

# Let's Pray

#### Sun 8 June - Sat 14 June 2024

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- **Moderator** | Pray for the Moderator as he takes part in a service in Tullamore, Co Offaly, where a refurbishment of the church has recently been completed. Pray for the three days of the General Assembly, for God to guide and help us as we gather together for worship, discussion, debates and decisions!
- **General Assembly 2025** | 'Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you'. 3 John 1:5. In this week of General Assembly, give thanks for our denominational family. Pray for a sense of God's presence in PCI congregations meeting to worship God all over Ireland today.

## **Monday 9 June**

- **Council for Global Mission** Give thanks for partner church delegates arriving from Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Greece and Pakistan, especially that they would feel warmly welcomed at the partnership fellowship meal taking place at lunchtime today in Assembly Buildings.
- **Council for Global Mission** | *Pray for partner church delegates as they share perspectives on God's Kingdom work during the 'Listening to the Global Church' session at the General Assembly on Wednesday afternoon.*

#### **Tuesday 10 June**

- **Council for Social Witness** | The Council will report to the Assembly this afternoon on its work during the past year. Pray for Rev David Brice, convener and Mr Dermot Parsons, Council Secretary as they bring their report particularly focusing on Safeguarding within our denomination. Give thanks for the commitment of the Council who ensure services that distinctively reflect the Christian ethos of PCI are available for all within our care.
- **Council for Public Affairs** | Please pray for the convener of the Council for Public Affairs, Rev Daniel Kane and the Public Affairs Officer, Dr Bex Stevenson as they present their Council report to the General Assembly, and pray for those listening that they will be inspired to engage confidently with these issues in the public square.

#### Wednesday 11 June

- **Council for Mission in Ireland** | The Council will report to the General Assembly this evening on its work during the past church year. Give thanks for the Council's work in mission across Ireland, particularly in supporting Home Mission congregations, envisioning church planting, overseeing mission projects and supporting personnel such as chaplains, deaconesses and outreach workers. Pray that this work would continue with renewed energy and fruitfulness in the coming year.
- **Reconfiguration of Ministry** | The Committee gives thanks for the leading of the Lord through this process of reconfiguration, where the impetus for linkages and mergers is to serve God more effectively. Many kirk sessions are embracing the process because they have a heart-felt desire to serve the Lord better in their congregation & in serving the community. Pray that the Lord will be pleased to bless in these situations and to use newly linked or merged congregations as his instruments to save and deepen faith.

## **Thursday 12 June**

- **Council for Training in Ministry** | The Council will report to the Assembly today on its work during the past church year. Whilst there are many challenges, there is much to give thanks for. Pray that the Church will truly praise the Lord for his blessings in this area, and will respond by seeking to serve him with renewed energy in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **Close of General Assembly** | *Pray for the final session of the 2025 General Assembly, and as Dr Trevor Gribben leads that session. Remember the ministers, elders and other delegates as they meet around the Lord's Table at the conclusion of the week's business.*

## Friday 13 June

- **Council for Mission in Ireland: Church Planting** A major report on church planting was considered by the General Assembly this week. Pray for the vision of '10 + 10 in 10' that seeks to see 10 newly constituted congregations and 10 new church planting projects commenced within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in the next decade. Pray for congregations to be envisioned, effective gospel workers to be equipped and the necessary resources to emerge to help towards the fulfilment of this vision.
- **Council for Mission in Ireland: Office-bearers** | *Give thanks for the various Committee and Panel conveners of the Council for Mission in Ireland who willingly give of their time and serve sacrificially, praying particularly for Rev Dr Ben Walker in his role as Council convener. Remember the staff members who support the work of the Council, praying particularly for the Council Secretary, Rick Hill.*

## Saturday 14 June

- **General Council** | In the follow up to General Assembly and in light of the decisions reached, please pray for the meetings taking place this incoming week and over the next few months as the decisions are enacted. Pray also for the new configuration of the General Secretary's Department as the Acting Clerk and Deputy Clerk take up their roles.
- **Training in Ministry** | *Ministry students are starting their summer placements in local congregations. Pray that this experience will shape them & their practice of ministry, that the congregations in which they serve will be blessed through them, and that they will also have time for a holiday to re-charge for the next academic year.*