

Let's Pray

Sun 12 January - Sat 18 January 2025

Sunday 12 January

- **Moderator** | *Pray for Sunday schools starting up again in the new year and for fresh enthusiasm in both children and teachers. Pray too for organisations presenting the claims of Christ to many young people across the island.*
- **Worship: Part of something bigger** | *"Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples". Psalm 117:1. As we worship today ask God to increase our awareness that we participate in the worship of the worldwide people of God.*

Monday 13 January

- **St Petersburg Christian University, Russia** | *Give thanks for the witness of this university over the past 35 years and pray for those who lecture there as they seek to train the church leaders of the future. Pray for the students as they are often far away from home, that they will know God's peace and enabling.*
- **The Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Poland (EPCP), Poland** | *Give thanks for the Moderator's recent visit to PCI's newest partner, the EPCP. Pray especially for the Christ the Saviour congregation located in Krakow and its pastor, Rev Saško Nezamutdinov.*

Tuesday 14 January

- **Tom Dowling, Irish mission worker, Kilkenny** | *Please pray for the weekly street outreach, that people will engage well and that further opportunities for follow-up will arise. Pray for the salvation of those who are hearing the gospel through door-to-door visitation and give thanks for church members who take part in this outreach.*
- **Craigavon** | *An evangelistic course called '3,2,1' commences at the end of January. Please pray that members of our church family will invite friends to come with them and that, through the course, more people will come to see life the way Jesus does.*

Wednesday 15 January

- **Volker and Jinhyeog Glissmann, global mission workers, Southern Africa** | *Pray for Volker as he is involved in planning the translation of two biblical literacy courses, 'Knowing God' and 'Knowing Jesus', into the Chichewa language for use in Malawi, both in grassroots training and in the TEEM ministry in prisons.*
- **United Bible Training College (UBTC), Pakistan** | *Give thanks for PCI's longstanding partnership with UBTC which has a strategic role in the training of women in the church. Pray for Salma Andrew in her role as Principal and that the staff and students would know God guiding, providing and watching over all their endeavours.*

Thursday 16 January

- **Donabate** | *The congregation are looking forward to the upcoming ordination service next weekend of Mr Josh McCance as Associate Minister, who will give a lead to the ongoing church planting work in Balbriggan. Pray for continued encouragement and growth in Donabate too at this important time.*
- **Heather Healy, deaconess** | *Thank God for Heather's appointment and service in Fisherwick Presbyterian Church. Pray for her as she settles into this new role and gets to know the congregation, and particularly that she would discern the Lord's leading and guiding in all she does.*

Friday 17 January

- **Elder abuse** | *Often as people age, they feel pushed aside and undervalued. Pray that as a society we celebrate and take care of older people in our communities. Pray for the protection of older people from abuse perpetrated by those in whom they often have an expectation of trust. Give thanks for organisations which aim to prevent such abuse by raising awareness, providing advice and guidance, and influencing and informing policies in this area.*
- **Emergency Services** | *Give thanks for those who work in the emergency services including those in our congregations, especially following the extreme weather we've had in recent weeks. Pray that in the midst of many pressures that God would grant them safety as they work, and equip them with the strength and stamina that they need.*

Saturday 18 January

- **General Council** | *This week – on Monday – many of those members of staff who have retired from Assembly Buildings will be meeting for a lunch which will be hosted by the Moderator. Give thanks for the staff team – both past and present, praying for those in their retirement years and also praying that those currently employed will know God's strength and direction as they face opportunities and challenges in the year ahead.*
- **Training in Ministry** | *At the start of a new year, many people take stock and consider how the Lord may be leading them. Pray that the Lord would prompt the people of his choice to explore a call to ministry of Word and sacrament. Pray for Prof Dave Leach, as he meets with enquirers and seeks to advise them on how to explore a call to ministry.*