



Prayer Diary October 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

As surely as I live, says the Lord,
Every knee will bow before me; every
tongue will confess to God.

Romans Ch 14 v 11

Thursday 1st – With such a dry summer, particularly in England, **farmers** faced pressure from exceptionally dry soils, low river flows and depleted water resources. This has resulted in reduced crop yields, poor grass growth, water shortages, less fodder for the animals and mounting financial pressures. Pray that farmers will be able to sustain their businesses and livelihoods and that food shortages, rising prices and threats to wildlife and the environment can be minimized. As we approach Harvest pray that we will all be thankful for the provision God gives us daily.

Friday 2nd – Give thanks for the **babies** born safely recently in our fellowship and also for those expecting babies soon. Pray for health and protection, strength and safe delivery, for comfort and rest. Pray that God will grant wisdom and patience to new parents and that he will replace anxiety and weakness with His peace and strength. Above all, pray that these little babies will come to know Jesus early in life and grow up to follow His will and His ways.

Saturday 3rd – There are 2 courses planned for October in **Naas Presbyterian**. Pray for the Christianity Explored series and for wisdom in deciding when, where etc and that many from the congregation will come along and bring unbelieving friends with them. Also please pray for the Membership course and that new members may be added to the congregation and serve their Saviour, church and community.

Sunday 4th – The composer J.S. Bach wrote: "The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul." Remember today in prayer the **choir and musicians** who lead us in worship and as they prepare for Harvest next Sunday. Pray for Christian composers and writers that their lyrics would be faithful to Scripture, so that when worshippers sing they will be able to truly worship God "in Spirit and in truth". (John 4v25)

Monday 5th – Please pray for those who travel each day to their places of work, for those who may be **struggling with work/life balance** and pray that they will find the much-needed time to relax. Pray for wisdom in order to manage the stressful situations that they encounter within the working environment and that they might be able to be a witness for Christ on a daily basis.

Tuesday 6th – **Friendship Club** meets this afternoon. Thank God for the opportunities for friendship and fellowship that this group provides. Thank God for Kathleen and the team who organise, set up, welcome folk and lead the meetings. Pray for today's guest speaker, Mr George Wright as he shares the story of the life of Dr Billy Graham, the renowned evangelist. Pray that each person who attends will feel blessed by having been there.

Wednesday 7th – The **Ladies Bible Study** meets every Wednesday at 10.15 a.m. Today we will commence a study on "Biblical Womanhood" by Sarah Collins. This course covers all the major Bible teaching specific to women. This set of ten studies will guide us through "the big issues" helping us to confidently live a God - shaped life. Please pray for all who attend. Pray that as they study God's word together they will grow in their faith, know God's presence and learn from each other.

Thursday 8th – Over recent months, sadly, some members of our congregation have suffered **bereavement**. Please pray that the church family, family and friends will support those who are grieving. May they be aware of God's love surrounding them and his comfort in those times when they are hurting.

Friday 9th – The **Irish Women's Convention 2026** takes place this evening and tomorrow morning in the Assembly Buildings Conference Centre, Belfast. The theme this year is, "Free Indeed." (Finding Gospel Bliss at Calvary). The speaker's name is Natalie Brand who is passionate about women treasuring theology. Please pray for the speaker, that she will know God's presence, for safe travel and that all will be richly blessed by attending.

Saturday 10th – **World Mental Health Day**. Everyone goes through difficult times, and today more than ever, people are facing increasing pressures. Poor mental health can affect anyone, and is often linked to experiences like trauma, money worries or stress. The purpose of Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health matters, to encourage everyone to look after their own mental health and help others through greater understanding and empathy. Please pray for all dealing with mental health problems and that those needing support will receive the help they need.

Sunday 11th – Today is **Harvest Sunday** when we thank God for His provision and faithfulness. Pray for Jane, Brian, the musicians and choir as they lead the singing. Pray for those who will help with welcoming, technology, children's clubs and after church coffee. Pray for God's hand on Stephen as he leads our morning worship and for Rev Gordon Best as he comes to speak in the evening. Pray that we will be pleased to give God the glory and praise as we remember His goodness to us.

Monday 12th – Give heartfelt thanks for the recruitment of 2 new Scripture Readers for **SASRA**, increasing the mission field in this time of growth. Pray that Ronnie will settle into the role here in NI quickly. May he know God's leading as he builds meaningful relationships and shares the Gospel behind the wire in military settings. Pray for safety in travel for Paul Somerville as he leads deputation services at various churches and wisdom as he shares the work of SASRA.

Tuesday 13th – Tonight our **Church Committee** meets for the first time in this new church year. Give thanks for the expertise that the members bring to the four sub-committees – Administration, Finance and Property and Technology. Pray that they will all work together as they make decisions about the practical needs of MPC, particularly as plans are made regarding the changes to the church hall complex.

Wednesday 14th – Pray for the **church planting** initiatives within PCI all over the island of Ireland: Balbriggan, Central, Covenant, Grace + Hope, The Bridge, The Village, West Belfast and Wexford. Give thanks for the vision and commitment of the ministers and members of other congregations who have responded in faith to help meet the needs of the local people, whether geographical or cultural. Pray for the church planting seminars being hosted at Union Theological College on 7th,

14th and 21st October, in partnership with the Council for Mission in Ireland.

Thursday 15th – Pray today for young people between 14 and 29: **Gen Z**. They have never known a world without the internet and smartphones. Many have high levels of anxiety, fear and uncertainty over job prospects. Pray that God will speak powerfully into their minds and hearts in ways appropriate for them. Pray for them and remind them of Ecclesiastes 11v9: “Rejoice, young person, while you are young, and let your heart be glad in the days of your youth. And walk in the ways of your heart and in the desire of your eyes; but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgement.”

Friday 16th- **World Food Day 2026** is calling for innovation to transform agrifood systems and end hunger. Despite enough food being produced, millions still lack access to healthy diets. By combining science, technology and local knowledge and investing in partnerships, we can build resilient, inclusive and sustainable food systems for all. Please pray for the hungry and vulnerable across the world and ask God for wisdom for governments and leaders. Pray also for children facing malnutrition and for fair distribution of food resources.

Saturday 17th – **International Day for the eradication of Poverty** - This is a global event dedicated to raising awareness about the ongoing challenge of poverty worldwide. It recognises the courage and resilience of those living in extreme poverty and calls for actions to address the root causes of inequality. Please pray for an end to poverty in all its forms, where all people can live with dignity, hope and enough resources. Pray for strength where there is struggle, hope where there is uncertainty and an end to poverty.

Sunday 18th- Please pray today for our **GB and BB Enrolment** service. Pray for strength, energy and enthusiasm for the captains, Sharon and Jacqui, and for the officers and helpers. Pray for the young people, that their faith would deepen through these organisations. Pray also for their parents that even as they manage busy family schedules, they would faithfully bring their children to GB and BB throughout the year.

Monday 19th - Please pray for those in our congregation who are currently **unwell whether still at home or in hospital**. Pray for wisdom for medical and nursing staff involved in their treatment. Pray that they would know God’s hand upon them at this difficult time and that they would experience relief and recovery. Pray for those who are in care homes, that they would receive good quality of care and that their loved ones would be encouraged in knowing that their needs are being met.

Tuesday 20th- Think of **Muckamore Tots** today and how the group provides opportunities for parents, carers, babies and toddlers to meet and enjoy time with friends. We ask for good health for all those attending. Also pray that relationships may be built up by our church reaching out into the community and demonstrating a practical expression of God’s love to families. Give thanks for

Sarah, Alex, Stephanie and Ruth who have taken on the leadership role and for all those who will help out on Tuesday mornings.

Wednesday 21st – Pray for **PW/Woven** as they meet tonight and focus on Bible journalling, that they would enjoy good fellowship together. Pray that the ladies who attend would be encouraged by what they hear and that relationships with Christ would be deepened. Give thanks for Sarah and the Committee as they plan the programme for the year ahead.

Thursday 22nd-Thank God for so many excellent **Cancer Charities** which aim to provide medical research, patient care, financial support and public awareness to help people affected by the disease. Thank God for the medical, practical and emotional help, including specialist nurses and community spaces which are offered to patients and their families. Ask God to be with anyone known to us who has had a cancer diagnosis, and pray that they might be able to benefit from some of the many services provided.

Friday 23rd – A Bible verse for today - “Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” **Philippians 4:6**. What a wonderful message to carry with us throughout today.

Saturday 24th- Pray for those who have **sadly drifted from church** or who do not yet know Jesus. Pray that they would have opportunities to hear the gospel, either through Christian friends or through the openings we might have to share our faith. Help us to get to know and to build deeper relationships with them so that it will become more natural to share our faith when the opportunity arises. We know that God is Sovereign, and so we pray that He would ultimately bring them to repentance and faith in Jesus.

Sunday 25th – **Tomas Henzel** is married to Silvia and they have three children. He is the Pastor of Paradox Church in Bratislava, Slovakia and they are missionaries with European Mission Fellowship. He leads a church planting network to train church planters across Slovakia. Tomas says, " The burdens we get to carry at the moment are mainly from other church planter families from Slovakia. Please pray for spiritual depth and more co-workers. (Matthew 9v 38.)"

Monday 26th - **Social media** use can help us feel connected to friends and family and can be useful to raise awareness on important issues. However, there are dangers when it is overused as it can become addictive. Heavy social media use can lead to low self-esteem, depression and anxiety. Pray that we would be more aware of these dangers and that we would all learn how to use it safely, particularly by educating children and young people.

Tuesday 27th –As the **colder weather** approaches please pray for safety for our older folk as they go about their daily routines. Pray for those who are on their own and perhaps frail, especially that they are not vulnerable to falls and poor health issues. We also pray for their mental health, that they do not feel isolated, frightened, lonely or worried about the financial burden of heating their homes and buying food.

Wednesday 28th- **Persecuted Church**: In China the government are tightening regulations driving the Church further underground. Pray that our Chinese brothers and sisters will remain bold and for the safety of the underground church as it faces increased monitoring. Pray that vulnerable believers will have their faith strengthened and will know God’s provision practically and spiritually in their lives.

Thursday 29th – We continue to pray for **vacant congregations in PCI**. Pray that Kirk Sessions and church members might not lose heart, but that they would continue to look to God and draw strength from Him. Pray for Presbytery committees as they navigate the Reconfiguration process. Pray that God’s will would be done and that the best outcomes might be found especially for smaller churches where there hasn’t been a minister for a considerable time.

Friday 30th- Give thanks for all the young people who attend **Youth Club**. Pray that they would be challenged as they hear from God’s Word during the epilogue and that more young people would come to faith in Christ. Pray that more leaders would be able to help out and that they would show Christ as they interact with the young people.

Saturday 31st - Jesus said: “I am the light of the world.” (John 8v12). Pray that God’s light will shine brightly through us today in the darkness of **Hallowe’en**. Pray that children will be kept safe and that families will find ways to enjoy the October holiday from school without “conforming” to the pressures of the world around them. Pray that we would “shine from the inside out, so the world can see you live in me.”