



## Prayer Diary February 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 Reflection

**May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus.**

**Romans Ch 15 v 5**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>- Thank God for all the **care homes in our local area**. Today, we think especially of Clonlee and other Nursing Homes in the Antrim area, for Kingscourt Home in Templepatrick which caters for those with learning disabilities. We pray for staff who look after the residents with great dedication, especially when the daily demands of caring become challenging. Ask God for His blessing on all the residents and their families, that they will feel loved and cared for. Pray that all Nursing Homes would be a 'home from home' for their residents.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – There are some **outreach events planned in Naas** during February. Pray that these will be well attended and lead some to a new or renewed relationship with God - the games night on Fri 13<sup>th</sup> February for the congregation and others, the Christianity Explored course in Naas which it is hoped will start at end of February (possibly in Newbridge too) and the new members course running throughout February. Also, the property next to the church building is being auctioned mid-February. Pray for wisdom as the Elders consider bidding.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Today, we pray for **Friendship Club**. Thank God for the purpose it serves for the older generation in our church and community. Thank God for Kathleen, its leader and for all who willingly assist in setting up the hall, welcoming folk, providing or serving refreshments and clearing up afterwards. Pray especially today for Caroline Abbott as she comes along to speak on the topic of 'Trips, Slips and Broken Hips'. Pray that all who attend would both enjoy and find the meeting beneficial.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>- Today is **World Cancer Day**. The theme this year is "United by Unique". Cancer is such a personal journey, and each diagnosis represents a unique human story. Pray for a people centred approach to cancer care which integrates each person's needs. Give thanks for the cancer screening services which permit early detection of cancer. Also give thanks for cancer charities as they pioneer research and provide support to patients and their families. Pray for those within our congregation who have been directly or indirectly affected by cancer.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>- Thank God for the gift of **marriage**. Pray for all those who may be thinking about the long term commitment of marriage in the near future. Pray for engaged couples who are preparing for marriage and making final preparations for the wedding ceremony and celebration. As they look forward, pray that they will keep God at the centre of their planning and help them to see God as the giver of all that is good.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>- The **2026 Winter Olympics** are taking place from 6<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> February in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Pray for the many Christian organizations involved in gospel outreach and support to the athletes and visitors to the Games. Pray too for Christian athletes; that God will keep them safe and give them opportunities to share the faith.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> - Sadly over the past number of months some of our members have suffered **bereavement**. It has also been difficult for many over the Christmas period when loved ones are greatly missed. Please pray for all who are grieving at this time. Pray that they will know God's presence and find comfort in knowing that God is with them and will give them comfort and strength for the days ahead without their loved ones.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – Give thanks today for our **Elders in MPC** and pray for them as they lead us in worship this morning. Pray that they will know God's presence and guidance as they join in praise, prayer, lead and teach us. Pray especially for Brian, that he will be empowered to faithfully preach God's Word.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>- "**God sets the lonely in families**." (Ps 68 v6). This verse comes from a Psalm which celebrates God's presence, His victory over His enemies and His care for the vulnerable. Give thanks for our families - God has knowingly placed us in each one!

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – **Safer Internet Day** will promote learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. With many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology. Pray for those in the industry, parents, teachers and all who provide advice and guidance that empowers children (and adults) to use AI safely and responsibly.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> -Praise God for Stephen and Matthew as they have led us in the "**God talk**" series. We have greatly benefitted from their teaching on important doctrinal issues. This series continues with topics such as the Holy Spirit, the Church and the doctrine of Heaven & Hell. Please pray that in addition to this increase in our knowledge, that our lives would be radically transformed by going deeper into God's Word.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>- **Concern's** mission is to eliminate extreme poverty, fear and oppression, transforming lives in the world's poorest places. They do this by providing emergency aid, health, education, and livelihood support, operating through local fundraising, charity shops and volunteers. Pray that they will be able to raise finances to provide this aid and that people will be generous in their giving.

Friday 13th. With the recent widespread unrest and protests in **Iran**, pray for protection and wisdom for the Iranian church. Pray that brothers and sisters will persevere and for an end to arrests of those who are innocent. Pray for reform allowing freedom for the church to gather for worship.

Saturday 14th – “And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.” 1 John 4 v 16. On **Valentine’s Day**, although we celebrate human love we remember that God first loved us so pray that our lives reflect His love. In this time of much stress, isolation, and constant connectivity, Valentine’s Day may serve an emotional purpose- to encourage reflection on relationships and well-being. Simple acts such as a thoughtful message, shared time, or a word of sincere thanks can hold great meaning and significance to someone.

Sunday 15th –Applications open this month for **PCI, SUNI and Exodus summer outreach teams and camps**. Pray that God would stir the hearts of many people to serve God on one of these teams this summer, either in NI or overseas. Pray for Godly wisdom for those dealing with applicants; that they would know where to place each person so that God can best use their gifts and abilities to serve and be a blessing.

Monday 16th - Thank God for the **numerous volunteers** who give up their free time to serve in **community groups and support services**, which may not otherwise be able to function. Pray that, while many of these groups may not have a Christian ethos, nevertheless their Christian volunteers can have a positive impact on the lives of all they encounter. Pray for all who lend a listening ear, give practical support or provide financial guidance. Pray for wisdom and energy for each one when it is needed most.

Tuesday 17th - Today is **Shrove/Pancake Tuesday**. Give thanks for God's goodness and provision in our lives. Thank God too for the fun ways in which we can focus on and share our faith: like enjoying sweet pancakes! Historically, Shrove Tuesday was meant to serve as a reminder that the season of Lent was about to begin. Ask God to help us both celebrate and be penitent as we think about God's provision for us through Jesus on the cross.

Wednesday 18th –Tonight our **PW/Woven ladies'** group will meet for their monthly meeting. Thank God for this opportunity for fellowship and friendship. Pray for tonight’s speaker Carolyn Barr as she comes to share with us. Carolyn comes with lots of experience - she has worked in Fashion and Food industries as well as Integrative therapies. She will link her talk to our theme for this year 'God ever Present'. Pray that all who attend would be encouraged and blessed.

Thursday 19th – It can be very difficult sometimes to get the **care needed for the elderly** who can no longer look after themselves. Often family members have to step in and devote much time to caring for their loved ones. Please pray for strength, patience, wisdom and compassion. There are often times when carers suffer physically and emotionally so please pray that God will give them strength for all the daily tasks and light for moments of darkness.

Friday 20th – Give thanks for the **Youth weekend at Crawfordsburn** and the opportunity for MPC youth to meet together in a fun, safe environment. Pray for travelling mercies and for safety on site. Pray for Steve as he leads, for those who share the gospel and pray that the young people would be challenged and encouraged in their walk with God. Pray that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of those who don’t know Him. Pray for patience and wisdom for all the leaders.

Saturday 21st – **Pray where you are Day** is a joint initiative between GB and BB. It will be a day for companies, leaders, churches, past leaders, families and friends to come together wherever they are and pray for the work of the organisations. This will allow us to collectively take time to pause and come to God, not only to thank him for all he has done for us and the work of both organisations, but to ask him to remain faithful and provide blessings for the work that continues in the life of BBNI and GBNI.

Sunday 22nd –Today we will once again be holding our annual **Tearfund Lunch** after church. Tearfund is a Christian charity that partners with churches in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries. They tackle poverty, respond to disasters and challenge injustice. They believe an end to poverty is possible. Your support will make a huge difference to struggling families across the world. Please pray that many will attend our lunch after church and donate generously to the work of Tearfund.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>- **Springtime** is a season of renewal and hope. The sunlight and rain are reminders that God is at work renewing the earth. Thank God for farmers and stewards of the land and seas, that they will have a successful season and all animals and ground/waters will remain healthy and productive. Pray that God will be ever present in their vital work to supply our food.

Tuesday 24th -We pray for **Heather Healy**, and thank God for her warm, caring personality, and her many gifts. Pray for her as she continues to settle into her role as Deaconess in Fisherwick Presbyterian Church. Thank God for the opportunities she has had to serve Him in the past year. Thank God for her love for Him and His people, and ask God to equip her as she endeavours to make Him known to those attending church groups and in the wider community.

Wednesday 25th- Today as we worship we give thanks for all those serving on the **Sound and Vision desk**. It is a vital role in Sunday services and at various other events throughout the week. Give thanks that God has provided this technology to enhance and enrich our praise and understanding of His Word. We pray that new volunteers will come forward to help in this task and that God will use this as a ministry to others.

Thursday 26th - Pray for wisdom for **SASRA** headquarters staff as they plan to grow the work of SASRA in 2026. Pray for the bible studies, fellowship groups and prayer times that are organised by Paul and Scott, our N.I. Scripture Readers. Pray that gospel opportunities would develop within the camps and that serving personnel who know and love our Lord will be encouraged.

Friday 27th –The **Salvation Army** is a Christian church and charity who fight poverty, homelessness and modern slavery. Supporting those who sleep rough, helping them move into safety and accommodation, is only one of the many ways they offer help to those in need. They also have a 150 year history of journeying alongside people living with addiction. Please pray that the Salvation Army will have the necessary funds and financial support to carry out this important work.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>- Pray for those in **politics at a local and national level**. Pray for their personal physical and on-line safety. Ask God to give our politicians a fresh sense of responsibility and excitement about how they can positively impact our society for good. Pray for courage to speak out for what they know is right and for perseverance to see issues through. Give thanks for Christian politicians who have and continue to act on their convictions and speak up for justice.