

Let's Pray

Sun 3 November - Sat 9 November 2024

Sunday 3 November

- Moderator | The Moderator has sent out a Call to Prayer for the Middle East and encourages us to pray earnestly for God's intervention to bring an end to war in the region and to lift up to Him all those whose lives have been turned upside down by it. Please pray that the leaders of nations might negotiate a ceasefire and an end to conflict and violence so that a just and lasting peace is established & hope is restored in the land of our Saviour's birth. Pray also for all whose lives have been torn apart by war, enduring terrible loss & grief, and now desperately in need of food, water, shelter, medical care & psycho-social support.
- Worship that enriches | 'One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.' Psalm 27:4. Ask that God would enrich us through encountering the beauty of who he is in worship today.

Monday 4 November

- **Diane Cusick, global mission worker, Zambia** | Give thanks for Diane who is travelling back to Zambia following a period of deputation at home. Please pray for safety as she travels long distances in Zambia to train teachers in Early Childhood Development (ECD). Give thanks for the new ECD centres and the enthusiasm of church leaders in this ministry.
- **Nepal** | Continue to pray for Nepal following the torrential rain, severe flooding and landslides in recent weeks. Pray for Dr Prem Subedi and members of the Cross Reformed Centre who are reaching out to those affected, that they will see the love of Christ and be drawn to learn more about him.

Tuesday 5 November

- Angela Hamilton, community outreach worker, West Kirk | Pray for the Women's Friday Fellowship that has just started. Pray that they would be blessed and encouraged as a Christian book is explored together. Continue to give thanks for the weekly Bible study group.
- **Howth and Malahide, Alastair Dunlop, minister** | *Give thanks for the ongoing witness in Howth and Malahide, particularly praying for Rev Alastair Dunlop and the ruling elders.*

Wednesday 6 November

- Stephen and Angelina Cowan, global mission workers, Kenya | Pray for Stephen as he speaks of the work among the Samburu while on deputation. Give thanks for a good honey harvest and the informal opportunities to reach "honey hunters" with the gospel. Continue to pray for hearts and minds to be opened to God's Word.
- **South Sudan** | Pray for South Sudan currently witnessing its worst flooding in decades with widespread devastation leaving more than a quarter of a million people displaced, homes destroyed, livelihoods impacted, roads & key infrastructure submerged.

Thursday 7 November

- **Eleanor Drysdale, deaconess, Wellington Ballymena** | Pray for a new members' class commencing in November with several people already registered. Later this month our appeal is launched for Christmas gifts to be given out within the local community. Give thanks for these God-given opportunities to share his love, care and compassion.
- **University chaplains** | Pray for PCI's university and college chaplains as they seek to reach and care for students. Pray that God would guide the chaplains to those who need support and to hear the message of the gospel.

Friday 8 November

- **Illness** | Pray for those in our families and friendship circles who have suffered sudden illness recently. Give thanks for the NHS and healthcare professionals, including paramedics and rapid response teams who are often heroes in emergency situations.
- Victims and Survivors | Pray for those who find this time of year difficult because they have lost loved ones due to conflict at home and abroad, or because they continue to live with conflict-related injuries. Pray that they would know the comfort of the God of all peace.

Saturday 9 November

- **General Council** | Pray for the meeting of the General Council to be held during this incoming week. Pray for wisdom for all attending and especially for the Council convener, the Very Rev Dr David Bruce, the secretary, Rev Trevor Gribben and the Moderator, the Right Rev Dr Richard Murray as he chairs the meeting.
- Training in Ministry | Union Theological College is not just a place of teaching and learning; it is also a worshipping Christian community. Worship and fellowship times take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pray that students and staff may grow closer to the Lord, and pray, too, for Rev Nigel Craig, Chaplain to Union.