

Friday

The Presbyterian Children's Society exists to support Presbyterian children and their families in times of financial need. *Give thanks for the grants provided to some congregations who are supporting children and young people with additional needs. Pray that more congregations make application to the Society.*

Care in the community. Many people are dependent on carers coming into their homes to provide both personal care and help with meals. For many these carers may be the only people they talk to every day and are a lifeline to enabling people to remain in their own homes. *Give thanks for the roles that domiciliary care workers undertake.*

Union Theological College. *Pray for the administration office staff: Ken Brown, Caren Johnston, Angela McDowell, Margaret McKee and Dale Wright. Give thanks for their commitment to the college and pray that they will know the guidance, empowerment and blessing of God upon their daily work.*

Each year ad hoc task groups operate under the auspices of the General Council. Task groups are set up to deal with particular presenting issues that PCI needs to address at any given time. *Please pray for the members of the task groups and for those who convene them as they often dealing with sensitive matters.*

Saturday

John McCandless – community outreach worker in Mountpottinger and Mersey Street, Belfast

- *Give thanks for increased numbers of children in the after schools' groups, which provide a fun, creative time for the children and support in their school work. Pray that the children who attend will see Jesus in the lives of the leaders and want to know Jesus for themselves.*
- *Give thanks for the mens' lunch group and for the support the men give one another.*
- *Pray for John in all his work with Mountpottinger and Mersey Street congregations in East Belfast, especially for the work on the streets and door to door meetups.*

Church of North India

With Christians accounting for only 2.3% of India's 1.3 billion people, the Church of North India (CNI) faces many challenges in being an effective witness in a predominantly Hindu culture.

- *Pray that CNI will be courageous and faithful in its witness, service and preaching of the gospel; and particularly in speaking up for the marginalised and oppressed.*

Let's pray...

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen

This Sunday 10 February, will bring to an end the Moderator's special Week of Prayer, where collectively, churches participated in a variety of ways under the theme 'Building relationships – Christ's love compels us.' Sunday also marks the end of his weeklong tour of Omagh Presbytery.

- *Give thanks for the special Week of Prayer and for the blessing and encouragement it has been to all who took part.*
- *Pray for the Moderator, and his wife Barbara, as they finish a busy week attending almost 30 engagements during their tour of Omagh Presbytery.*
- *Pray that they will have brought friendship and fellowship to everyone they met on the tour.*

Sunday

Read Psalm 100: 'Building Relationships to the ends of the earth.'

Pilgrims arriving at the Temple would have read the opening words of this psalm facing outwards to the lands from which they had travelled and beyond. They then entered God's gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Today spend time remembering the nations of the world, particularly those with which you have a personal contact or where members of your congregation might be serving. Pray for those serving overseas with PCI. Give God thanks for our annual World Development Appeal and the change it brings to many lives. Take time to pray for regimes under which it is difficult to practice as a Christian and where there is open persecution.

Closer to home and spend time praying for Ireland, north and south, east and west, as the Lord leads you. You might want to include our deaconesses, full-time workers as well as staff in residential facilities. Concentrate on the important outreach to those who do not yet know Jesus.

Finally, spend time praising God for the faith you have found in him. You might want to remember favourite Bible verses or passages that have sustained you on your journey or times when you have felt God's guiding hand so clearly.

Resources are available for use in Sunday services to accompany today's prayer. Visit: www.presbyterianireland.org/sundayprayer

Monday

Gary and Mary Reid – global mission workers in Kenya

- *Pray for the precious souls of the Maasai, especially for the release of those in spiritual darkness, that those who are captive to sin, will seek Christ's forgiveness, righteousness and justification, and also be comforted by the Holy Spirit.*
- *Pray for Christ's flock in Maasailand, that they will know God's protection and keeping, especially from 'hyenas' that would desire to strike the flock. Pray that they would be united in Christ, loving one another deeply, wanting to obey him, for his glory and praise.*

Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS)

- *Pray for the PCOSS leadership as they develop their strategic plan for the church and meet with international partners in February.*
- *Ministers of PCOSS will be among a group of students in Lokichogio in northern Kenya from 5 February to 4 March, where Rev Maurice Wade and his wife Nuala from Portavogie Presbyterian Church will be teaching theology and English. Pray for Maurice and Nuala as they travel and teach the students. Pray too for the students and that this time of study will be very beneficial.*

Tuesday

Josh McCance – community outreach worker in Donabate (Rev Andy Carroll)

- *Give thanks for the annual youth leaders retreat and the encouraging first few weeks back of their Saturday night youth club and for the connections made at Christmas events within the community.*
- *Pray for the alpha course that they are running in Balbriggan in February. Pray that God would bring people along and that the course would lead to long-term relationships and spiritual growth in people's lives. Pray especially for courage among the home group meeting in Balbriggan to invite friends along.*
- *Pray for the teenagers involved in the youth ministry who are not yet Christians. Pray that God would open their hearts to the good news of Jesus.*

Bray and Blackrock Presbyterian Church

- *Pray for wisdom to know how best to share the gospel with Bray's 32,000 residents.*
- *Pray that congregation members' confidence in the gospel message deepens as they hear God's Word preached each week, as they read the Bible and pray each day, and as they share the message of Jesus with people in this community.*

Wednesday

Peter and Valerie Lockwood – global mission workers in Nepal

Nepal continues to transition to a new governance system, and United Mission to Nepal (UMN) is developing and adapting its strategy to align with these changes. Part of this change process is the focus on 'bottom-up' - locally empowered community development. UMN is currently recruiting six new cluster team leaders, who will frontline this approach and work in the far western provinces of Nepal.

- *Pray for UMN as it processes, interviews and appoints six new cluster team leaders.*
- *Give thanks for Peter's recent visit to North Dhading and pray for the continuing rebuilding work in remote and difficult working areas following the 2015 earthquakes.*

Hungarian Reformed Church (HRC) in Hungary, Romania and Ukraine

- *Pray for PCI's partnerships with the Reformed Church in Hungary, the Reformed Church in Romania and the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia (Ukraine).*
- *On 23 January the dormitory building of the Károli Gáspár Reformed University in Budapest (the HRC's main college) was severely damaged by a fire in which one person died. Pray for the family of the deceased, and pray too for the many students who lost possessions in the fire and who had to move to alternative accommodation.*

Thursday

Sharon Heron – deaconess in International Meeting Point (IMP) and Windsor

- *Pray for a number of families that Sharon visits who have yet to get refugee status. This uncertainty is very stressful for them.*
- *Pray for strength, wisdom and grace as Sharon and the staff and volunteers at IMP seek to help people in great need.*
- *Pray for the many opportunities to witness and pray with people who come into the centre.*
- *Pray for the daily Bible studies, especially for those who attend but who have yet to come to faith in Jesus.*
- *Remember too Sharon's work in Windsor congregation in South Belfast.*

Cahir and Fermoy Presbyterian Churches – Rev William Montgomery

- *Pray for the life and witness of the home mission congregations of Cahir and Fermoy in the south of Ireland.*
- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for William as he ministers to the congregations and remember the elders and all in leadership roles within the congregations.*