



Prayer Diary March 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

1 Corinthians Ch 16 v13,14

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.

Sunday 1st- Give thanks that every year our congregation is able not only to meet our **United Appeal** target of nearly £12,000 but is able to exceed this. This is to support the function of the Presbyterian Church, such as being used in many projects including helping Congregations, supporting Deaconesses and the various chaplains as well as other Missionary Projects. Pray that all Presbyterian congregations will continue to support the work of the United Appeal.

Monday 2nd – The Jewish festival of **Purim** begins Monday 2nd and continues through to Tuesday 3rd. It is known as the Jewish Festival of Happiness. The book of Esther is read and food is eaten and shared with friends and those in need. Fasting is forbidden! As Christians, let us give thanks for God's providence in history, not only for using Esther to deliver the Jewish people from destruction, but most of all, for sending Jesus to deliver all people from sin and its consequences.

Tuesday 3rd – Reflect on **1 Peter 5 v 6-7**. "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Wednesday 4th- Pray for our friends in **Naas**, especially given the recent auction disappointment where they were outbid on the property next to the church. Also pray that they will be able to discern if there are any other property options they should explore. There is a Games Night in the church on Friday 20th March and a Christianity Explored course has recently started. Pray that these will be well attended and God will use this gospel outreach to call people to Himself.

Thursday 5th- We continue to pray for those who are ill in our congregation. Pray for those who are suffering **long term illness**, those who have recently been given a diagnosis, those who are awaiting test results, going for surgery or convalescing after a spell of illness. Pray that God would be really close to each one in their individual circumstances, and that they would know God's peace, presence and strength, especially when they face difficult or exhausting days.

Friday 6th- The **2026 World Day of Prayer** materials from Nigeria bring us a powerful invitation drawn from Matthew 11:28-30. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God. We pray to God while bearing witness to one another. The World Day of Prayer, although originally established for women, is open to all communities creating spaces where authentic humanity, vulnerability and reliance on God's power becomes possible.

Saturday 7th -Please pray for our **health service staff** as they face continued pressure over the winter months. Pray that God would sustain them as they do their best to provide care despite the many challenges that they face, perhaps due to staff shortages or to extra administrative demands that have been placed upon them.

Sunday 8th –Praise God for another Sunday, when we can gather in church to worship Him. Pray for all who will attend the **Communion Service** today. Pray for Stephen as he preaches and the Elders as they serve and lead us. Bless us as we share in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and reflect again on what God has done for us through Christ. We pray that God will enable us to go out into a new week to worship, serve and glorify Him in all we do.

Monday 9th- Yesterday was **International Women's Day**. It offered an opportunity to reflect on progress made, to be aware of difficulties some women face, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women. Many have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. Please pray that all women will know equality of healthcare, education and will feel respected, safe and empowered.

Tuesday 10th – Pray for God's blessing on **local businesses and community services**. Thank God for how they serve us faithfully. Pray for God's help for those struggling with social pressures and mental health crises as pressure mounts as a result of their work. Ask God to be with those who work in public service and serve our community - in Hospitals, GP surgeries, Pharmacies and Day Centres. May each worker know that they are appreciated and valued through our positive attitudes and grace filled conversations.

Wednesday 11th – There are so many dangerous influences in **social media and society** today that many young people (and all ages) can be led into areas of confusion, low self esteem, depression and destructive behaviour. Pray that we as Christians, parents, friends, and leaders can have a real impact by demonstrating love, compassion and Biblical teaching to keep them on a godly path. Please Lord give them strength to navigate through all the pressures and worldly situations they may face and to seek guidance and help when needed.

Thursday 12th- Tonight is the **BB Parents' Night**. Give thanks for another year of ministry, and for the joy, energy and gifts of each boy. Pray for them as they share tonight with their families and friends some of what they have been doing all year. Pray that everyone will enjoy this evening and that the Christian message will come across clearly through the activities presented. Pray for continued friendships and support over the summer months.

Friday 13th-Today, give thanks for those around the world who grow and produce the things we eat and buy. Pray that they will receive a fair price and just reward for their labour. Pray that God would help us to support these workers by choosing **fairly traded goods**, enabling a more just world. Pray that our purchasing habits would bring health, healing and dignity to producers.

Saturday 14th – **Open Doors**: Give thanks that all 177 Christians held captive from the mass kidnapping in Kurmin Wali, Nigeria, in January have been released. Pray for healing for the ordeal faced by those kidnapped and greater protection for Sisters and Brothers in Christ across Nigeria. Pray that Leah Sharibu age 22, now held for 8 years, will know God's sustaining power and that she will be re-united with her family soon.

Sunday 15th – This morning the **PW (Woven)** will be holding their annual service. The ladies from Woven will be taking the service. Please pray for the speaker, Fiona Simpson, the PW Overseas Vice President who is also involved in the PW home project which involves the amazing work that is being done in Sligo Presbyterian Church through their Haven multi-cultural outreach ministry. Please pray also for Sarah as she leads and for all those involved in the service.

Monday 16th - On this Monday morning, give thanks and commit a new day and another week to Almighty God. Pray for His presence, hope and peace in your heart. **Proverbs 16 v 3** says "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans". Thank God that He knows all about us and is in control of our lives.

Tuesday 17th - Today, on **St. Patrick's Day**, let us pray his prayer: "As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me, the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me. May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me, the word of God speak for me. May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me, the shield of God defend me. May Christ shield me today!"

Wednesday 18th – Give thanks that Rev Richard Kerr has been elected as the **new Moderator** for the Presbyterian church. Pray that God will strengthen him prior to taking up this post in June. Pray for wisdom for him as he faces the challenges of leading PCI through the current safeguarding issues. Give thanks that a new Safeguarding Department has been set up and pray that best practices will be implemented in order to protect vulnerable people.

Thursday 19th - Give thanks for all who come along on a Thursday morning to the **Coffee Morning** and especially for Alan and Tomina who provide a warm welcome and lovely refreshments. Please pray for favourable weather conditions as the cold, wet, icy winter months can discourage older folk from travelling. Pray that everyone may use the Coffee Morning as an opportunity to meet with others, enjoy friendship and join in good chat and laughter.

Friday 20th – This evening is our **GB Display**. Pray that the whole evening would be a celebration of all the girls have learned and enjoyed this year at GB. Pray that they will remember the Bible passages they have studied, and put the lessons into practice in their lives. Five girls are receiving their Brigadier Brooches this year. Give thanks for their years at GB, and pray that friendships made, skills gained and lessons learned about Jesus will stay with them and help them in their adult lives.

Saturday 21st – Muslims all over the world are celebrating **Eid al-fitr** today and tomorrow, marking the end of the month-long Ramadan fast. Many Muslims will celebrate this festival in Belfast. Pray that Muslims will see that their righteous acts will never attain God's favour and that they will accept the finished work of Christ as their only means of salvation.

Sunday 22nd –**World Water Day** is an annual International day to raise awareness of the need for access to safe and clean water. Water scarcity is predicted to increase due to population growth and climate change so it is important that we are aware of how great this problem is. 1.8 billion people still do not have drinking water on premises, and in 2 out of 3 households women are primarily responsible for water collection. Please pray for clean water to reach those who need it most and that women can be freed from this task.

Monday 23rd- Please pray for those who have **positions of authority** including local, community and national leaders. Pray that God would give them wisdom in their decision making, and that they would lead with integrity. Pray that our world leaders would humble themselves and act in just ways in order to promote peace.

Tuesday 24th – Today pray for **Muckamore Tots**, both Sarahs and all the other leaders and helpers. Think especially of all the toddlers and babies, their parents and carers and pray that they will enjoy this opportunity to mix with others and feel welcomed and supported in the group. Give thanks for the opportunities for outreach, socialization and relationship building that it provides within the community.

Wednesday 25th- **SASRA**: Pray for growth in the fellowship group in Lisburn and that it will develop opportunities for ASRs Scott and Paul to strengthen one to one relationships. Pray that God would continue to bring serving personnel, who are open to the Gospel, across Paul and Scott's path and pray for continued opportunities for them to encourage serving Christians.

Thursday 26th - Give thanks for the recent Bible Study for young women led by Rebekah Gleghorne and the Refresh night held on 14th March. May these forms of ministry reach and encourage **young adults** within the congregation and allow opportunities for fellowship and collective worship. Pray that these meetings will allow those attending to be able to support and encourage each other and help them deepen their faith.

Friday 27th – Pray for our **nineteen PCI Global Mission Workers** serving in 8 countries. Today, we focus particularly on Stephen and Angelina Cowan who have been serving God in Kenya for the past 37 years. Praise God that during that time a strong Christian foundation has been built by introducing the truth of the gospel, both through Bible teaching and in practical ways. Pray for direction, personnel and funding as this valuable work continues. Thank God for Stephen, Angelina and others who use their time and skills to share God's love.

Saturday 28th- Pray for **students planning their next steps** – university or college courses, apprenticeships, a gap year or employment. Pray that the last few months of this academic year will go really well for them and ask God to help them as they make important decisions. Pray that God would use them wherever they live, study and serve and that they have the support of Christian organisations, friends and family. May God equip each student to shine for Him in this difficult world we live in.

Sunday 29th –"Look, your King is coming to you; he is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zech 9 v9). This prophecy came true as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first **Palm Sunday**. Give thanks today that all God's promises are true in Jesus (2 Cor 1 v20).

Monday 30th –This year has seen the wettest winter in living memory, with January the wettest month in 150 years and February not much better. This has led to **major problems in farming** with saturated fields, flooding, leading to very difficult lambing conditions and making the spreading of slurry nearly impossible on many farms. Please pray for our farming community in these difficult times.

Tuesday 31st- **Inspire** is the quarterly magazine of Presbyterian Women, created to encourage and connect women across Ireland and beyond. Each issue shares stories from local and global Mission, reflections on faith and news from women's ministry groups. It is published in March, June, September and December. Please pray that more ladies will avail themselves of this excellent magazine.