



This diary is designed to help you to pray for the life of our congregation. We would encourage you to take it and use it on a daily basis, asking God for His hand in all that we are and do.

September 2026 Prayer Diary

Scripture Reflection

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.

Matthew Ch 11 v 28

Tuesday 1st- Pray for children who have **just started school** and for those who are transitioning to year 8. Pray that they would settle in well and that good friendships would be established. Pray for parents as they may be feeling anxious at this big change for their children. Pray that they would entrust their child into God's loving care.

Wednesday 2nd - **Prayer** is a powerful tool that allows us to communicate with God. **Philippians 4v6**, says, " Don't worry about anything, but in everything through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." This verse, along with many others in the Bible remind us that with unwavering faith, persistent prayer and reliance on God's infinite power, things become achievable through His grace. The influence of our prayers goes far beyond our comprehension. Please pray for the week of prayer from 2nd to 4th September and that many will attend.

Thursday 3rd- As we recommence a new church year, **Coffee Morning** will start today from 10 am to 12.00 noon. Everyone will be made very welcome. Even if you can only come for a short time, come along and enjoy tea or coffee, scones and biscuits. It is an opportunity to make new friends. Please pray that all who come will feel very welcome and enjoy the experience of fellowship and friendship.

Friday 4th- Give thanks for the camps, teams, Holiday Bible Clubs and many other forms of **Summer Outreach and service**, in which members of Muckamore of all ages have been involved this summer. Praise God for the lives influenced for Jesus over the summer. Pray that those who have been involved in outreach teams will have been strengthened in their faith. Pray that because of these opportunities, many will be willing to continue to serve in our own church over the winter.

Saturday 5th -Women, men and children of families in Eastern DRC, South Sudan and Nigeria's middle belt area have lost their lives in attacks from militant groups. Pray for comfort for families, healing of those injured and the peace of God that surpasses all understanding to surround the church in the affected areas. Pray that the **Open Doors** Arise Africa Petition when released in November to the UK government and the UN will have a greater impact that we ever could have imagined. To sign the Arise Africa Campaign: www.opendoorsuk.org/act/arise-africa/

Sunday 6th –“**The word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it**” Deuteronomy Ch 30 v 14. We don't have to search for God ; He is there in the midst of us. We can freely approach Him in prayer or through the words of the Bible. Even in the hardest of situations we can always reach out and receive hope and blessing.

Monday 7th- Thank God for **all the groups and ministries which take place** in Muckamore PC. Praise God that we have so many dedicated and willing leaders and helpers. Pray that, as a new season begins, the work of our organisations will be fruitful and rewarding. Pray for unity and growth as the groups get underway, and that God's presence and power would be evident in all that is done in His name.

Tuesday 8th- Give thanks today for our **Girls' Brigade Company**. Ask God to help the girls settle into the new session; many in new sections with new leaders. Pray for new officers and helpers too; that they will work well together, fit in and help the girls in their care to thrive and have fun. The scripture theme for this year is "The Fruit of the Spirit". Pray that the girls, though the Holy Spirit, will learn more about what it means to live like Jesus.

Wednesday 9th- Praise God for those who have **recently started coming to MPC**. Pray that newcomers who met up with Stephen and the Elders on Sunday would be encouraged and feel at home within MPC. Pray that any questions would be resolved. Pray that they would be fed through God's Word and that they would be able to get involved in the life and witness of the church.

Thursday 10th -Today, we remember the role of **chaplains who are working in various settings within PCI**. Thank God for their impact and influence on the people they encounter. Pray for the Council of Mission in Ireland Chaplains' Conference which takes place today, and for its speaker Daniel Caldwell. Also pray for Rick Hill who will be facilitating the conference. Pray that it will be a time of encouragement and enlightenment for those working as a Chaplain or considering a role within Chaplaincy.

Friday 11th- Please pray for **Mark and Zoe Proctor in Naas PC**. Please ask the Lord to be powerfully at work in all the ministries connected to the Naas congregation. Please pray for the restart of Sunday School, Explore the Bible and schools work. It is hoped to start a discipleship group for teenagers this term. Ask the Lord for wisdom to plan, publicise and commence a programme. Also 10-Pin bowling is planned for 25th September. Pray this will be an encouraging, fun event for all those who come along.

Saturday 12th – Pray for **Forge Men's Ministry** within MPC. Pray for wisdom in organising the programme for this year and pray that the men within MPC would be keen to attend the events. Pray that good fellowship would be enjoyed and that the men would grow deeper in their faith.

Sunday 13th— This is **Communion Sunday**. Pray for Stephen, the Elders, musicians and all who will play their part in leading and facilitating the service today. Pray that we will be challenged in our faith as we gather for worship and reflect on what Jesus has done for us. Pray that we will be better equipped to serve God in a new week.

Monday 14th- At this time of year, many students **are preparing for a move to college or university**. This may mean moving away from home or living in different accommodation. Ask God that any sense of anxiety or fear would be taken away. Pray for each young person known to us, that they might settle well into university life, make new friends and find a church family who will support, encourage and welcome them. Ask that they may find outside interests, such as CU where they may develop friendships and ways to serve wherever they may be.

Tuesday 15th – The **Kirk Session** meets tonight and continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. Continue to pray for the implementation of Safeguarding Policy under the supervision of Hilary Rowe and Jess Kirk and for Ronnie Armour who leads the Elders in this programme. Give thanks for the Church programme which has now been distributed by our Elders and serves as a guide to the activities/ministries of our church.

Wednesday 16th- Pray for **PW/Woven** as it meets this evening for its opening meeting. Pray for the members who will gather, the Committee who will organise and for Sarah as she leads. Pray especially for God's blessing on Caroline Kirk as she speaks to the women. Pray that the meeting will be a time of blessing and encouragement for all who attend.

Thursday 17th -Give thanks for our **Boys' Brigade Company**. Pray for the Captain, Jacqui McNeilly, and all the officers and helpers, that they would be refreshed and inspired as they start the new session. Pray that the boys would renew friendships and enjoy the planned weekly activities. In scripture this year, the boys will be looking at "Young People in the Bible", young people who were chosen, called and used by God. Pray that the boys will respond and accept the gift of salvation in Christ, that they will grow deeper in their faith and allow themselves to be available to God's leading and His plans for their lives.

Friday 18th- On 20th and 21st September this year, Jewish people will celebrate the festival of **Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement**. It is a sacred day every year, where they fast and pray for forgiveness of sins and for moral renewal. As Christians on this day, give thanks that we can rest on the finished work of Jesus on the cross for salvation, rather than our own merit. Pray that God will open the eyes and hearts of many Jewish people so that they may know Jesus as Messiah and experience true peace and salvation in Him.

Saturday 19th – Praise God for all the **young people who attend HUB**. Pray for good relationships between the young people and their leaders. Pray that there would be an eagerness to study God's Word together and this would result in a strengthening of faith. Pray for those who have not yet made a Christian commitment, that they would be challenged each week and would realise the importance of committing their lives to Christ.

Sunday 20th – Today **BRJ children will be receiving gifts** of book tokens to be redeemed at the Cedar and Circle exchange. Give thanks for the children's ministry; for Heather who is now taking over responsibility for organising all the resources and rota and for all leaders who present the Bible stories, lessons and scripture verses in a way that is at an appropriate level for each group. May the books and resources purchased at the book display on Saturday 26th be useful in opening up the Bible to these young children, encourage them to ask questions about God and learn how He knows and cares for them personally.

Monday 21st - Every day around the world, conflict and violence impact millions -through war, domestic abuse, discrimination, or environmental harm. The **International Day of Peace** reminds us that striving for peace means safeguarding human rights, promoting justice and encouraging dialogue. Peace is not just the absence of conflict but the presence of equality, respect and co-operation. Please pray for peace in a troubled world and where there's hatred bring love. Pray that the hearts of leaders will be turned away from anger and towards wisdom and compassion.

Tuesday 22nd- We thank God for **Andrea, our Pastoral Care Worker**. Thank God for her gifts as she serves Him in our church and community. Pray that she will be very aware of God's presence as she visits in homes and hospitals. Pray that she will have the words to say when she encounters new or challenging situations.

Wednesday 23rd -Give thanks for **SU in schools and UCCF in colleges and universities**. Pray for SU Schools Workers as they encourage and resource Christian teachers and pupils. Pray that UCCF groups will continue to influence and support students throughout the UK. Pray that young people will seek out and engage with these groups, where they can be supported and encouraged to grow in their own faith and to share Jesus with others.

Thursday 24th-Remember in prayer today the work of the **Bible Society NI**, as it shares the Bible in an accessible way, so that all people can read and discover God for themselves. Pray for the translation work and literacy programmes. Last year Stephen, along with Jack, Jacob, Ryan and Evan took Bibles from Muckamore to a Theological College in Malawi. Pray that those students who received Bibles will have been blessed - in helping with their studies at the college, in deepening their knowledge and love for Jesus, and in their sharing of God's Word with others.

Friday 25th –**SASRA** -Give thanks for those who meet together for a bible study every Tuesday and a prayer meeting every Thursday lunchtime at Thiepval Barracks in Lisburn. Pray that Paul Somerville will be a great encouragement to serving personnel who know and love Christ. Pray that Paul would be granted further opportunities to share the gospel and that others would come to know the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday 26th –We give thanks today for all who operate the **Sound Desk**; for their commitment to serving in this way each week. This is such a valuable resource for all services and other events throughout the week and ensures the congregation are fully informed and involved. Ask that new volunteers may be available which will help reduce the workload of those on the rota.

Sunday 27th- Give thanks today for **Stephen and Matthew** and for their calling to the ministry. May God guide and lead them as they preach, pastor, serve and encourage others in all aspects of church life. Pray that God will particularly be with them as they prepare sermons, midweek lessons, and other talks, such as school assemblies, where they will sometimes be preaching God's word and gospel to people who are not familiar with it. Help them to open up the word, keep it true, relevant and authentic so that many who hear will realise their need of a Saviour and Lord. Mark Ch 4 v 9.

Monday 28th – **Dai Hankey is the pastor of Mercy Church in Cardiff**. This area is full of social problems, poverty, drink and drug addiction and crime. The Session met with Dai in May and were updated on the very difficult work that he is doing. Continue to pray for Dai, his wife Michelle and his four children and the ongoing work which he is doing.

Tuesday 29th- Thank God for the connection we have with the ministry in **Thompson House**. Pray that as we bring items of food and toiletries that they would be a means of showing the love of Christ to the residents. Pray for staff, especially when work is difficult or demanding. Pray that staff will be upheld as they go about their daily work in supporting and guiding the residents.

Wednesday 30th- Give thanks for the ongoing work of our Church **Treasurer, Denise McNeilly**. There are four different sets of accounts to oversee; Freewill Offerings, Property (mainly repairs), Mission and Development Funds. Denise keeps the Committee informed of the various incomes and expenditure during the year which forms the basis for many decisions. Pray especially for the plans for our Development Fund which we hope to utilise in the redevelopment of our hall complex.