

June Prayer Diary

“Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors.” Matthew 6:11-12 Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that we are completely dependent upon you for our physical and spiritual needs. Help us to live with that attitude trusting in you daily to supply our needs. Examine our hearts and show us areas of our lives where we need to surrender to you that we may know your forgiveness and a restored relationship with you. Amen

Mon 1st – Sun 7th June

Pray for Friendly Hour on their outing on Tuesday for safety in travel and a good time of friendship and encouragement for all. Give thanks for the devotion and commitment of all who help with friendly hour each month.

Pray for the PW as they travel to Belleek and Enniskillen on their trip on Saturday. Pray that it might be a good time of fellowship and friendship building as they go with ladies of other local PWs. Pray for safety in travel.

Pray for young people who plan to go to Youth Night (Church House) on Saturday night. Pray for the time that leaders spend with the youth. Pray that many would be spoken to by God’s word and that some might put their trust in Him as Saviour

Malawi Team Pray for Maureen as she relieves Robertson at the hospital in Livingstonia for a few weeks. Pray too that as she and Alan make preparations for the team coming over in Aug that they would be able to sort out any difficulties in the project before she comes home

General Assembly (Mon-Thurs) Pray for ...

- *God’s blessing on the Assembly and the Holy Spirit’s guidance in all its deliberations and that the decisions reached will bring glory to God and enable our Church to be effective in its life and witness throughout Ireland and in the wider world.*
- *Wisdom and grace for the incoming Moderator, Rev Dr Stafford Carson, as he chairs proceedings, and for the Clerk, Rev Dr Donald Watts, as he provides guidance on procedures and the business before the house.*
- *The outgoing Moderator, Rev Dr Donald Patton and his wife Florence, as they take a well-earned rest and prepare to return in a few weeks’ time to their congregational family in OC Randalstown.*
- *The Moderators theme for this year is ‘Passion for Christ, Compassion for People’. Pray that many congregations in Ireland might take up this challenge and make it a reality in their life and witness.*

Pray for the European Elections on Thursday that they go over peacefully and that the best candidates will be elected.

Mon 8th – Sun 14th June

Pray for Rev Curry as he is off on study leave this week that it may be a time of refreshment and blessing for him and the other 13 ministers. Pray that the material taught will be useful to them all as they seek to lead their congregations to live for Jesus.

Pray for Rev Smith as he covers this week and preaches on Sunday.

Pray for the Helpers Meeting on Sunday night to plan for the Holiday Bible Club in August. Pray that a good number of folk will commit to help with this week either during the day or in the evening. Remember the team members as they make their preparations for this special week.

Malawi Team Give thanks for all who donated towards the container. Pray that it will arrive safely in Malawi in good time for the team.

Pray for Maureen as she travels home on Thursday. Pray for Robertson as he takes over the reigns again in the hospital after his holiday. Give thanks that the elections in Malawi passed peacefully.

Pray for the special ladies event 'Focusfest' in the Waterfront Hall (Fri/Sat) that it might be a time of blessing. Pray for the ladies in church who attend.

Pray for a special series of meetings organised by the Faith Mission (7th – 21st June) in The Loup. Pray for Jonathan Burke and others as they lead these meetings. Pray that God's spirit might be at work to bring people along to the meetings and that souls might be saved.

Pray for the Church of Scotland at this time who are facing the decision about homosexual ministers. Pray for the commission that has been set up that they will be faithful to the teaching of God's word and have the courage to take their stand in the midst of such media pressure. Pray that the church will remain united through this.

Pray for all those who are ill at this time especially those who are facing the prospect of a prolonged illness. Pray for them and their families as they cope with the changes that this brings to their lives. Pray for a young Christian girl called Hannah from Markethill (Aged 13) who has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is starting chemotherapy.

Mon 15th – Sun 21st June

Pray for a good evening of fellowship at our annual Treasure hunt and barbeque on Thursday night. Pray that it will be greatly supported by our congregation and others in the community. Pray for safety on the roads.

Pray for Mr Glen Cousley as he takes the evening service on Sunday that he will know God's blessing as he shares of his work in Tanzania and that many will come along to hear him.

Malawi Team Pray for Alan and the workers in Ballykajoni that they will be able to get the foundations in, building erected and roof on in preparation for the team arriving in August to fit the building with the toilets etc.

Pray for all students who are still sitting examinations that they will be able to focus and cope with the pressure. Pray for all those who are applying for jobs and facing the prospect of unemployment.

Pray for all parents who are seeking to bring up their children 'in the Lord'. Pray that they would know God's help in seeking to bring them up in a world that is so hostile to Christianity. Remember especially those parents who have brought their children for baptism (Philip and Elaine Duncan, Jonathan and Amy Caskey and Geoff and Alison Currie) in recent months that they will be enabled to keep their baptism vows.

Pray for Jackie Hyndman as she marries Dwayne Nelson on Saturday that they might know God's blessing on this special day and in their future together.

Open Doors - Eritrea

"Remember those in prison as if you were their fellowprisoners..."Heb13:3

Praise the Lord for the release of the 70 Christian prisoners in April.

Ask God to sustain the more than 2,900 Christians who remain in prison

across Eritrea. Pray that God would encourage them and give them the strength to remain faithful to Christ.

Pray especially for the mental health of those imprisoned in shipping containers.

Pray for Open Doors as they provide support for Eritrean Christians. Pray for wisdom for church members who have had to step into leadership positions due to the widespread arrest of pastors. Pray for the government of Eritrea. Ask the Lord to miraculously intervene and bring them to repentance.

Mon 22nd – Sun 28th June

Pray for the Sunday School Children on their outing to Carnfunnock Park on Saturday. Pray for safety in the activities and for good opportunities for build friendships. Also for youth fun night at Palmers that evening.

Pray for all the Children taking part in Children's Day and for Cheryl as she lead them that God would still their nerves and that His name would be glorified. Pray that the service will be a blessing to those who are visitors in church today.

Give thanks for those who attend Sunday School faithfully each Sunday. Remember especially Lauren Finlay who receives her special presentation for 10 year attendance. However, many children who are connected to our church do not attend Sunday School (almost 50% do not attend on a regular basis). Pray that God would lay on the hearts of parents to make this commitment and that we would have opportunities to encourage them to come along.

Pray for the Installation of Elders on Sunday and for the members of Presbytery who take part. Pray that Anne, Maureen Jackie and Hugh might know God's blessing in a special way during this service. Pray too that they might have wisdom, strength and grace to take on this new sphere of service for the Lord.

Pray for all the Kirk Session as they meet together for the first time on Tuesday 29th. Pray for them as they consider a Congregational Mission Plan over the next view months that they might have vision and zeal to lead us as a congregation to reach out into our community. Pray that we would all have a burden for our friends, neighbours and families who do not regularly attend any church. 'Passion for Christ, Compassion for People'

Malawi Team Give thanks for donations given so far to the team project. A considerable sum is still outstanding. Pray that many people may be moved to give sacrificially to this work.

Pray for the team that they will be a witness in Malawi and that as people watch them work they will know that God is working in their lives.

Items for the next prayer diary to be with Lorna by Sun 21st June
