

Monday

Peter and Valerie Lockwood – global mission workers in Nepal

- *Pray for Okhaldhunga Community Hospital which is run by United Mission to Nepal (UMN). Pray for wisdom so that the current issues regarding hospital registration can be resolved and that the hospital's new General Agreement can proceed and for discernment in dealing with the management issues at Okhaldhunga. Pray also for safety in travel as Peter and members of UMN's hospital leadership team travel to and from the hospital on roads that have been damaged by the recent monsoon.*
- *Peter will be back in Ireland for deputation from 15 September to 8 October. Pray for him as he speaks and the rest of the family as they remain in Kathmandu.*

Global Concerns

People throughout the world are very concerned at the destruction of parts of the Amazon rainforest due to fires. Satellite data shows fires are burning at record levels. The Amazon, the largest rainforest in the world, is a vital carbon store believed to slow down the pace of global warming.

- *Pray for the fires to be put out quickly and for the protection of the rainforest and the earth.*

Tuesday

Tim Vaughan – community outreach worker in Garnerville (Rev Jonathan Frazer)

- *Pray for Garnerville's work in Knocknagoney Primary School, for all the programmes and classes. Pray that God's light would shine through their actions and words.*
- *Pray for Garnerville's Alpha course starting in the local community in September. Pray for the preparations, that many people will attend and for the volunteers running it.*
- *Pray too for fresh vision from God for the Garnerville area, that this school year will be a significant one in the community, that God's will is done and that lives will be significantly changed through his Spirit.*

Maynooth Presbyterian Church – Rev Keith McCrory

- *Give thanks for Maynooth's summer Arts and Music Festival last week. Pray that God will use the events to build relationships with people in the community.*
- *Pray for Maynooth's building project as they go through the planning application process. As this has proven difficult so far, pray for the team from the congregation dealing with it and for favour within Kildare County Council.*
- *Pray too for the congregation's new Alpha course that will start in September.*

Wednesday

Volker and JinHyeog Glissmann – global mission workers in Malawi

Volker continues working for Theological Education by Extension in Malawi (TEEM).

- *Give thanks for the opportunity to start TEEM's 'Knowing God' course with groups in the Anglican Church in Malawi this autumn.*
- *Pray for progress on the book project: 'Towards a Malawian Theology of Laity'. One chapter is still to be written.*
- *Pray too for the completion of the 'Knowing Jesus' course.*

Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Malawi

Protests are continuing in Malawi following the general election in May, which the opposition party claims had many irregularities. Malawi's Constitutional Court is currently hearing a case brought by the opposition to have the election result annulled.

- *Pray for all protests to be peaceful and for a just outcome.*
- *Pray too for the leadership of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi at this time. Pray especially for Rev Billy Gama who has just been elected as the new General Secretary of Blantyre Synod.*

Thursday

Rev Ivan Neish – chaplain in Whiteabbey Hospital

- *Praise God for the privilege Ivan has of going in the Lord's name and on behalf of PCI to meet with people going through difficult times.*
- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for Ivan as he talks to patients and their families at the hospital.*
- *Pray that he will be an encouragement to them, and help them to trust in the Lord in all circumstances.*

Mountmellick and Tullamore Presbyterian Churches – Rev William Hayes

- *Mountmellick – Give thanks for faithful attendance and a more confident and welcoming atmosphere. Pray that the efforts of the church to advertise their presence will prove fruitful.*
- *Tullamore – Give thanks for continued growth in Sunday numbers. Pray that the Bible studies and prayer groups would be better attended. Pray for the Community Kitchen work with homeless families in temporary accommodation.*

Friday

Side by Side – A series of women’s ministry events taking place during the autumn. *Pray that these events will envision, encourage and inspire those who attend to think about how they might get alongside others to share faith and life together.*

Adelaide House – *Pray for Norma Picking and her staff at Adelaide House residential home, Belfast; for wisdom and strength as they strive to look after residents with dementia and those with challenging behaviour.*

Union Theological College – the annual retreat for students for the ministry and academic staff takes place on Monday 9 September and Tue 10 September at Lorne. *Pray for a deepening sense of God’s call, a building up of relationships, and a developing enthusiasm as a new semester begins.*

On Friday the Moderator plans to join a silent protest at Stormont in opposition to legislation which will profoundly change abortion law here. *Pray that women who find themselves in pregnancy crisis would receive the right information and support; and for successful efforts to restore devolved government to mitigate against these plans.*

Saturday

Mark Annett – community outreach worker in First Rathfriland (Rev Trevor Boyd)

- *Pray for Mark as he settles into his new role as community outreach worker in First Rathfriland.*
- *Give thanks for the week of outreach to children and teenagers in mid-August. Give thanks for all the children and teenagers who came, and the parents who brought them. Give thanks too for all who served on the Rathfriland team.*
- *Pray that the children and teenagers who came will continue to be challenged about the message they heard.*

Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS)

The President of South Sudan is encouraging refugees to return to the country and participate in the country’s peace process.

- *Pray for the peace deal to continue to hold and for good political progress.*
- *Pray for all facing food shortages and those displaced / living as refugees.*
- *Pray for the work and witness of the PCOSS, and their efforts to encourage peace and provide humanitarian relief to those in need, in particular those displaced.*

Let’s pray...

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr William Henry

This Sunday 1 September, the Moderator is taking the morning service at Moira Presbyterian Church. On Saturday 7 September he will open the new buildings of Downshire Road Presbyterian Church, and take part in a service of dedication.

- *Pray for Dr Henry as he takes part in both of these services, that he will bring blessing and encouragement to those who attend. Pray for wisdom and guidance in all he does.*
- *Give thanks for the new buildings of Downshire Road Presbyterian Church and pray that they will provide new opportunities to reach out into the community.*

Sunday

Council for Social Witness

This Council seeks to deliver an effective Social Witness service on behalf of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and to the wider community in partnership with appropriate organisations. They provide services under four headings: Disability Services, Older People Services, Taking Care and Specialist Services.

- *Pray for the residents, their families, staff and volunteers linked with **Aaron House** (residential and day care services), **Lawnfield House** (residential and domiciliary services), **Peacehaven** (residential service) and **Willowbrook** (supported living service).*
- *Pray too for the congregation of Kinghan church and their admin team.*

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