

Monday

Csaba and Ilona Veres – global mission workers in Romania

In November, Csaba and Ilona produced Bible teaching material for a resource pack for use in each of the Diakonia children's programmes. They are now ready to be transported to each of the 24 children's projects in Bihor, Salaj and Cluj county.

- *Pray for the teachers as they use the material for Bible teaching, creative games and discussions, Bible memory and worship, that they would challenge many children to put their trust and hope in Immanuel.*
- *Pray for Csaba as he travels over two days to take the teaching resources to the Diakonia children's projects in the Salaj county. Pray for safe travels and encouraging times with the staff members.*

Evangelical Christian Church in Halmahera, Indonesia

- *Give thanks that the recent earthquake off the West Halmahera coast caused no loss of life or injury or serious damage.*
- *Give thanks for the recent Synod meetings, the opening of the new Synod offices and the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the independence of the Evangelical Christian Church in Halmahera.*

Tuesday

Keith Preston – Irish mission worker – International Meeting Point

Keith writes, "Thank you for all your prayers and practical support for the work of the International Meeting Point. In South Belfast, we continue to have many opportunities to reach out with the good news of salvation and help people in practical ways. Every day we see more people coming to us for help. Our work has expanded to North Belfast, we now have a shop on Carlisle Circus, three English classes each week and a weekly parent and toddler group."

- *Pray for Keith, Henry, Sharon, Robert and Jeanette as they work each day.*
- *Pray that God would guide them clearly on how to continue to move the work forward in a way that will glorify the Lord.*

Galway United Methodist Presbyterian Church – Rev Helen Freeburn

- *Pray for the new Church Council leaders and the new youth leaders.*
- *Pray for more Sunday School teachers, for the new Superintendent and for all the small fellowship groups and their leaders.*
- *Pray for the church's building project.*
- *Pray for a deepening commitment to Christ, church, outreach and mission.*

Wednesday

Naomi Leremore – global mission worker in Kenya

- *Thank God for the successful Theological Education by Extension (TEE) graduation on Saturday 7 December of over 270 teens from 'The Crossing' course. Pray for the ongoing enrolment drive in the Presbyterian congregations throughout the country.*
- *The TEE board will be having a retreat on 13 to 14 December. Ask for God's blessing on the board members as they spend time reflecting on what has been accomplished within the department in 2019 and as they make strategy plans for 2020.*
- *Continue praying for the Woman's Guild writing team as they meet their writing deadline to complete the seminar sessions by 15 December.*
- *Pray too for the Leremore family.*

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 to be envisioned to share their faith with their peers in this advent season.*

Thursday

Rev Norman Harrison – chaplain in the Royal Group of hospitals, Belfast

- *Pray for Norman as he visits Antrim Area Hospital today (12 December) prior to taking up the Northern Trust Lead Chaplain role (part-time) on 1 January 2020.*
- *Pray for the team in the Royal Group of Hospitals as Norman reduces his hours to accommodate his new part-time role in Antrim. Pray that the service will not be diminished as a consequence. Pray for those appointed to fill the gap.*
- *Pray for wisdom and vision to lead the redevelopment of the chaplaincy service in the Northern Trust.*
- *Pray that Christmas events will provide chaplains with a means of witness to all.*
- *Pray too for all who are ill in hospital, that they will find strength and hope in the Lord.*

Glenelly Presbyterian Church – Rev Rodney Thompson

- *Give thanks that the car park project has been successfully completed and paid for.*
- *Pray for the Sunday school - the teachers and the children. Pray especially that the children would come to know Jesus in a saving way.*
- *Pray for the ongoing ministry of the Word and a movement of the Holy Spirit.*

Friday

Christmas Outreach – Christmas is a time of year when the Christian story comes back on stage for many who don't think about it during the year. *Pray that God would draw the awareness of many to the message of God's love for the world in all its brokenness through the retelling of this story in church activities and wider society.*

Homelessness – In the bitterly cold weather of this time of year, we remember those who are homeless or sleeping rough. *Pray for organisations who meet the needs of rough sleepers, providing round the clock shelter, warmth, food and support. Pray that adequate resources will be available to enable individuals to find accommodation.*

The Union Theological College Review Task Group meets on 16 Dec to continue exploring how the College can best fulfil its remit in today's circumstances. *Give thanks for a unity of mind and purpose among the members and for good progress towards bringing exciting proposals forward; pray for God's continued guidance.*

Good Church relations are an important witness to Jesus Christ. *Take time to think about the other churches that we know, in our own locality or further afield. Pray that at this Advent time the message of the gospel might be heard and understood as it is proclaimed by churches working together in the service of our Lord.*

Saturday

Rev Andrew Watson – chaplain in Letterkenny Institute of Technology

- *Pray for members of the Christian Union.*
- *Pray that this generation of students will know the light and truth of Jesus.*
- *Pray too for Andrew as he continues in his role of chaplain in the new academic year.*

United Mission to Nepal (UMN)

- *Pray for UMN's work in the areas of education, healthcare, livelihoods, disaster response, integral development and peacebuilding. Pray that it will make a genuine impact in Nepal.*
- *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 that it would be successfully completed before the deadline of 15 January 2020.*
- *Pray for new appointments made recently in UMN. As these people take on new roles, pray that this will work well and enhance the work of UMN in reaching the poorest people living in poverty.*

Let's pray...

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr William Henry

This Sunday 8 December the Moderator will attend the Ordination and Consecration of the Venerable Andrew Forster as Bishop of Derry and Raphoe at Armagh Cathedral. The Deaconesses Association will meet on Monday 9 December at Killead Presbyterian, where Dr Henry will take a communion service for the deaconesses. On 11 December the Moderator will attend the NI Chamber of Commerce Carol Service in St Anne's Cathedral, and the next day will preach at Union Theological College Carol Service.

- *Pray for the Moderator as he attends or speaks at the above events this week.*
- *Pray that the Moderator and all those who come to the various services will be encouraged and challenged by what they hear, and that they would know God's blessing.*

Sunday

Linzie Cobain – Nightlight, Belfast

Nightlight works in the Golden Mile and Cathedral Quarter areas in Belfast, reaching out to those who frequent the entertainment areas of Belfast. December is a busy time for Nightlight with more people out in the city centre on Friday and Saturday nights.

- *Pray for Linzie as she oversees the work of Nightlight in the Golden Mile area.*
- *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.*

Enniscorthy and Wexford Presbyterian Churches – Rev David Conkey

- *Give thanks for the Ladies' Book Club and the Disciplines of a Godly Man Weekender.*
- *Pray that the ministry of the Word will build a strong, prayerful community of Christians.*
- *Pray for gospel witness as members of the churches sing carols in local care homes, on the church steps in Wexford, and with visitors at the carol services.*
- *Pray for guidance as the congregations explore future mission opportunities.*

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