



Prayer Diary September 2025

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 God give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know him better.

Ephesians Chapter 1 v 17

Monday 1st – At the beginning of this **new academic year**, pray for all our children and young people as they go back to school. Pray especially for those going to nursery, primary or secondary education for the first time. Pray for teachers and all support staff as they seek to provide a good, safe and happy learning environment, in which children can thrive. Pray especially for Christian pupils and staff, that they will remain strong in their faith and witness to Christ.

Tuesday 2nd - The prophet Jeremiah assures us that God listens to our prayers. In Jeremiah 29 v 12 it says "You will call to me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." Our prayers may be inadequate and fragmented but the Holy Spirit will transform them according to God's will. Prayer is extremely important in all areas of our lives. The influence of our prayers goes far beyond what we can see and comprehend. Please pray for the **Week of Prayer** from Mon 1st-Fri 5th September. Pray that many will attend as we enter a new church year.

Wednesday 3rd- **Majed and Anna** will be once again visiting Northern Ireland at the beginning of this month. They are visiting various congregations and people who support them in their work in Poland, where they witness to various groups about their faith in Christ. There is still a great need for witnessing to Muslims in Gdansk and getting alongside Ukrainian refugees in Poland. Please pray for safety in all their travels and that they will have an encouraging visit to Northern Ireland.

Thursday 4th- **Coffee Morning** recommences today. Everyone who comes along will be made very welcome. It runs from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon and if you haven't been before come along and enjoy tea, coffee, scones and biscuits. It is an opportunity to join with others and make new friends. Pray that all will enjoy the experience of fellowship and friendship.

Friday 5th- Give thanks to God and praise Him for **Stephen**, our Minister, for how he leads us in worship and preaches each Sunday. Pray that, after the summer break, he will adjust to the busy autumn programme of preaching and teaching. Pray for his preparation for the continuing sermon series on Mark and for the Midweek programme 'God Talk'. Pray also for Stephen as he visits homes and hospitals. Pray that, as he works alongside Kirk Session, he will know the presence, wisdom and guidance of God in all that is planned and done.

Saturday 6th – Continue to pray for the congregations of **Naas and Newbridge** and for Mark and Zoe and all the ministry they are doing there. Pray that outreach activities will bear fruit and for patience and trust that God will open doors and hearts in that community. Pray also that all plans will go smoothly during the next session, especially as they consider changes to the church building and the election of a new Committee.

Sunday 7th — Think of **Matthew Kirk, our Licentiate Assistant**, as he spends his ministry training placement here in Muckamore. May God grant him health, strength and guidance as he takes on this new challenge and for the work ahead. Ask God to equip him to grow in his role and ministry, respond to many needs and to be able to support Stephen in a variety of roles. May he and his family settle quickly into our church family and may his Presbytery Licensing service tonight be a real celebration for all.

Monday 8th – **Andrea Fothergill has just taken on the role Pastoral Worker**. Ask God to help and guide Andrea as she visits homes, hospitals and Nursing and Residential homes. Pray that everyone she visits will feel blessed by sharing time with her. Pray also that she will feel God's presence in every situation and have the right words to comfort and support those bereaved, dealing with serious illness or those facing difficult personal circumstances.

Tuesday 9th— Give thanks for our **GB Camp** which took place in August. As the girls go back to school, pray that the Lord will help them remember the theme of the weekend, Psalm 91v4: "He will cover you with His feathers; you will take refuge under His wings. His faithfulness will be a protective shield." Give thanks for friendships made and rekindled, both amongst the girls themselves and with their officers. Pray for enthusiasm and energy as the new GB year starts.

Wednesday 10th – Today, give thanks and pray for our **Moderator Right Rev Dr Trevor Gribben** as he begins his busy autumn programme. Pray for safety in travelling and stamina for all his activities. Pray for him as he visits congregations, carries out Presbytery tours, takes part in special church and community events, encourages ministers and engages with congregations throughout Ireland. Pray that he will be aware of God's presence in all his work.

Thursday 11th – It's been a good year for **farmers**. Livestock prices, including milk, beef, poultry, sheep and pigs have all been on the increase with only cereal growers struggling with the price of barley and wheat. There is a lot to be thankful for but new legislation such as inheritance tax and planning permission will cause concern for all farmers. Please pray for wisdom dealing with these matters.

Friday 12th - Praise God for serving personnel who have come to faith this year and for the continual witness of our **Scripture Readers** across the UK. Pray that serving Christians will desire to grow in faith and be a witness to those they serve with. Pray for continued opportunities for Paul and Scott, our N.I. Scripture Readers, to support and encourage serving Christians in N.I.

Saturday 13th –Praise God for the **choir and musicians** who lead us each week as we worship God. Pray that God would use their talents for His glory and our good. Give thanks especially for Jane and Brian as they lead this team.

Sunday 14th- Pray that as we share in the **Lord's Supper** this morning, that this will be a time of genuine reflection and renewal for our souls. Pray that we will truly focus our eyes on Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12v2). Pray too for the leaders of our church organisations and activities, as they rededicate themselves to the work for the new church year. Pray that Jesus will be seen in all that is done in His powerful name this winter.

Monday 15th- Pray that our young people will engage with **Scripture Union** groups in school. Pray for the Antrim & Lisburn Schools' Worker, Rebekah Armstrong, as she helps students and teachers prepare programmes for the coming year. Give thanks for SU camps and CSSM groups that have taken place over the summer. The children will have sung the song, "One way, Jesus; You're the only one that I could live for." Pray that in school SU groups, they will continue to be encouraged and excited in their faith in Jesus.

Tuesday 16th – As the **Kirk Session** meets this evening, pray that God will bless and inspire our Elders. Pray for wisdom as they focus on areas such as Worship & Prayer, Discipleship & Training, Compassion & Community, Pastoral Care, Youth & Children, Evangelism & Mission, and Resources needed to support the Mission and Ministry of MPC. Pray that the Lord will build them up in the faith and encourage them, as they continue to study "Gospel DNA" together.

Wednesday 17th-Pray for **PW** as it recommences for the Autumn programme. Pray for the Committee as they plan and as they organise the speakers. Pray that new members would attend and that good friendships and fellowship would occur. Pray that the ladies would feel empowered and supported.

Thursday 18th – **BB** plays an important part in the life of boys of all ages from our church and community. Praise God for the impact that this outreach organisation has had on many, and for the many ways through which boys have been reached with the good news of the gospel. Pray for Jacqui and the team of leaders, that they would know God's help and direction as they develop programmes and lead the weekly meetings. Pray that the boys who attend would have fun in learning new skills, and that they would ultimately commit their lives to Christ.

Friday 19th – Many brothers and sisters across the world are **imprisoned for their faith** in restrictive countries; (North Korea, Iran, Pakistan - to name a few.) Pray that they will experience God's peace and strength and even in their suffering the light of Christ will shine through them. Pray for their safety and release. Pray for peace and provision for the families of those imprisoned.

Saturday 20th- Tomorrow is **International Peace Day**. Pray for places in the world where peace is desperately needed. Pray that countries will find diplomatic solutions that will bring harmony between nations. Pray for local churches in places experiencing conflict; for Christians living in fear and danger. Give thanks that a restoration of our broken relationship with God brings true peace. Pray that we will not give up hope of peace as we long for the day when nation will no longer make war against nation and when swords will be beaten into ploughs and spears into pruning knives (Isaiah 2v4).

Sunday 21st- Our **BRJ children's ministry** allows young/primary school children to hear and respond to God's Word at their level and helps both children and leaders to grow in their relationship with the Lord and each other. Give thanks for all the co-ordination work carried out by Sandie and for all the leaders and helpers who plan and teach Bible stories, memory verses and songs each week.

Monday 22nd – Please pray for our young people who have left school and will be transferring to **further education/university** this month. Pray for those who will be leaving home and moving into student accommodation or Halls of Residence. Pray that they would have the courage to share their faith in this new environment. Pray also that they would make Christian friends in their course and would get involved in Christian/Scripture Unions.

Tuesday 23rd - **Muckamore Tots** is a very effective means of reaching out to parents, grandparents, carers and children from our church and community. Pray for the leaders as they organise the weekly programme and as they welcome and encourage members, especially newcomers. Pray that friendships would be developed and nurtured and that as a result of the contact they have made through the Tots' group, those who do not normally come to church may feel able to come along to a service.

Wednesday 24th- The Session is currently looking at our **Church Hall Complex**. There are many factors to consider including the need for a larger main hall, a larger kitchen that has access to both the Foyer and Main Hall, toilet facilities, a dedicated creche facility and a need for a more specific youth space. Various options are up for discussion at a Congregational Meeting this evening, to which everyone is invited. Pray for wisdom in deciding on the needs of our Congregation and the costs involved.

Thursday 25th – Many **Cancer charities** rely on donations and prayerful and practical help to give people the support they need during worrying times. Both patients and carers may need financial help, respite help, emotional support, advice on daily life and routines, travel to appointments etc. Give thanks for the many professionals working in this field to advance medical treatments and for volunteers who provide support in many ways to help people living with cancer remain positive and to aid their recovery.

Friday 26th- Sadly the **Russian- Ukraine war** has been ongoing since February 2022. Please pray for the families who are grieving the loss of loved ones; that they would know God's comfort in their grief. Pray that world leaders would encourage constructive dialogue in order that a peaceful solution could be reached as quickly as possible.

Saturday 27th- Thank God for the gift of sport, and for the variety of sports teams that are available for all ages. As the new season starts off, thank God for **Sports Chaplains** who play an important role in encouraging Christian players and also a vital role in getting alongside those who have no faith. Give thanks that chaplains are welcomed and encouraged to support players, coaches and committee members particularly in times of illness, family difficulties or bereavement. Pray that God's love would be evident through what is said and done.

Sunday 28th – We give thanks for **HUB**, for Steve and all the leaders and the Christian teaching and environment, fellowship, and support which it provides. There are so many **issues facing young people today**, such as images and ideas expressed through social media and peer pressure. Think of them and their parents as they cope with various pressures and ask that they can be surrounded by God's love and good support networks to guide and help them deal with these negative influences.

Monday 29th – During September and October various events have been organised to develop the **Mission 2025 focus**. These include 3 special Sunday evenings entitled ' Life Story ' and a special Mission Weekend at the end of October. Also, during September the Elders will host district meals where several districts will come together to enjoy a meal and fellowship. Pray that the congregation and those living in the local area will respond to and attend some of these events and will enjoy the fellowship and opportunities for outreach they offer.

Tuesday 30th- We continue to pray for those who have been **bereaved**, either recently or a long time ago. The pain of losing a loved one never goes away and so we pray for the comfort, care and loving arms of God to enfold all who are hurting today. Pray that we may be channels of God's love by lending a listening ear, helping out practically or sending a message of encouragement when needed. Psalm 34:18 says "The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit".