



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.

April 2025 Prayer Diary

Scripture Reflection

1st John Ch 2 v 5

But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in Him.

Tuesday 1st- Please pray for **residents within care homes**, that they would settle into their change of living arrangements and that they would quickly be made to feel at home. Pray that they would be blessed by regular visits from family and friends. Give thanks for the staff in care homes who often go above and beyond what is expected of them. Pray that they would continue to patiently engage with the residents and that God would give them wisdom to deal with whatever challenges they might face.

Wednesday 2nd - **Spring** is the season of hope and renewal, when we can enjoy increased light and warmth. Give thanks that God shows His love and power to us as He turns the seasons. Ask God to help us honour and protect His wonderful creation.

Thursday 3rd- Please pray for **Mark and Zoe Proctor in Naas PC**. Please ask the Lord to be powerfully at work in the lives of each person connected to the Naas congregation and make his mercy known, particularly for those with health challenges. Pray for the Christianity Explored course that people will come along and be impacted by the gospel message.

Friday 4th- It's the annual **GB Display** tonight. Give thanks for the Captain, Officers and helpers who've been working with the girls in the various sections this session. Pray that everyone will have enjoyed the activities, competitions entered and the fun and friendship. Pray that tonight will be a celebration of all the Christian teaching and example the girls have gained as well as highlighting their skills and personalities.

Saturday 5th -Give thanks for the good attendance at the last **Forge** meeting. Pray that men would get to know and encourage one another, particularly in their spiritual walk. Pray for wisdom in the organising of the next meeting; for a good response regarding attendance and for the sharing of God's word, that it would be an encouragement and challenge to those who hear it.

Sunday 6th -Pray that those in our congregation who attended the **Hope Explored course** will have gained good insight into how this can be an excellent evangelistic tool. Pray that God would lay on our hearts who to invite and pray for preparations for the leaflet drop, along with the door to door work as we look forward to Mission 2025.

Monday 7th- **World Health Day** kicks off a year- long campaign on maternal and newborn health. The campaign is entitled ' Healthy beginnings, Hopeful futures.' It aims to help every woman and baby survive and thrive. Tragically, close to 300,000 women lose their life due to pregnancy or childbirth each year, while over 2 million babies die in their first month of life and millions more are stillborn. Please pray that women and children worldwide will receive high quality care that supports them physically and emotionally, before, during and after birth.

Tuesday 8th- **Teachers** make a lasting difference for generations to come. Pray that God will grant them an abundance of wisdom. Teachers are having to face many difficulties today and have to deal with many situations outside the classroom. Pray that they will be fair to all, be a good role model, patient and understanding. Pray God will give them compassion for those who struggle and encourage them. Give thanks for all teachers as teaching today can be so challenging.

Wednesday 9th- At times life can be demanding and **many struggle to cope**. This can be exhibited in personality changes, anxiety, confusion, mood swings and damaging behaviours. There may be financial, work, relationship, mental health and a range of other problems. Pray that those feeling weary or lost will seek professional help, support from others and especially from God in honest and real prayer. May they know that peace that transcends all understanding. 2nd Corinthians Ch 4 v 7-11

Thursday 10th - Please pray for all involved in **the translation, distribution and production of the Bible worldwide**, and for all who understand and live by it. Please pray also for places all around the world where the work of the Bible Society is transforming young lives. As more people are being given access to the scriptures worldwide pray that they will not only read their Bibles but have their lives transformed as they encounter Jesus.

Friday 11th- Today, take time to give thanks and pray for all who serve God on Sundays and throughout the week in our church. Thank God for all the work that goes on, often unseen, and for the dedication and commitment of those **who work tirelessly and quietly behind the scenes**. Remember those who prepare and serve food, whether at a funeral or a church event. Pray for all involved in setting up on Sunday mornings and for activities through the week, for those who maintain and clean our premises, who photocopy, prepare rotas and distribute literature. May each one know that their work is valuable in God's service.

Saturday 12th – Give thanks to God for the rich possibilities **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** affords. Give thanks for its potential for good - to improve outputs for farming and food production, to improve medical diagnosis and treatment, to combat the effects of climate change and to enhance our lives in many other ways. However, we also need to pray that God will give massive moral and practical wisdom to accompany its use.

Sunday 13th— Praise God for **Palm Sunday!** Give thanks for the gift of Jesus, who came not as a conquering king but as a humble servant. Today, we celebrate His victory over sin and death, paving the way for our salvation. Pray that God would help us to live in gratitude for His sacrifice, reflecting His love in all that we say and do. As we journey through Holy Week, pray that God would help us to walk closely with Jesus.

Monday 14th- Pray that Paul and Scott, our N.I. Scripture Readers, will build good relationships as they meet serving personnel on camp or at the Long Table events resulting in profitable gospel conversations. Pray that as **SASRA Scripture Readers** across the UK get involved in Easter services that military personnel, some of whom may be hearing God's word for the first time, will put their trust in Christ's great redemptive work at the cross.

Tuesday 15th – There are many **Missions at home and abroad** which we as a church support eg. the Spicaks in Croatia, Majed and Anna in Poland, Tearfund, Scripture Union, SASRA and others. Pray for strength, support and God's help as they carry out this important work in His name. At times this can be extremely tiring, demanding and frustrating so please ask for patience that much will be achieved in God's perfect timing.

Wednesday 16th- This is the last evening of **PW/Woven** for this session. It will conclude with the AGM, voting for the new Committee and a "Getting to know you" slot. Pray that all those who take part will know God's presence as they speak and the love and support of the group. We give thanks for an excellent session with some very inspiring and emotional stories of faith and testimony and pray that each woman will grow deeper in their relationship with God and each other.

Thursday 17th -As we share in our **Communion Service** tonight, pray that we will remember the Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples. Give thanks for the symbols of bread and wine, which speak to us of Jesus' suffering and sacrifice for our salvation. Pray that we would each honestly examine our own hearts before God, to ensure that we are living in active relationship with Him, so that we may sincerely take part in this celebration of Christ and His church.

Friday 18th- Remember today, the pain and suffering of the cross and all that Jesus was willing to endure so we could be set free. He paid the price, such a great sacrifice, to offer us the gift of eternal life. Pray that we never take for granted this huge gift of love on our behalf. Pray also that many will attend this **Good Friday Service** and that all will remember the real meaning of Easter and that because of Jesus's sacrificial love we can have hope, truth, freedom and forgiveness.

Saturday 19th – We continue to give thanks for **Stephen, Sarah and Beth**. At this Easter time, pray for them as they enjoy some family time together. Pray for refreshment and a time to recharge their batteries as they take some time out from their busy lives. Pray that they would experience the peace, joy and hope of the risen Lord.

Sunday 20th – When Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb on the first **Easter Sunday** morning, there was a violent earthquake, as the Angel of the Lord rolled back the stone to reveal an empty tomb. As we meet for worship today, pray that we too will feel a violent earthquake in our lives, as we come to focus on the fact that Jesus conquered death and sin when He rose from the grave and left behind an empty tomb.

Monday 21st -As we approach the end of the season for the **Badminton and Bowls Clubs**, give thanks for all who have attended this year and for the sport and fellowship they have enjoyed. There is much organisation that must be carried out to schedule and provide transport to matches, collect fees and administration for leagues etc. so we give thanks for Evelyn and Grant and their commitment to the club and its members. Ask that they may enjoy refreshment and good health over the summer break.

Tuesday 22nd- Pray for everyone involved in **local government**, as they hold discussions, make decisions and prepare policies. Pray for wisdom, moral discretion, courage and humility as they carry out plans. Pray also for the Police, Fire and other vital services as they respond to and deal with various emergencies. Pray for their safety, discernment and energy when it is needed. Pray especially for Christians involved in any of this work that they may know God's leading and be able to display the mind of Christ.

Wednesday 23rd -**Scripture Union Northern Ireland (SUNI)** has created a Religious Education (RE) framework for Primary Schools called "Kids Quest". This comes complete with lessons and PowerPoint presentations for teachers to use with their classes. Give thanks for this valuable resource and pray that many teachers will make use of it. Give thanks for the work of SUNI, especially as its resources help maintain and enable the Biblical teaching of RE in our schools.

Thursday 24th- In Sub-Sahara Africa 16.2 million Christians have been driven from their homes by violence and conflict and more than 80 Christians were killed by militants recently. Through the **Arise Africa campaign**, churches in Sub-Saharan Africa are calling upon the body of

Christ to stand with them as one, to stop the violence and start the healing. Pray and be part of the goal in raising a million prayers and petitions to strengthen African Christians and bring the world's attention to the violence suffered by followers of Jesus in Sub-Saharan Africa. <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/act/arise-africa/>
Friday 25th –**World Malaria Day** is observed annually on this day to bring global attention to the efforts being made to bring an end to malaria and encourage action to reduce suffering and death from the disease. According to the World Health Organisation a child dies of malaria every 30 seconds. Pray for our church partners as they work to educate and aid their communities in malaria prevention. Pray also that all suffering from malaria will be healed.

Saturday 26th - We are aware of so many **vacant congregations within PCI**. Pray for these churches, as they wait for a new Minister, or for decisions to be made about the next steps in their ministry. Pray for all ministers and elders involved in the reconfiguration process, that suitable outcomes will be identified for vacant congregations. Pray for wisdom, clarity and patience for all concerned.

Sunday 27th- Give thanks today for our church family and for all the many gifts and talents in it. Pray that God will stir His people to use their God-given **talents and abilities to serve Him** and each other. Pray for volunteers to offer to serve in our various organisations and practical areas of need around the church.

Monday 28th – At this time of year, many students **are preparing for exams in school, college or university**. Pray that students would be able to concentrate on their revision and focus on their exam material. Pray that they would be able to recall what they have learned as they go into the exam room. Ask God that any sense of anxiety or fear would be taken away. Pray for each young person known to us, that they might know the peace, presence and love of God in these stressful days.

Tuesday 29th- **World Immunisation Week** aims to promote the life saving power of immunisation to protect people of all ages against vaccine-preventable diseases. More lives are now being saved, among people of all ages, with many more recent vaccines. Every child deserves to benefit from these vaccines. Please pray that more people will protect themselves through immunisation resulting in less disease and more life. Pray that fears of immunisation will be dispelled and more will accept vaccines.

Wednesday 30th- Pray for those who experience **mental health difficulties**. Pray that they would be able to open up about their thoughts and concerns, and that they would experience support from friends and family. Pray for wisdom for GPs and other health professionals, that they would be able to accurately assess and make appropriate plans for treatment.