



Prayer Diary October 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

1st Peter Ch 2 v 5

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like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Wednesday 1st- The **Ladies' Bible Study** recommences today at 10.15am. The group will be studying another Life Builder Study Book entitled, 'Prayer, an adventure with God' by David Healey. All ladies will be made very welcome. There is the opportunity to receive the new study books at this meeting and catch up over a cup of tea. Please pray that all who attend will enjoy fellowship together and as they study God's word they will know God's presence and grow together in faith.

Thursday 2nd—Continue to pray for all **Deaconesses** working in a variety of settings such as congregations, hospitals and communities. Give thanks for the pastoral work they have done, for how they share the love of Christ with those they meet and all they continue to do for God's glory. Give thanks for any Deaconesses personally known to us, or who have been a spiritual blessing to us in different situations. Pray that each one would know the presence of God in their daily work.

Friday 3rd - As there is a great need for Ministers to fill PCI vacancies throughout Ireland pray that God will lead suitable individuals towards training and this vocation. Pray for all those **students for the Ministry** either commencing or resuming their course this academic year. May the teaching and study of the Bible enable each student to gain valuable knowledge and skills throughout their course. As they work towards and become Ordained Ministers may they be able to apply their training to life lessons both now and in the future.

Saturday 4th – Tonight is the first of our **District Meals** where families from our Elders' districts will meet together to share a meal. Give thanks for this opportunity to share food and fellowship together. Pray that conversations would be filled with love, grace and compassion, drawing us closer to God and to each other. Give thanks that as a church family, we can celebrate life together. Pray that God will help us to "rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" and "live in harmony with one another" (Romans 12v15-16)

Sunday 5th—Pray for the congregations of **Naas and Newbridge** and ask for the Lord's blessing in the busyness of all that is planned. Ask the Lord to bless the Christianity Explored courses planned to run this autumn and the door to door distribution of literature. Pray also for the election of the new Church Committee and classes in the local Church of Ireland primary school. Pray that God will be at work in young lives as His Word is taught. Ask the Lord to give them a growing gospel concern for their friends of different faiths and none and that they will be prayerful and willing to speak about this truth.

Monday 6th – Today is the **first day of Sukkot**. The Feast of Tabernacles is a joyful festival for Jewish people, where they give thanks to God for the harvest and for the exodus from Egypt under Moses, when they lived in "booths" (temporary dwellings in the wilderness). This festival also looks forward to the coming of the Messiah. As Christians, let us rejoice in God's provision of salvation for us in Jesus Christ, the Messiah, and pray that God will open the eyes of many Jews today to see their long-awaited Messiah in Jesus.

Tuesday 7th – We think of older and frail people and others who find the **cold, dark weather of Autumn** and Winter frightening. Many may be anxious for their personal safety, particularly the fear of falling, crime, isolation and poor health. They may also worry about rising costs eg. food, heating and electricity and could be experiencing physical or mental pain and loss of independence. Ask God to protect them in their homes, when driving or walking and that they may be empowered by His love and comfort in these dark days.

Wednesday 8th – 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.

Thursday 9th- During the period of October 2024 to March 2025, a total of 7,637 households presented as homeless in Northern Ireland. **Homelessness** can have severe consequences for families including loss of stability, emotional distress and poverty. Unfortunately, over 5100 children are living in temporary accommodation which leads to disrupted education, mental health challenges and limited access to healthcare. Pray that there can be more suitable housing provided and that agencies may work together to find strategies to alleviate this huge problem.

Friday 10th - **World Mental Health Day** is celebrated every year on 10th October. It is an opportunity for us all to talk about mental health and consider how, together, we can help everyone have better mental health. This year's theme is 'Access to Services' - mental health in catastrophes and emergencies. There is an urgent need for better care, understanding and support for all sufferers. Please pray for all who suffer from mental health issues to receive the appropriate help they require.

Saturday 11th - The **Irish Women's Convention** took place yesterday evening and also today in the Assembly Buildings, Belfast. The subject this year is "Faith in a Chaotic World (A study in Habakkuk)." The address will be from Taylor Turkington from Portland, Oregon speaking on the subject that Jesus changes everything and we walk in His grace every minute. Please pray for the speaker, that she will know God's presence and that all who attend will be greatly blessed. Please also pray for safe travel for all who attend.

Sunday 12th - Today as we celebrate **Harvest**, let us give thanks for God's amazing provision for us. Thank God for the rich variety of food we enjoy, examples of which we can see all around us in church today. Pray that we will not be wasteful or greedy, but that we will find ways to share God's blessings with those who are in need locally and overseas. Give thanks for God's promise in Genesis 8v22: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night will not cease."

Monday 13th- Pray for **PCI's Thompson House**, which provides much needed temporary accommodation for released prisoners and others under statutory supervision. Thank God for the support, encouragement and expertise that is provided by staff on a daily basis. Pray for wisdom, stamina and patience for David Farrow and the staff as they oversee the daily running of the house. Pray that our monthly food and toiletry donations might be seen as a tangible sign of God's love and compassion to the residents there.

Tuesday 14th- Thank God for our **Church Committee** members and ask that God will guide them as they meet tonight and discuss practical matters concerning our church. Following the recent congregational meeting may they be able to further plans to raise sufficient finance to allow a bank loan to be granted. Pray for clarity, unity of purpose and support for the proposals for a rebuild/refurbishment of the hall complex and that progress towards these goals may occur.

Wednesday 15th- Our **PW/Woven group** meets tonight and the speaker is Kaye Steele from Christian Aid. Pray for Kaye and the work of this organisation as she brings her message of how Christian Aid is seeking to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes. They are working in areas of disaster/emergency such as Afghanistan, Myanmar, Sudan, the Middle East and Ukraine. Pray for women's ministry in Muckamore and that PW may continue to provide a sense of belonging, support and care to all women in our congregation.

Thursday 16th- **World Food Day** is celebrated every year on this date. We all have a role to play to realise the vision of a world without hunger and malnutrition. This day is celebrated widely by many organisations including 'Save the Children' who are concerned with hunger and food security. Save the Children recognises that every child deserves to grow up well nourished. But for millions of children across the world, hunger is their everyday reality. Please pray for all involved in providing lifesaving support to children and families in response to the devastating hunger crisis.

Friday 17th – 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 18th – Thank God for **Matthew Kirk** who has recently joined our congregation in his role as Licentiate Assistant. Thank God for the experience and skills that he has already gained through his education and work, and pray that as he spends time in Muckamore he will be able to build on that foundation and increase his experience of ministry and preaching within PCI. Pray also for his wife Caroline, and their children Archie, Beatrix, Cedric and Douglas, asking that they would settle quickly and feel very much at home in our congregation.

Sunday 19th – Today is the **Enrolment Service** for our BB and GB companies. Pray that all who attend, members and their families, will know the warmth and challenge of God's presence in church today. Pray that God will help each girl to Seek, Serve and Follow Christ and each boy to remain Sure and Steadfast in their faith. Give thanks for the Captains, Officers and helpers. Pray that God would bless and strengthen them as they teach and show the young people the love of Jesus in their lives.

Monday 20th - Pray for the **men's ministry** within Muckamore, for those who organise and speak at different events. Pray that men would be encouraged as they meet together, that they would build one another up in their faith and commit to pray for one another.

Tuesday 21st – Thank God for the **work** we do on a daily basis. Pray for anyone we know who might be struggling at work just now, and where tensions, anxiety or exhaustion are a problem. Pray for God's wisdom and energy for those in positions of responsibility, for those who have to work very long or antisocial hours and for those who have to work away from home for a period of time. Pray for discernment for all who are trying to maintain a healthy balance between work, family life and church involvement.

Wednesday 22nd- Give thanks for the Week of Prayer at the start of September which was well attended. Pray that as we **gather tonight for prayer** that we would know God's presence among us and we would enjoy fellowship together. May we be encouraged to know that Jesus is at God's right hand and is also interceding for us.

Thursday 23rd- Thank God for the **crèche** which meets each Sunday morning during church and for each baby and toddler there. Thank God for parents and carers who bring their children into the crèche so that they can take part in Worship. Pray for all the leaders, and thank God for their commitment to serving in this very important work which allows parents, grandparents and carers to attend the morning service.

Friday 24th- **Romans 15v13**. “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Just as Paul prayed this prayer for the church in Rome, let us pray it for our fellow believers in Muckamore!

Saturday 25th – We give thanks for **Denise, our Treasurer**, and ask that she is able to balance all the demands and commitments upon her time, given the many aspects of this busy role. Ask God to help her with the daily, weekly and monthly tasks as well as providing annual accounts and financial statements in a timely, accurate and transparent way as legally required by statutory bodies. As we think of the long term needs of the church building pray that financial resources will be made available to further God's kingdom in this place.

Sunday 26th – Tonight is the third and last evening of the ' **Life Story Gatherings**.' This is part of our Mission 2025. At these evenings we have been hearing how lives have been changed when people have given their lives to the Lord. Many who have attended the first two evenings will have been encouraged by what they have heard. Pray also that many will attend and once again be encouraged, challenged and blessed by what they hear.

Monday 27th- Pray for families as they try to manage **care for their children** while they are at work. Pray for grandparents who are so willing to take on this caring role. Pray that God would give them strength and stamina especially as they may be dealing with their own health or other challenges.

Tuesday 28th –**Tearfund** tackle poverty through sustainable development, responding to disasters, and challenging injustice. One of their latest appeals is the Afghanistan Earthquake Appeal. Thousands have been left devastated by the Afghanistan earthquakes. Three major earthquakes have hit the eastern part of the country in 6 days killing more than 2,200 people, injuring 3,600 and destroying entire villages. Please pray for those affected by this disaster. Pray for healing and for Tearfund's staff and partners who are faithfully responding to the needs of survivors.

Wednesday 29th- Continue to pray for **vacant congregations** in this Presbytery and beyond. Pray that, as Presbyteries meet to discuss the future of individual congregations, they would have wisdom and clarity. Pray that as church members await a decision about the future of their church, they would have patience and a sense of understanding as they look to the future. Ask God to be near to all Assistant Ministers who are awaiting a call to a congregation or who have recently received a call. Pray that they will know God's leading and His direction in their lives.

Thursday 30th- Give thanks to God for this **weekend of mission** in Muckamore. Pray that we would have the courage to invite our non-Christian friends to come along. Pray for the speaker, Jonathan Thomas (Pastor & Broadcaster, Wales) that God would use him in a mighty way to present the gospel. Pray that this mission will lead some to be aware of their sin separating them from God and that they would put their trust in Jesus Christ.

Friday 31st – John 1v5: “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” Give thanks today that through Christ the devil, demons and death have been crushed! Pray that God will protect us and our families at **Hallowe'en**, when those around us seem preoccupied with darkness and godlessness. Pray that as Christians we will be a “beacon” of Christ's light every day and not just at Hallowe'en.

