

Monday

Naomi Keefe – global mission worker in Brazil

- Give thanks for all the evangelistic Christmas activities with the families in Peixinhos, including the visit to the nursing home by the children from the Good News Club.
- Give thanks for the enthusiasm of the congregation of Beberibe to try out different strategies of “doing Sunday School” and pray for future training sessions with the session and leaders.
- Give thanks for the refreshing time Naomi enjoyed with family in Ireland over the Christmas and New Year period.
- Pray too for the wheelbarrow book outreach into the community and for the contacts made.

United Mission to Nepal (UMN)

- Pray for UMN’s ongoing work in the areas of education, healthcare, livelihoods, disaster response, integral development and peacebuilding.
- Pray for the leadership team in UMN as they work with the Nepali government to agree future projects. Pray especially for the ongoing negotiations for the new Hospital Agreement and Cluster-based Agreement.

Tuesday

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

Brian writes, “In this world of darkness so we must shine... you in your small corner and I in mine.’ Nightlight endeavours to bring the light of Christ into the darkened streets of Belfast and to the lives of those we meet and speak to each week.”

- Give thanks and pray for Nightlight’s new volunteers, especially on Friday nights.
- Pray for safety for the team at all times.
- Pray for the conversations Brian, his colleague Linzie and the volunteers have with people they meet, which includes those outside the night clubs, street sleepers and people who come to the tea table. Pray that these conversations will be fruitful and that lives will be transformed by God.

Westbourne Presbyterian Church – Rev Mervyn Gibson

- Pray for the life and witness of the urban mission congregation of Westbourne located on the lower Newtownards Road in east Belfast.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance from God for Mervyn, the elders and members of the congregation as they share their faith with others from the local community.

Wednesday

Gary and Mary Reid – global mission workers serving in Kenya

- Pray that God’s Holy Spirit will work mightily in the lives of the Maasai and the Reid family.
- Give thanks for the abundance of rain in Maasailand, but due to heavy rains most areas are becoming increasingly inaccessible. Pray that dry periods will come to allow the dirt ‘roads’ to be repaired and made accessible again, as travel along such roads is vital for the Reids and the local Maasai community.
- Remember the Reid family as they are apart from each other, that all will grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord.

Grupos Bíblicos Unidos (GBU) – Spain

GBU is a student organisation with a vision to reach non-Christian students with the gospel and to develop Christian leaders who will contribute to the growth of evangelical churches in Spain.

- Pray for Christian students that they will continue to grow and deepen their faith in Christ and seek opportunities to share their faith with others.

Thursday

Rev Mark Proctor – chaplain in Tallaght Hospital

- Pray for the pastoral care team at Tallaght University Hospital. 2020 has begun with further family bereavements and health challenges for some of the chaplains. Pray for God’s comfort and healing.
- Pray too for the group of five trainee chaplains who are currently on placement in the hospital, that they will develop in Christian character and conviction, as well as in competence.
- Pray for Mark as he balances ministry in the hospital with his work in Naas congregation. Ask God to provide energy and enthusiasm as he fulfils both roles.

Belvoir Presbyterian Church – Rev Barry McCroskery (vacancy convener)

- Belvoir congregation remains vacant as details of new proposals recognising the mission opportunities in the large Belvoir Estate in south Belfast are worked out. Pray that God will continue to guide.
- Pray for the small, but faithful congregation.
- Pray for the young people’s outreach on Fridays, Tuesday lunches, and Babies and Toddlers’ Group.

Friday

Hashtags and Hormones – An evening on 13 February for those speaking into young people’s lives about puberty, relationships, and sex from a Christian point of view.

Pray that those attending will be helped to find ways of engaging well with young people on these tricky issues in today’s changing society.

A prayer from Norma Picking, Home Manager, Adelaide House – *Jesus, I ask for comfort and hope for those in residential care. May they feel your presence and know you see them as precious. May they be treated with dignity. I also pray for the carers who have such a difficult job, may they know the importance & beauty of their work.*

Conciliation Service members Mary Potter, Paul Jamieson and Lynda Stothers will lead 12 licentiates & 2 trainee deaconesses today on preventing conflict in the church. *Give thanks for the work of the Conciliation Service and pray that what these men and women learn today will be helpful for them and congregations they will work in.*

Voters go to the polls tomorrow (Saturday 8 February) in the General Election in the Republic of Ireland. *Pray for wisdom as votes are cast, and that those elected will serve with integrity and grace, and together find ways to tackle challenges like housing and healthcare which seek to promote the common good.*

Saturday

Henry Coulter – International Meeting Point (IMP) South Belfast

Henry writes, “On Christmas day the International Meeting Point was buzzing with over 140 people who came in for Christmas dinner. It was a wonderful celebration with people from many different countries enjoying the day. We are so thankful for the many churches and volunteers who work hard to make the celebration possible.

There is no let-up in the number of new people coming into the centre. It is a joy to be able to help them settle into life in Belfast. Many have been through difficult experiences and the adjustment to a new country/culture/language is challenging.”

- *Pray that through the daily Bible studies and everyday conversations that many will come to follow Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.*

Evangelical Christian Church in Timor, Indonesia

- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for the leaders of the church. Discipleship and theological education are primary concerns, along with socio-economic development.*
- *Pray for the work and witness of GMIT’s Radio Gema (‘Echo’) Inti Suara Kasih (‘Voice of Love’), as it seeks to reach out to and serve the community.*

Let’s pray...

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr William Henry

This Sunday 2 February, the Moderator will begin his third presbytery tour. This time he will travel the length of Carrickfergus Presbytery, beginning with the morning service in Second Islandmagee Presbyterian Church. On the same day he will attend a youth event at Woodlands Presbyterian. Throughout the week he will spend time visiting a number of schools, groups and organisations: the farming community, Release International, Roddensvale Special School, Ballyclare High School, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), RNLI and a Foodbank amongst others.

- *Pray for the Moderator as he undertakes his tour of Carrickfergus Presbytery, that he will be blessed and encouraged and bring encouragement to others too.*
- *Give thanks for the opportunity to meet with such a variety of groups and pray for them as they support people in the community with different needs.*

Sunday

Nominees for Moderator

The Presbyteries will meet on Tuesday of this week to nominate the next Moderator of the General Assembly from a list of names already suggested at previous presbytery meetings.

- *Pray for members of presbytery that they may give this decision genuine thought and prayer so that God’s choice may be honoured.*
- *Pray for those whose names have been suggested, that they may know God’s choice and calling.*

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