

# Let's Pray

Sun 1 December - Sat 7 December 2024

## Sunday 1 December

- **Moderator** | *This Sunday the Moderator will be leading the service at Connor Presbyterian Church – pray that the service would go well and that those attending will be filled with hope and expectation at the start of this season of Advent. The Moderator will also embark on his overseas visit to Poland in the incoming week. Pray for safe travels and for a fruitful and encouraging visit.*
- **Worship as an act of faith and love this Christmas** | *'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled.' Then the angel left her. Luke 1:38. Pray that we might approach worship this Christmas season with all that we are, offering our lives afresh in faith and love to God.*

## Monday 2 December

- **Derek and Jane French, global mission workers, Spain** | *Give thanks for those students who attended the student welcome service and pray for follow up conversations. Give thanks for new members who will be joining the ministry team and pray for unity in their vision for outreach in Bilbao.*
- **Kenya** | *PCI partners with the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA). Give thanks for ongoing ministry in over 1,000 PCEA congregations. Pray for effective witness by PCEA members, especially that they would be outward looking, bringing the good news to the unreached people groups within the country.*

## Tuesday 3 December

- **Deaconesses** | *Give thanks for Cathy Smith and Heather Healy, recently commissioned and inducted for deaconess service in First Holywood and Fisherwick Presbyterian Churches respectively. Pray that God would pour out his blessing on each of them as they begin their service.*
- **Moville, Greenbank, Carndonagh and Malin** | *Pray for continued faithfulness as these congregations reach out to family, friends and community. Pray also that they would see Jesus more clearly, love him more deeply, follow him more closely, resemble him more keenly, and serve him more faithfully.*

## Wednesday 4 December

- **Naomi Keefe, global mission worker, Brazil** | *Pray for the evangelistic events planned for both Peixinhos and Beberibe for early December, that God by his Spirit would already be preparing the hearts of those who will attend. Pray for Naomi's safety and security, both in her home and as she goes about her work.*
- **Latvia** | *Pray for the country of Latvia. Give thanks for the work of the Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary seeking to prepare students for the Christian ministry, equipping them to faithfully preach and teach the Bible and pastor congregations in the Baltic countries.*

## Thursday 5 December

- **Church planting** | *Give thanks for the recent Taster Day in Maynooth in November that was well attended. Pray that congregations with a vision to plant will begin to take steps to explore this, and also that the Lord will stir the hearts of individuals who might be called to be involved in such work.*
- **St Columba's, Lisburn** | *Give thanks for the recent positive review process within the congregation. Pray for Rev Rodney Cameron as he ministers here and for the Kirk Session as they consider together how best to develop worship in the congregation and witness in the community.*

## Friday 6 December

- **Lawnfield House** | *Lawnfield is a residential care home in Newcastle for those with a physical disability/mild learning disability, sensory impairment, or older people. Pray for staff and service users in the home, that they will know God's presence. Remember family carers who will benefit from some time free from caring responsibilities while their family member is receiving respite care.*
- **Public Affairs** | *Pray for the Council for Public Affairs (CPA), which met at the end of November. Pray for CPA and its members as they seek to identify and address current topical issues on which the Church seeks to have its voice heard clearly in the public square. Pray for the convener, Rev Daniel Kane, and for the Public Affairs Officer, Rebecca Stevenson, for God's continued guiding and leading in their roles.*

## Saturday 7 December

- **General Council** | *Pray for all who work in Assembly Buildings in the various Councils and departments. Remember the staff team especially as they meet for the annual carol service and Christmas lunch during the incoming week.*
- **Training in Ministry** | *Recruitment of deaconesses is taking place at present, with interviews and placements. Pray for those who are exploring this avenue of service, and for those involved in the selection process. Ask God to guide in every aspect, that his will would be done in the lives of applicants and in his Church.*