

Let's Pray

Sun 1 August - Sat 7 August 2021

Sunday 1 August

- **Moderator** | *Pray for PCI's overseas partners in countries supported by the Moderator's Appeal to address the needs of Covid-19. Thank God for the generous response for the church to this appeal (which is still open).*
- **Fanning the flame of congregational life: Being generous** | *Ask God to help congregations be generous about approaching the lifting of restrictions on what we can do, remembering not only that we need to bring members back together, but that we have a part to play in helping others know God's truth and touch as they recover from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.*

Monday 2 August

- **Derek and Jane French (global mission workers in Spain)** | *Pray for Bilbao International Church as they prepare for the coming church year. Pray for the French family for rest and refreshment over the summer.*
- **Refugee Crisis** | *Pray for the millions of people around the world who are living as refugees or are internally displaced. Pray that they will receive humanitarian assistance, medical care and opportunities to work and for children to receive an education, as they strive to rebuild their lives. Pray that many will find hope in Christ.*

Tuesday 3 August

- **Paula Burrows (deaconess in Ballygrainey, Co Down)** | *Pray that God will use Paula's ministry to touch the hearts of the congregation of Ballygrainey, both young and old. Pray that the activities planned for the summer will bring glory to God and that many people will see the love of God in action.*
- **Bray (Co Wicklow) & Blackrock (Co Dublin)** | *Give thanks for in-person worship. Pray for the congregations as they reconnect with each other and that they will follow God's leading as they move into a 'new normal'.*

Wednesday 4 August

- **Chris and Rachel Humphries (global mission workers in Portugal)** | *Pray for Chris and Rachel over the coming weeks as they take responsibility for the weekly running of the church whilst James and Heather Cochrane are on home assignment. Pray especially for Chris as he leads most of the Bible teaching and preaching.*
- **Global Mission – Covid-19** | *Pray for those living in countries where healthcare and state support is limited and for all across the world suffering directly or indirectly due to the Covid-19 pandemic.*

Thursday 5 August

- **Graham Stockdale (Prison Chaplain – Maghaberry)** | *Pray for the resumption of a more regular programme of services and activities in the prison, such as the Alpha Course. Give thanks and pray for those who have committed themselves to following Jesus, many of whom continue to struggle with the legacy of their pasts.*
- **Cahir (Co Tipperary) & Fermoy (Co Cork)** | *Pray for members of Cahir as they make decisions on future outreach ministries to engage in. Pray for the continued efforts of young adults in Fermoy to reach out to young people.*

Friday 6 August

- **Social Witness** | *Pray for the protection of all our residents and tenants, staff and families as levels of coronavirus again rise. Pray that homes and units will not have to close to visitors and that a high level of vigilance will be sustained to ensure maximum protection.*
- **End of life care** | *Give thanks for the hospice movement, and for medical staff and others who care for terminally ill patients. Pray that politicians and policy makers would prioritise palliative care over attempts to legalise assisted dying in the UK and Ireland.*

Saturday 7 August

- **General Council** | *Pray for staff who work in local congregations and centrally in Assembly Buildings as they take annual leave over the summer period. Pray that this might be a time of rest and refreshment as they prepare for the coming autumn season.*
- **Council for Training in Ministry** | *On 1 August, Rev David Leach took up his post as Professor of Ministry and Director of the Institute for Ministry in Union College. Pray for David as he settles in to this strategic post, overseeing the training of ministry students. Ask God to give him wisdom, energy, clear thinking and a close walk with him.*