

Prayer Diary September 2008

"I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth" Isaiah 62:6

This verse is written on the front of the Prayer Covenant card used during the time of the 1958/59 Revival. In this church year we celebrate the anniversary of both this revival and the 1859 Revival. Will we take on the challenge to devote a certain amount of time each day to pray for the outpouring of Gods spirit in our congregation and our community?

The Irish Revival Fellowship Covenant

For the glory of God, I promise with His help to devote at least half an hour each day to prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit in Revival in our land, and throughout the world.

Mon 1st – Sun 7th Sept

Pray for Friendly Hour on Tuesday that it might be a time of blessing and friendship for those who come along. Pray for safety in travel and give thanks for all who help make this group happen.

Pray for the launch of Small BS Groups on Thursday. Pray for the leaders of each group and that a good number will commit to studying God's word regularly. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" Psalm 119:105.

Pray for Youth Club as it starts on Saturday that a good number of young people will return and that the new comers will be able settle in easily and feel welcome. Praise God for one young person who trusted in Christ over the summer.

Pray for J Team that it will get off to a good start on Sat. Pray for Melanie, Cherith and Lorna as they lead it that God would enable them to teach His truths clearly. Pray for the preparations this week.

Pray for Sunday School as it begins on Sunday. Pray that at the start of the school year some families who do not come will be encouraged to start. Pray for teachers that they will establish good relationships with the children quickly. Pray for one more Sunday school teacher.

Pray for Rev John Montgomery as he begins his ministry in the congregations of 1st and 2nd Moneymore (Installation on Friday) that he and his family might settle in quickly and God would give he and the congregation a united vision for the future.

Remember in prayer the two church teams in Malawi this month (more details in Aug 31st church notices). Mourne team are in DGMH and returning 14th. 2nd Keady and Drumhillery are in SU centre in Kande returning on 16th.

Mon 8th – Sun 14th Sept

Pray for the re-launch of Prayer triplets this month that more people might get involved and commit themselves to prayer. Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful" Col 4:2

Pray for the launch of Mad @ 1st (Sun pm meeting for 1st -5th years) that a good number of young people will come along and that they might be helped to grow in the faith in Christ. Pray for Rev Curry and Elaine Crossett as they lead this group.

Pray for the Mission Focus Evenings which are being held on the third Sunday of each month that God would use them to enthuse us in our prayerful and financial commitment to mission. Pray that we will be an encouragement to those who come along to speak. Remember especially Mr Billy Patterson (Drogheda) speaking this Sunday.

Lord we pray for the bereaved within our Congregation that as they travel through the valley of the shadow you will grant them grace in abundance and courage and strength to face the future.

At the start to this new academic year, remember children and young people at transitional stages in their education; starting nursery or school, moving from the primary to secondary stage and then on to further education. Pray that they will quickly settle, find good friends and be ready to learn.

Pray for Glenn and Julianne Cousley as they spend time back in Northern Ireland this month. Pray that they will have a good time with their families and return refreshed to Dodoma in Oct.

Open Doors Anti Christian violence has erupted in region of Orissa, Northern India. The number of suspected deaths has risen to 21 and hundreds of Christians have fled their homes. Please pray for peace to prevail in Orissa. Pray that God would raise up 'peacemakers', men and women who are able to positively influence the deteriorating relationship between the Christian and Hindu communities. Pray too for Open Doors local coordinator, who was only able to escape Baliguda fractionally before the colony he lived in was torched by a Hindu mob.

Mon 15th – Sun 21st Sept

Pray for the Presbyterian Women as they seek to re-launch the group under this new name under the guidance of PWA General Committee. Pray that more ladies would get involved in PW and be encouraged to be a witness in our community. Pray for a good attendance at the first meeting on Tuesday.

Pray for visitors who come to church that they will be made to feel welcome and experience God's loving presence. Pray for us as a congregation that we may grow in love for each other and demonstrate God's grace to all.

Pray for Rev Curry in his role as minister. Pray for wisdom daily in the many different situations he faces that he may guide, support and teach in a way that honours God and encourages people to live for Christ alone.

Pray for Stephen and Hester Clark in their travels (Mollies Mission). Pray especially for wisdom for them as they decide whether to travel through Zimbabwe. Pray for safety in travel and that they will be a witness to the companions that they pick up along their way and a help to those they visit.

Pray for the elderly within our congregation who are feeling the effects of aging years and experiencing pain, frailty and poor health. Pray that they might be aware of God's strength and comfort daily and experience practical encouragement within our church family.

Pray for those who are caring for elderly loved ones that they will have strength to juggle family, home, work and church responsibilities and might have grace and wisdom for each day.

DGMH Pray for the management team that there would be good and constructive relationships between the members as they grapple with the problems of running the hospital. Pray also that the current financial crisis would be eased.

Mon 22nd – Sun 28th Sept

Pray for God to prepare hearts for worship each and every Sunday. Pray that in each service His name would be honoured, His gospel proclaimed and many respond in obedience to His word. Give thanks for the opportunity for Prayer before morning worship and more will join in this ministry.

Pray for wisdom and discernment for Christians in leadership within schools, colleges and universities as they prepare for the new academic year. May they resolve any difficulties with patience and grace.

Pray for the committee as they meet this week. Give thanks for all who serve God in this practical way especially those who sacrificially gave of their time to work at the new kitchen during the summer.

Continue to pray for the organisations this week. Pray that through every ministry God's name would be glorified and many would be drawn to trust in him as Saviour and Lord of their life.

Pray for the forthcoming election of elders that already God might be preparing the right people to take on this role. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for the congregation during this time. Pray for Rev Curry and Rev Smith as they preach through a series on eldership

Ballykajoni Orphan Care Centre Praise God the roof is now on the centre. Pray for the speedy finishing of the building as the committee finalise plans on how they will use it.

Revival Movement Association give thanks that the gospel of Luke has been printed in Arabic for the first time over the summer. Pray for the distribution of these copies in Belfast and Dublin that God's word might make a real impact upon the lives of all who read them.

Items for the next prayer diary to be with

Lorna Curry by Sun 21st September
