

# Let's Pray

Sun 2 February - Sat 8 February 2025

## Sunday 2 February

- **Moderator** | *The Moderator will be leading services in Churchtown on Sunday morning and at First Ahoghill in the evening as he concludes his Ballymena Presbytery tour. This week the Moderator will be participating in the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington DC and attending the Summit on Religious Freedom. Pray for the Moderator as he meets with Bob Fu from China Aid.*
- **Worship: Desiring God's presence** | *"Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!" Isaiah 64:1. Ask for a real and meaningful sense of God's presence in worship today.*

## Monday 3 February

- **Naomi Leremore, global mission worker, Kenya** | *Give thanks for Naomi's work with the Presbyterian Church of East Africa's Theological Education by Extension (TEE) department, marking recently 10 years of Prison Ministry with a graduation of 50 inmates at King'ong'o Prison. Pray for God's guiding hand on this particular dimension of TEE work.*
- **Zambia** | *Pray for the General Secretary of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Synod of Zambia, Rev Lazarus Chilenje, and for all in leadership as they seek God's guidance in discipling congregations. Pray for all those in Zambia who have been affected by severe drought and the resultant restrictions in electricity supply and poor crops.*

## Tuesday 4 February

- **Rev Norman Harrison, hospital chaplain** | *Give thanks for all our hospital chaplains and the valuable work they do. Pray particularly for Norman Harrison as he works among patients, relatives and staff in Belfast City Hospital and in the Royal Group of Hospitals generally.*
- **Toni Bassett, community outreach worker, West Belfast** | *Praise God for encouraging attendances at monthly services. Please pray that connections with people attending would deepen and lead people to join the Bible study. Christmas provided opportunities to visit newcomer friends which led to faith conversations, so please pray these will develop further.*

## Wednesday 5 February

- **Csaba and Ilona Veres, global mission workers, Hungary** | *Pray for Csaba and Ilona who are currently on home assignment, that they would know rest and refreshment, enjoy time with family and friends, and be encouraged as they fellowship with PCI congregations, sharing about God's kingdom work in Bodaszőlő.*
- **PAK Mission Society, Pakistan** | *Pray for the PAK Mission Society which aims to bring hope to unreached and marginalised communities through emergency relief efforts, as well as through leadership development. Give thanks that through the Community and Church Transformation theme, churches are bridging the gap between church and community.*

## Thursday 6 February

- **Mission pioneers** | *Give thanks for the recent commissioning of two new mission pioneers. Pray for David Gamble as he serves in Rathcoole and Lewis McKelvey in Ballycastle, particularly as they both seek to engage in outreach opportunities in their local communities.*
- **Church planting – Central, Belfast** | *Pray for God's leading as steps are taken in the coming months in the process toward Central being established as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Pray for wisdom, willingness, peace, creativity and a real sense of vision for what God is yet to do in the city.*

## Friday 7 February

- **Stress** | *In the UK alone approximately 5 million people are stressed. Stress often manifests itself in many ways; work, finance, family problems, work/life balance, unemployment. Please pray for those suffering from the effects of stress. Pray especially for staff within our Services, often working under pressure. Give thanks for the dedication staff show.*
- **Emergency Services** | *Give thanks for those who work in the emergency services including those in our congregations, especially following the extreme weather we've had in recent weeks. Pray that in the midst of many pressures, God would grant them safety as they work and equip them with the strength and stamina they need.*

## Saturday 8 February

- **General Council** | *Pray for the work of the Human Resources Department based in Assembly Buildings and for the acting head of department, Mrs Judith Johnston. The department deals with HR matters relating to Assembly Buildings, Union Theological College, PCI Care Homes and other locations. Pray for the ongoing work of recruitment, both at Assembly Buildings and elsewhere.*
- **Training in Ministry** | *Around the time that voting takes place for the Moderator of the Assembly, the Moderator of each Presbytery also changes. Presbytery moderators chair meetings, lead services and help pastor ministers. A training day for new presbytery moderators took place on 6 February. Pray for the new presbytery moderators & presbytery clerks they work alongside.*