

# Let's Pray

Sun 18 January - Sat 24 January 2026

## Sunday 18 January

- **Moderator** | Continue to pray for the Special Assembly which will now be taking place on Wednesday 18 February. Pray that the preparations for the logistical aspects of the day will go ahead smoothly and that, good decisions and outcomes would emerge as a result of the deliberations that take place.
- **Worship: Directed and set free** | 'Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.' Psalm 11:133. As we worship today ask God to direct our daily living and set us free from sins that overshadow our lives.

## Monday 19 January

- **Neil and Jenny Stewart, global mission workers, Spain** | Give thanks for the special Christmas events that Neil and Jenny were involved in & pray that God would grow the seeds planted. Give thanks also for the good time that Neil, Jenny & the children spent with family and friends over the Christmas season in Northern Ireland. Pray for clear, purposeful planning & for God to grow his Church in the year ahead.
- **Persecuted Church** | Pray for the Christians in Afghanistan experiencing great pressure and uncertainty from day to day, ever since the Taliban took control of the country in 2021. Remember the leaders of underground house churches, that they would evade arrest and know God's protection. Pray for Christian women, indeed women from all religious minorities in Afghanistan, who are especially vulnerable to physical abuse.

## Tuesday 20 January

- **Ballina Special Ministry** | Give thanks for the installation of Rev John Brogan and the warm welcome he has received from Ballina Presbyterian Church. Give thanks for the people who have been coming out to worship, including those travelling some distance to attend church. Pray for God's leading throughout 2026.
- **Ben Day, community outreach worker, Kilbride** | Pray for the continual guidance of the Holy Spirit and obedience to follow the promptings given. Pray for the upcoming youth weekend, that the teenagers would have fun but also want to hear more about Jesus. Pray for the congregation as it hosts a group of students from Capernwray Bible School and that we may learn from them how to evangelise better.

## Wednesday 21 January

- **Edwin and Anne Kibathi, global mission workers, UK** | Thank God for the success of the Presbyterian Church Men's Fellowship and Ladies' events. Pray that these groups will continue making a positive impact as they reach out with the love of Christ. Pray also for the children as they participate in the Church (Sunday) School services and activities, especially that they will grow to know and love Jesus Christ.
- **Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary (BRTS), Latvia** | Give thanks for the Seminary's new building which opened during 2025. Pray for the development of local church leaders, the provision of training materials and courses in the Latvian language, and that the Seminary will be a catalyst for the growth of churches in Baltic countries.

## Thursday 22 January

- **Cathy Smith, deaconess, First Holywood** | Give thanks for the prayers and ongoing support of many, including Bannside PW, as Cathy continues to serve as a deaconess in First Holywood. Please pray for God's blessing on the Tots-R-Us outreach ministry as Cathy connects with parents and carers, many of whom have no current church connection.
- **Arklow, Rev Michael Anderson** | Pray for the congregation in Arklow, that they would be blessed and encouraged as they meet together for worship each week. Give thanks for Rev Michael Anderson and pray for him as he continues his work in this congregation.

## Friday 23 January

- **Thompson House** | Give thanks for David Farrow and the staff team who work and witness in Thompson House, PCI's supported housing scheme for offenders. Remember David and the staff as they come alongside residents providing support and guidance, from finding employment and further education opportunities, to assisting them establish homes of their own.
- **Public Affairs** | Dr Bex Stevenson is PCI's Public Affairs Officer assisting the Council for Public Affairs in developing the church's thinking on issues of public policy as well as coordinating groups that sit under the Council. Pray that God would give Bex wisdom, guidance and peace as she deals with complex issues in the Public Square.

## Saturday 24 January

- **General Council** | Pray for the ongoing work of the Ministerial Training Review Task Group which will be meeting later this week under the convenership of Very Rev Rob Craig and chaired by Rev Dr Graham Connor. Pray that the meeting will be helpful and productive and will enhance the quality and effectiveness of the training on offer to ministry students.
- **Training in Ministry** | Presbyteries will be dealing with applications for the Accredited Preacher Scheme this month. Pray that those tasked with interviewing applicants will have discernment. Pray that those applying for the Scheme will be assured of God's grace in the application process.