



Prayer Diary November 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

I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in Heaven itself.

Psalms 89 v 2

Saturday 1st- Russian police have been raiding **churches in occupied areas of Ukraine** issuing fines to pastors and mission workers. Pray for comfort, strength and protection for pastors and mission workers. Pray for an end to the war and Russian occupation and that plans for a ceasefire will be successful.

Sunday 2nd - We give thanks for another Sunday when we can **praise and worship God**. Thank Him for the opportunities we have had to worship Him, to learn about His love for us and to reflect on His goodness over the past few evenings of mission. As we come to praise Him at our evening service today, we pray that we will approach Him with thankful hearts and lift up our voices to praise the One who holds us in the palm of His hand.

Monday 3rd -A few new folks have attended **Naas Presbyterian** recently so pray that they will become regular worshippers and serve the Lord there. "Explore the Bible" meets regularly in Naas and in Newbridge to study God's Word and to pray. Please pray for newcomers to both groups. The Soul Works open-mic outreach to young people and their families is planned for Fri 28 Nov. Ask God to give gospel opportunities through this informal event. Also please ask the Lord for wisdom as they plan for outreach at Christmas, especially the "Carols Together" event on Fri 12th December. Ask God to bless all the work being done in His name.

Tuesday 4th- **South Belfast Friendship House** is a PCI community outreach project located in the Sandy Row area. It offers a warm, welcoming environment and runs homework clubs, youth and adult groups to connect into the community. Pray for wisdom and stamina for the staff - Robert, Abbi and Louise, the Deaconess, as they share the love, joy and peace which can only be found in Jesus.

Wednesday 5th- Give thanks for **Andrea Fothergill**, who has recently joined the ministry team as Pastoral Visitor for our congregation. Thank God for the skills, experience and expertise which she brings to this role. Pray for her as she seeks to provide a listening ear, and as she offers support and encouragement to those who need her help. Ask God that she will be very aware of His presence as she connects with and befriends those in our congregation.

Thursday 6th - Please pray for the **elderly** as life can suddenly change for them due to illness. Some may have to go into hospital and it can be a frightening and confusing time. Sadly, some may be unable to live on their own due to mental or physical needs and family may not be able to cope. Please pray that they will know God's presence, feel content and not feel forgotten if they have to leave home to go into a residential or nursing home. Please pray also for the staff, that they will be filled with love and compassion.

Friday 7th - Continue to pray for those who have been **bereaved** in recent days, weeks or months. The pain of losing a loved one is very great even after the passing of time. Pray that each grieving person will be aware of the presence of God, and that they will feel His peace and His strength as they face each day. Pray that God would enable us to come alongside to listen or to offer practical help where it is needed.

Sat 8th - **Mark 4v41: "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"** Give thanks that our God and Saviour is in control. Nothing is beyond the power of Jesus. Praise Him today!

Sunday 9th - Today in Worship we celebrate **Communion**. Pray for the new members of our church, that they will feel part of our church fellowship and can serve alongside others to grow in their relationship with God and His people. Give thanks that they have found a spiritual home here in Muckamore. Pray that we will devote ourselves to the teaching of God's Word, to fellowship with our church family and to our mission as we reach out to all in our community during this time.

Monday 10th- Under the chairmanship of our Minister, our **Session** continues to meet the third Tuesday of every month. As in previous meetings the Session will review every aspect of church life, including the appointment of our new Pastoral Visitor, Andrea Fothergill and Matthew Kirk, our new Assistant Minister. Pray that they are both enjoying their new roles and finding their work rewarding and fulfilling. Pray also for the Session as they plan ahead for our Christmas celebrations and that the Lord Jesus will be honoured in everything we do.

Tuesday 11th - Today we remember those who have given their lives to protect us and our freedom. Give thanks for those who **served during times of war**. Pray for those who have returned home with physical and emotional scars, those who continue to suffer psychological distress from the horrors of war, and for those who mourn the loss of their loved ones. Pray that God would grant peace and that He would guide world leaders to build a future without war.

Wednesday 12th- Give thanks for the midweek series on **God Talk** which started in September. This has been well attended, and we have greatly benefitted from hearing about how God speaks to us through His Word. Pray that as this series continues we will learn more about the various doctrines contained within Scripture and that we will be able to apply this teaching to our lives.

Thursday 13th- Tomorrow is **World Diabetes Day** and the theme is 'Diabetes and Wellbeing'. This theme centres on people being able to access diabetes care and support so that everyone with diabetes has the chance to live well. People with diabetes face challenges that affect their physical and mental health. Please pray for all who are suffering and for all the researchers who are searching for a cure. Pray that their skills and knowledge will bear fruit and make progress towards this goal. Pray for the promotion of ways to prevent diabetes or delay its onset, through a healthy diet and physical activity.

Friday 14th - 1 Tim 2v1-2: "First of all then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity." Pray for **King Charles today on his 77th birthday**. Pray for wisdom and integrity, his health and family, and pray that God in Jesus will touch his life.

Saturday 15th- Remember in prayer the P7 children in our church family, who will be sitting the first **SEAG transfer test** paper today, and the second on 22nd November. Pray that they and their parents will know God's peace. Pray that they will be calm and remember what they have learned. Pray that they will know the promise of God in Jeremiah 29v11, that God has plans for them, even though they are young.

Sunday 16th – Following on from Remembrance services and parades, pray for increased opportunities for **SASRA Scripture Readers** to share our hope found in Christ with serving personnel.

Monday 17th - Pray for the 2535 **refugees and asylum seekers in NI** today. Many have fled from war and persecution in their own countries and seek a better, safer life for themselves and their families. Pray for Christian groups who are reaching out to these people, offering practical and spiritual help in Jesus' name. Pray especially for school age children, that they will be able to access English language and other educational programmes to help them with their future needs and employment.

Tuesday 18th - Think of our **GB** company as they meet each Tuesday evening. Pray for encouragement for the Captain, Sharon Allen and the leaders as they undertake their programme and activities in the months ahead. Pray that the girls are excited to be part of GB and participate fully and in a respectful manner each evening. Please remember the GB and give thanks that new volunteers have been able to give their time, skills and talents to help serve in this organization.

Wednesday 19th –Thank God for our **Woven/PW group** which meets tonight. Give thanks that women from our church can meet in this smaller group to find friendship and fellowship. Pray for tonight's speaker, Amanda Hanna from Ballykenver Farmshop. As she speaks about "Honesty box to Farmshop; Unserved to Saved", pray that the women attending would be enlightened, encouraged and blessed by what they hear.

Thursday 20th — Please remember in prayer those who are **carers**, looking after family members. Across the UK today 5.7 million people are carers, supporting a loved one who is older, disabled or seriously ill. Caregivers have one of the most taxing jobs, physically, mentally, emotionally and socially and many are young people. Pray that carers will have strength and endurance when weary, for courage during challenging times, for patience during moments of frustration and for endurance to persevere. Pray also that they will receive all support that is available.

Friday 21st - Praise God for the increased number of young people who attend **Youth Club**, including some who do not normally attend church. Pray that they would feel safe and valued in this environment. Praise God that the young people are more settled during the epilogue and that there has been useful discussion within the small groups. Pray that young people would come to a saving faith in Christ as they hear the gospel every week.

Saturday 22nd – Praise God for the **gift of life and creation** and how He has generously organised the heavens, earth and all they contain to provide for us. May we be filled with humility, wisdom and strength to be good stewards of this gift. Pray for forgiveness for our neglect and careless habits that have led to pollution and damage to future generations. Pray for those in positions of power that God would grant them wisdom to make decisions that protect the vulnerable and steward the earth wisely. Pray that they would act out of compassion and that leaders would be raised up who would honour God in their service.

Sunday 23rd – Give thanks that today in church we can enjoy the participation of our young people from **BRJ**. Pray that those taking part will be brave and not nervous. Pray that no matter how young they are, they will know a sense of Your presence, as they lead us in prayer, Bible reading and singing. Pray that the congregation will be encouraged by, and be an encouragement to, our young people and that we will all enjoy a true sense of being one family in Christ Jesus.

Monday 24th- Remember Evelyn as she leads and organises the **Badminton Club**, which she has done faithfully for so many years. Ask that she and all who attend may enjoy good health and wellbeing. May visitors feel welcomed when they come along and all enjoy meeting with friends and playing together. Pray that through conversations and actions there will be a sense of compassion, support and fairness to others and God's presence will be with Christian members in their witness.

Tuesday 25th- The voices of women and girls are being raised loudly to highlight that too many across Northern Ireland have been **subjected to violence, abuse, fear and intimidation**. Preventing violence against women and girls is one of the most pressing challenges facing our society today and much more needs to be done. Pray that various agencies, government and police will use more resources to protect those in danger. Please pray for refuge for the survivors of violence. Pray especially for women who are facing abuse and its dreadful consequences.

Wednesday 26th- **Street Pastors** are trained volunteers from local churches who care about their community. They patrol in teams of men and women, usually from 10 pm to 4 am on a Friday and Saturday night, caring, listening and helping people who are out on the streets. Please pray for more volunteers, especially some younger people, who may be able to get alongside others. Please also pray for the volunteers to attend the training sessions to deal with the increasing problems which they are facing on the streets.

Thursday 27th – We give thanks for all the boys who attend **BB** and pray that the gospel teaching will reach into the homes of these boys. We pray and give thanks for all the leaders who give their time, enthusiasm and protection to all those in their care. May God continue to be at the centre of all they do and may each week be a time for faith, friendship, fun and creativity.

Friday 28th – Remember the young people in our church family who are taking **important exams/mocks** before or after Christmas. Ask also that those at college or university prepare well for exams and assignment deadlines. Pray that God will keep them from anxiety and stress and that they may focus and be disciplined as they study. Pray that they will be rooted in their knowledge that their inherent worth and dignity as a child of God is far greater than any exam results.

Saturday 29th- At this time of year when the weather is bad, evenings are dark and the traffic is heavier in the run up to Christmas, we earnestly pray for **safety on the roads**. Pray that each driver and pedestrian would stay alert and safe. Pray for the various emergency services, asking for God's protection on them as they are called out to difficult situations or scenes of accidents in all weathers.

Sunday 30th – As we gather to worship on this **first Sunday of Advent**, ask God to help us prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas, and the longed-for return of Christ at the Second Coming. Pray that we will focus our hearts and minds on Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Heb 12v2).