**, for peace and calm and for God's guidance. Pray for all those elected as they take on the responsibility of leadership. *Pray they will lead our country to reflect God's will in every area of life.*

Mon 10th – Sun 16th May

Pray for **Parent and Toddlers Trip** to Cookstown on Wednesday. Pray that there might be good opportunity for spiritual conversations following on from Friday night.

Give thanks for the **recent Solid Rock weekend** organised by the youth and for the encouragement is seeing some taking on more leadership roles. Give thanks for **Anna** and her coordination of this and pray that God would continue to use her during her time with us.

Pray for an **ACE night on Wednesday** night that many might come along to this and that it would be a good evening of fun and fellowship.

Continue to pray for the work of the **Sunday School**. *Give thanks for the parents that ensure their children attend weekly, may those parents not involved in church life be encouraged to attend and join in the fellowship of our church.*

Give thanks for an encouraging start to **Christianity Explored Youth**. Pray that God might use it to encourage the young folk and lead some to a saving faith in him. Pray especially for two teenagers who have recently come to Christ.

Give thanks for the children who are keen to be part of **Junior Praise Band** and for the commitment of Melanie and her helpers. Pray that this will lead to a lasting commitment to leading praise in the church and that they would be encouraged by their involvement in this. Pray for them as they play on Sunday.

Pray **for Rev Curry** that God may continue to direct and guide him as he expounds God's word week by week. Pray for him and he visits around the congregation that he may have opportunities to share the gospel especially to those who have loose church connections.

Pray for **those within the congregation in poor health** and awaiting results of tests. Pray too for the Doctors and medical staff who administer medical care to patients in hospital. Pray for those convalescing at home and the family and relatives who care for them on an ongoing basis.

Pray for those within our congregation who are **encountering difficulties in their lives**, whether in the area of relationships, personal security, employment or finances. Pray for peace in the midst of anxiety, for hope to take away fear and for strength to face the future.

Mon 17th – Sun 23rd May

Give thanks for all who are involved in Junior Church. Pray for the helpers as they prepare lessons week by week and that the children will be settled and enjoy learning about God.

Continue to pray for **Eileen Black** our student Deaconess as she ministers in our congregation. Pray for a ministry that she hopes to lead through the summer. This will be in the form of **Coffee Morning every Thursday** so that folk can come and meet together during a time when there are few other opportunities in church. Pray for the preparations for this and **for people to volunteer to help with the practical arrangements**. Pray that these times would be opportunities for friendship, support and encouragement.

Pray for the **PCI Summer Outreach (7-14th August)**. Pray for **Scott Moore** and his section leaders as they meet soon with the rest of the team. Pray for friendships to form easily and clear unity and vision among them. Pray that we as a congregation would be encouraged through this week of outreach and be an encouragement to the team.

Give thanks for the fellowship that has been enjoyed by all who take part in the **Small Group Bible Studies**. Pray that through these studies we will learn to look to God for our satisfaction and meaning for living.

As **young people get ready to sit examinations** (year end exams, KS3, G.C.S.E.s, A.S. level and university exams) pray that they would know God's help and strength to work hard and not become stressed and also for God's leading for the future.

Open Doors Praise God for the positive impact of **Discipleship Training** and satellite TV programmes. Pray that they will continue to equip church leaders to build up God's people to live for Christ and share the gospel.

Continue to pray for **areas where there is intense persecution** and unrest. In the past few months 15 people have been killed by Islamic extremists in **Nigeria**. Pray that Christians will receive the grace to forgive and the love to reach out to their persecutors. Pray too, for safety for Open Doors workers providing aid, comfort and spiritual materials to Nigerian Christians. Pray that their efforts would bear much fruit.

*Pray for the working groups in **Kirk Session** as they look at each area of responsibility and seek to develop our ministry the areas of - Prayer, Outreach, Discipleship, Pastoral Care, Mission, Youth and Children. Also for the Rev Curry and those involved in the area of Worship. Pray for the Kirk session as they work towards the completion of the **Congregational Mission Plan** this month.*

Mon 24th – Sun 30th May

Give thanks for the **Congregational committee**. Pray for them as they meet on Tuesday that they may know wisdom and unity in decisions made

Pray for **Maureen, Lorna and Claire (Maureen's niece)** as they head off on **Wednesday** to **Malawi**. Planning to arrive in Livingstonia on Friday (Lorna is away 2 weeks, Claire- 3 weeks, Maureen- 4 weeks).

- Pray for **safety in travel** and for **good relationships** to be established quickly with the Chief Allen and staff in Hospital.
- Pray for **opportunities to serve** and for the roles each hopes to play:
Maureen *Provide cover for Penjani as he takes some leave from the hospital.*
Lorna *Provide support within the hospital and training in basic physiotherapy.*
Claire *Work in the nursery in Ballykioni and teaching English.*
- Pray for **good health** for those going and for the families at home.
- Pray that in all that they do they would spread the *'fragrance of the knowledge of Jesus'* (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Pray for **Rev Curry** as he takes a **week's leave** from Wednesday to spend time with the family and complete his reading for a further week of study in June. Pray for rest and refreshment.

Pray for **Rev Smith** as he provides cover this week and as he is involved in visitation and Preaching each week in many different congregations.

Pray for **Keith Hibbert** (and his family) as he prepares to join us in September as a student assistant. Pray for him as he preaches on Sunday.

Gray's Court Media Project Pray for those are **struggling with alcohol and drug dependence**. Pray for the ways in which our church reaches out to help people like this through the ministries of Carlisle House (Residential Rehab Centre) and Gray's Court (Sheltered living accommodation). Pray for counselors and those who help in practical ways that through their love and witness they will aid recovery and also be able to share for the love of Christ. Pray for the **multi media project** which is being launched soon that it might help restore a sense of self worth to those involved. Pray for funding for this project. Give thanks for increased interest and support raised through the recent coffee morning

As I will be away end of May/ June I am unable to do **June Prayer Diary**.

If anyone could produce the leaflet for June please let me know. *Lorna*
