

Monday

Derek and Jane French – global mission workers serving in Spain

- Give thanks to God for all the answered prayers over the past year.
- Pray that in the year ahead they will see more people come to faith in Christ.
- Pray for the church groups: the relationship course, women's Bible study, Sunday school, and one-to-one studies. Pray for spiritual and numerical growth.
- Pray for those on the fringes of the church that there would be opportunities for making them feel more welcome and part of church.
- Pray for opportunities over the Christmas season to share the good news of the Christmas message.

Presbyterian Church of Brazil

The Presbyterian Church of Brazil is the largest Presbyterian denomination in Brazil, having over a million members and over 5,000 congregations.

- Pray for the work and witness of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.
- Pray for the leadership team, including Rev Roberto Brasileiro Silva, President of the Supreme Council.

Tuesday

Brian Simons – Nightlight worker – Cathedral Quarter and Dock Café Belfast

Nightlight works in the Golden Mile and Cathedral Quarter areas in Belfast, reaching out to those who frequent the entertainment areas of Belfast.

- Pray for Brian as he oversees the work of Nightlight in the Cathedral Quarter.
- Pray for safety for staff and volunteers who assist on Friday and Saturday nights.
- Pray for more volunteers to join the teams.
- Pray that God would continue to bless the conversations the Nightlight workers and volunteers have with people they meet.
- Pray too for the wonderful opportunities Brian has talking to people at the Dock Café.

Mountmellick and Tullamore Presbyterian Churches – Rev William Hayes

- Mountmellick – Give thanks for children and young families more regularly attending. Pray for continued growth and visibility in the community.
- Tullamore – Give thanks for steadily growing numbers on Sundays. Pray for the Sunday School who are experiencing difficulties with space and finding leaders for the growing number of children.

Wednesday

Johnny and Lyn Dowds – global mission workers in Malawi

- Praise God for donations towards the debts of the David Gordon Memorial Hospital in Livingstonia and indeed all donations towards the running of the hospital.
- Over the weekend one of the ambulances doing a transfer went off the road. The patient being transferred was critically ill, but thankfully he was not injured and is well in Mzuzu. Give thanks for this and pray for a guardian who received some minor injuries in the incident and who has since been discharged from hospital.
- Pray for the hospital management as they work towards stabilising the financial situation and for wisdom as they work for God's glory.

Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary (JETS)

- Pray for staff as they teach and build relationships with the students.
- Pray for the students as they study, that they will grow deeper in their knowledge and love of the Lord.
- Pray for recent graduates of JETS as they take up ministry positions in various locations; pray that they will be guided by God and see people come to faith.

Thursday

Rev Mark Proctor – chaplain in Tallaght Hospital

- Pray for the hospital's carol service at lunchtime on Thursday 20 December, that patients, their families and staff will be impacted by the Christmas message in the scripture readings and carols.
- Pray for those patients whose stay in the hospital will continue through the Christmas period. Ask God to bring his comfort and healing into their lives, and that they will find much support through the chaplains and other staff.

Naas Presbyterian Church – Rev Mark Proctor

- Give thanks and pray for all who attended the 'Carols together at Christmas' community event held by the congregation on Friday 14 December. Ask God to use what was shared to both challenge and encourage.
- Pray for the children's Christmas event which Naas congregation are partnering with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) to run in Naas on Wednesday 19 December. Pray that many will come along who attended the five-day clubs during the summer.

Friday

Fresh Light is the denomination's counselling service.

Pray for wisdom for those who oversee, administer and deliver the ministry of Fresh Light. Ask that God would use it especially in the lives of those for whom the coming Christmas season will be difficult.

Tritonville Close Sheltered Housing, Dublin. *Give thanks to God for the community at Tritonville Close & for His many blessings to those who live there. Pray for the residents & their families, that they may know God's love & mercy. Pray for healing for those who are sick, and for God's comfort for those who are mourning and lonely.*

Pastoral Care of Manse Families Panel: *pray that ministers and their families will find time to be together as a family unit, and opportunities for rest and refreshment over Christmas and the New Year. Pray for those ministers who live alone that this time of year would be one where bonds with relatives and friends are deepened.*

Our Church's role in society is considered by the Council of Public Affairs. It grapples with issues such as welfare reform, the beginning and end of life, the legacy of the past and reconciliation. *The work of the Council is constant. Please pray for its regular meetings along with other meetings involving key people engaged in public life.*

Saturday

Edwin and Anne Kibathi – global mission workers – East African community in UK

Rev Edwin Kibathi and his wife Anne work amongst the East African expatriate community in the UK, and also presently minister in a church plant in East London.

- *Give thanks for all the events in the congregation in November, and for those who were baptised and those who became communicant members.*
- *Pray for Edwin who is in Kenya at present and for Anne who will join him there after Christmas to visit family and also to share about their work in local churches.*
- *Pray for a woman from the congregation in London who is ill at present*
- *Pray for journey mercies for members of the congregation travelling to meet up with family and friends during Christmas.*

Rathmullan Presbyterian Church – Rev Susan Moore

- *Pray for the life and witness of the Home Mission congregation of Rathmullan.*
- *Pray for Susan, the elders and members of the congregation as they celebrate the birth of Christ and share the good news with others in their local community.*

Let's pray...

Moderator - Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen

This Sunday 16 December, the Moderator will preach at the morning service in Waringstown Presbyterian. On Thursday 20 December, he will take part in a carol service at Woodlands Juvenile Justice Centre in Bangor.

- *Pray for the Moderator as he participates in the above services, that he would bring blessing and encouragement to all of those present.*
- *Pray that the young people who come along to the carol service will know God's blessing.*

Sunday

Christmas Cracker

The aim of the scheme is to give parents and carers some respite in the run-up to Christmas, offering them the opportunity to go shopping or to socialise with friends, safe in the knowledge that their dependents are being taken care of and having fun.

- *Give thanks for all those who came to 'Christmas Cracker' this year and for everyone who volunteered to help with arts and crafts, with cookery, sports or music.*
- *Give thanks for the families of all those with learning disability and ask God to bless them this Christmas time.*
- *Pray for people with learning disabilities, and for those who work with them, for wisdom and patience.*

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