WEEK 1 // JANUARY 1ST - 7TH

DAY 1 – Psalm 84 – Longing and yearning as we prepare for and participate in worship

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord of Armies. I long and yearn for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh cry out for the living God. -- Psalm 84:1-2 (CSB)

- Pray to encounter the living God in worship.
- Ask God to bless your minister, musicians, leaders, teachers, and welcomers.
- Pray that many would meet Jesus—either for the first time or in a deeper way.
- Ask that our church family would be a warm, hospitable home for all.
- Remember those who are hurting, lonely, grieving, anxious, or
 ill
- Pray for peace and reconciliation where relationships are strained.
- Pray for congregations across PCI gathering today, asking God to pour out His favour so His people glorify and enjoy Him.

DAY 2 - Psalm 139 - Delighting in my personal relationship with God

Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began. God, how precious your thoughts are to me; how vast their sum is! If I counted them, they would outnumber the grains of sand; when I wake up, I am still with you. -- Psalm 139:16-18 (CSB)

- Praise God for His saving grace, holiness, truth, and perfect care.
- Thank Him for Christ's obedience, sacrifice, and the Spirit's transforming work.
- Give thanks that God knows and surrounds you, guiding your life with purpose.
- Ask Him to search your heart; confess sin and receive His forgiveness.
- Pray for deeper intimacy with Christ and grace to follow His leading (Philippians 3:12).

DAY 3 - Joel 2:28-29 - Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

I will pour out my Spirit on all humanity; -- Joel 2:28 (CSB)

- A fresh outpouring of the Spirit in MPC—renewal, deeper prayer, hunger for Scripture, repentance, and joy.
- Healing, salvation, and Spirit-empowered transformation in lives across our church family.
- Courage and boldness for believers to live and witness in the Spirit's power (Acts 1:8).
- God's glory to be seen in supernatural ways that honour Christ and advance His kingdom.

DAY 4 - Colossians 3:12-17 - The Church Family at Muckamore

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive. 14 Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. -- Colossians 3:12-14 (CSB)

- Gratitude for the church family we are part of and the joy in being brothers & sister in Christ together.
- Deep repentance and humility where needed—personally and corporately.
- Unity of heart, mind & purpose across the whole church family.
- God's glory to be our chief desire in worship, service, and mission.
- Growing devotion to God, one another, and Christlike love in action.
- Fresh filling of the Holy Spirit, empowering obedience and witness (Acts 4:31).
- A stronger heart for the lost in our community.
- Generosity in giving, serving, and caring for the poor.
- Strong families: husbands and fathers loving well; wives and mothers nurturing in Christ; children coming to saving faith early and growing in wisdom (Luke 2:52).
- Protection from spiritual forces seeking to divide or discourage the church (2 Thessalonians 3:3).

DAY 5 - Hebrews 13:3 - The Persecuted Church

Remember those in prison, as though you were in prison with them, and the mistreated, as though you yourselves were suffering bodily. -- Hebrews 13:3 (CSB)

- Strength, protection, and courage for persecuted Christians in nations such as China, Iran, Pakistan, Nigeria, and North Korea.
- Provision for families suffering for their faith and for churches forced underground.
- The gospel to advance powerfully in places where opposition is strongest.
- That persecuted believers would know the presence, comfort and victory of Christ.

DAY 6 - Philippians 1:3-7 - Gospel Witness in Naas Presbyterian Church (Republic of Ireland) - Partners with Rev Mark & Zoe Proctor

I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, 4 always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. -- Philippians 1:3-5 (CSB)

Prayer Points from Mark:

- In January and into February, we will be planning for and promoting Christianity Explored courses in Naas (and possibly Newbridge too). Please pray that the congregation will prayerfully consider who to invite to come along with them.
- SoulWorks, our open-mic music event for teens and young adults is planned for Friday 30 January. Please ask the LORD to use the connections being made with the young people and their families, and to generate growing spiritual interest.
- Our plan to remove the pews and pulpit from the church building, and to replace with chairs, has been moving forward more slowly than expected due to conservation/heritage issues.
 Please pray for good progress this Spring.
- In January, the Sunday teaching series and Explore the Bible groups will be focussed on the Psalms, before we return to Luke's Gospel in February. Ask God to use His word to transform all our lives to honour and serve Him in 2026.

DAY 7 – 1 Peter 5:1–4 – Church Leadership at Muckamore

Shepherd God's flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but willingly, as God would have you; not out of greed for money but eagerly; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. -- 1 Peter 5:2-3 (CSB)

- Protection for our ministers, elders, staff and leaders from spiritual attack (Ephesians 6:10–12).
- Wisdom and discernment for Rev Stephen McNie (our minister & teaching elder), the Kirk Session, Committee, and ministry leaders as they guide MPC.
- Rest, renewal, and encouragement as they serve Christ and His people (Matthew 11:28–30).
- Deep personal closeness to Jesus in prayer and the Word.
- Strength through supportive friendships, fellowship, and unity in leadership.
- Unity among the pastoral team along with Stephen: Andrea Fothergill (Pastoral Visitor), Stephen Gleghorne (Youth Discipleship Worker), and Matthew Kirk (Student Assistant Minister).