



Summer Prayer Diary 2026

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.

Scripture for Reflection

**How much more will your Father in Heaven
give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.
Luke Ch 11, v13**

23 rd May – 27 th June	Turkey Hill Bible Ranch, Missouri	Katy Gunning
17 th June – 5 th Sept	Muskoka Woods, Canada	Jessica Norwood
3 rd – 10 th July 4 th – 11 th July	Inters EPC camp, Portadown Junior EPC camp, Newtownards	James Lee Thomas, Benjamin & Abigail Lee
4 th – 10 th July	Keswick at Portstewart	Stephen McNie
4 th – 18 th July	Portstewart CSSM	Molly Kelso Jacob & Henry Kelso Jasmine & Reuben Rogers
4 th -11 th July	SU camp Newcastle	Sam McNeilly Josh Connolly, Jacob Wright
6 th July – 17 th July	Castlerock CSSM	Jacob Usher , Jack McNeilly Rebecca Starritt
13 th -20 th July	Portstewart CSSM	Emma-Louise White James, Thomas, Benjamin & Abigail Lee
17 th July – 31 st July	Camp Sunshine, Portugal	Ethan Norwood
19 th July – 24 th July	CEF Camp, Portstewart	Charlotte & Isabella Millar, Grace Wilson
20 th July – 3 rd August	Jengana, Kenya	Tom McNeilly, Robbie Tosh Jack Grills, Aaron McCullough
26 th July – 31 st July	Christians in Sport, Belfast	Jess & Luke Humphreys Emma-Louise White; Molly Kelso, Connie & Alice Morrison
27 th July – 31 st July	CEF Camp, Coleraine	Ella O'Neill
1 st – 7 th August	SU New Horizon, Coleraine	Molly, Jacob and Henry Kelso; James, Thomas, Benjamin & Abigail Lee; Connie, Alice & Lucy Morrison
2 nd – 7 th August	Eagles Fellowship, Ballycastle	Katy Gunning
2 nd – 7 th August	Christians in Sport, Development Squad and Camp	Evan & Carys Carlisle, Kiyomi Tosh
9 th August – 15 th August	SU Portrush	Micah Ingram, Benjamin Lee, Jude Robinson
9 th August – 15 th August	SU Castlewellan	Freya Ingram, Abbie & Ruby Milligan, Abigail & Freya Robinson
10 th – 14 th August	Spark, Ballyclare	Carys Carlisle, Jessica Irvine

July

Please remember those who are taking part in Camps and Missions this summer and those working and witnessing for Christ by leading/serving on Mission teams (see the list on the back page).

We give thanks for all the **teaching series** Stephen and Matthew have opened up to us this year - on Mark, God Talk and Dark Horses. These lessons have provided spiritual guidance, refreshment and a better understanding of how to live the Christian life on a daily basis. We reflect back on how Jesus taught his disciples by accepting all, especially us as sinners, as we are. Help us to hear and respond to the gospel message and allow God to use us even in our weaknesses.

Continue to pray for the **congregation of Naas Presbyterian and their future plans**. Please pray that they will be able to minister more effectively in the neighbouring town of Newbridge. Currently, there is a Bible study there twice per month. A former Presbyterian congregation in Newbridge closed in 1938. Before the centenary of that closure, it would be wonderful to see a new congregation worshipping in Newbridge again.

Give thanks for all our **children's and youth organisations**. Our **BB and GB** have already had fun days during April and May and give thanks for the recent Sports Camp at Parkhall school and outing to the North Coast in June. Pray that these opportunities will enable the young people to connect with one another and have fun in a welcoming Christian environment. Give thanks for all the leaders who put so much time, effort and love into guiding and supporting these young people and teaching the message of Christ's kingdom.

We think of international students, refugees **and those from overseas countries and backgrounds**. Pray that they will be able to settle into communities and find work, opportunities to mix socially and access to important services such as healthcare, education and transport. Above all may they feel safe, especially given recent tragic events and tensions and receive a welcome and love in Christ's name. Pray that children may have access to and attend places where God's name is at the centre - churches, Holiday Bible Clubs, CSSM and SU camps and that this will have a real impact in their lives and that of the whole family.

We pray for all our **ministry staff within Muckamore PC**. Pray for Stephen, Matthew, Steve, Andrea, Elaine and Jane and their families. Thank God for the gifts they have and that God has placed them into these roles and service. May they feel supported and valued in this work by the congregation and seek God's guidance, comfort and wisdom as they balance family life and many commitments on a daily basis. May they grow in faith and know God's presence and comfort as they seek to share His love and saving grace through the work they have been called to do. "I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith" **(Eph 3v16-17)**.

We ask that believers will take up opportunities to **worship elsewhere** when on holiday. Pray especially for those congregations who have **low numbers or are vacant** at present. It is a very worrying time for the leadership teams and Kirk Sessions who are uncertain for the future of their congregations. Think also of students for the Ministry as they complete their courses that they will be led by God's will to a place where God may use them to build up and extend his kingdom.

Pray for Steve and all the leaders and helpers at **Holiday Bible Club** (27th - 31st July). The theme is "My Lighthouse". Ask God to be at the centre of all that is done this week and that the children will hear much about how Jesus is the light in every part of our lives - how he guides, rescues, forgives and invites us to follow Him. Also for those families who do not have a church background, pray that they will be encouraged to join camps, Holiday Bible Clubs and summer missions such as CSSM and SU to hear about how Jesus is the light of the world and can be their personal Saviour.

August

We pray for our local leadership in Stormont and for all the obstacles they face in society at present. The budget is simply not enough to enable policing, health, education and so many other areas to function efficiently and effectively. Pray for all those working in careers where there are constant pressures and frustrations and especially for people who are struggling due to poverty, illness, stress, unsafe environments, crime, hurt and hopelessness. Pray that through working together at government, agency and community levels that practical help will be given to those in need and that churches may reach out with good news.

Remember to uphold those who have lost loved ones over the last few weeks and months- that they would be aware of God's love supporting and encouraging them at this difficult time. Pray for **all who are finding life difficult at present** whether physically or mentally. Please pray for their wellbeing and that they know comfort, love and strength from God and concern and care from the congregation. Pray for those who are suffering illnesses, attending clinics or awaiting surgery and those in residential or nursing homes; that all may know the peace of God and that he will be close to them and take away their fear: **Lamentations Ch 3 v57**.

Pray for our **Elders and their families** and ask for their continued strength, discernment and compassion as they deal with personal circumstances and their role in our church family . Pray especially for the long term plans for rebuilding/restructuring of the halls. Pray that the Kirk Session will pray over this, seeking God's wisdom and guidance over funding the project and how best the church buildings can be designed to facilitate all our organisations and the ongoing and future work in this place.

In Muckamore PC we have strong links with **Uganda**, with 3 mission teams having previously gone there to assist with building projects, children's work and healthcare education. A new bill in Uganda could mean that Christians there are forced to abide by the demands of Sharia courts. Under such law those of other faiths, particularly women, may experience grave limitations to their legal and religious rights and protection. This may have a significant impact for careers, education and legal representation eg. for underage marriage, divorce and child custody. Please pray that the law will not proceed through the committee stage and that the rights of Christians will be protected by parliamentary leaders, church leaders and legal experts. Pray for strength, courage and steadfastness for those opposed to the law as they seek to speak out and influence others for Christ.

Young people will now be receiving **exam results** and some students will be leaving university or other educational institutions. Pray that academic results will go well and allow students to move on to further education or an area of employment or study which is beneficial to them. Pray that good opportunities will open up for them . We pray that they will make wise choices by following where God leads them and form good habits so that they will continue to grow in their relationship with Him. May God equip each student to shine for Him and trust that He holds their future.

Pray for **Stephen, Sarah and Beth** as they have some family time together over the summer break. Ask God to keep them safe and that they will be blessed personally and spiritually. May all their their work and witness this year be a light to others and continue to build relationships and encourage others. Ask God to give Stephen strength and wisdom to carry out his role with honesty, compassion and clarity so that he may faithfully serve God and the community. Ask God to be near to them especially in the busy times, when difficulties or uncertainties arise or when they must just rely on God and trust in His ways.