



Prayer Diary December 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 give thanks to you Lord, with all my heart: I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Psalms 9 v 1.

Monday 1st – The **Seniors Christmas Lunch** is taking place this afternoon in the Church Hall. Pray that all those attending will enjoy the fellowship, Christmas fare and music. Loanends Primary School choir will be singing carols and Brian and Jane will also be playing music. Give thanks for all who have organised and prepared the lunch and that everyone will be uplifted by meeting together at this special time of year.

Tuesday 2nd - Yesterday was **World Aids Day**- (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) ,a condition which comes about because of the damage done to the immune system. It is most acute among the poor, the impoverished and marginalised and is spreading rapidly among women, leaving millions of children orphaned around the world. Please pray for those affected by this terrible illness and for all working around the world to try and prevent it. Pray for medical professionals; that wisdom and skill are used to treat all with compassion and that researchers will be given new insight into treatment options.

Wednesday 3rd- The Christmas period can be a **very lonely time** for those who live on their own. It is a time of year when many look forward to spending time with family and friends. Sadly, that is not the case for everyone. There are those feeling the loss of loved ones, those who do not have a family around them and those feeling forgotten. Give thanks for the work and sacrifice individuals make to help the poorest in our society at Christmas. Please pray for all who are lonely and help them to know that with Jesus they are never alone.

Thursday 4th- We continue to pray for anyone who is **struggling with an addiction**. Pray that anyone who thinks they may have an addiction would feel able to come forward for help or counselling knowing that they will not be judged. Give thanks for PCI's Carlisle House which aims to provide an opportunity for individuals to begin the journey to recovery. Pray for the staff there, and for the outworking of the support programmes. Pray for the provision of Gray's Court which is a half way house towards independence in the community.

Friday 5th-Please remember to pray for anyone who is **working away from home** this Christmas. Pray that they would know God's presence with them, and that they would be able to find a time and place to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas even while busy in essential work. Pray for families who are separated through distance over the Christmas period. Pray that they may be able to keep in touch and that no one would feel too isolated or lonely during this Christmas season.

Saturday 6th -As we enter the Christmas season, many children will take part in **Nativity Plays**, and family and friends will attend. Give thanks for the freedom we have in our country to enjoy these celebrations. Pray too for **Carol Services**, where the true meaning of Christmas is proclaimed. Pray that God will open people's eyes and hearts to "Immanuel" - God with us, in Jesus.

Sunday 7th – Think of the **Naas and Newbridge** congregations over the Christmas and New Year period. Give thanks that Mark and Zoe have a real heart to bring Christ into these communities and pray for them in all their efforts to do so. Please pray for a good response to outreach efforts during this season, especially the "Carols together at Christmas" on Fri 12th Dec which we hope many in Naas will attend.

Monday 8th – Heavenly Father, we cry out to You for our **persecuted sisters and brothers in Nigeria**. Comfort and heal all who have been attacked, traumatised or bereaved and fill them with the hope of Christ particularly over the Christmas period. Pray that the Nigerian Government, and Governments around the world will take notice of the severe persecution in the country and take decisive action to eradicate the problem.

Tuesday 9th— Today give thanks for the **Christian Police Association** as it offers support, advice and encouragement to Christians in the Police Service. Pray for the Association as it aims to communicate the message and hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ to colleagues and the community they serve. Pray for its work with churches, where the aim is to reduce crime and improve people's quality of life. Pray for wisdom and grace for Police Officers as they enforce the law.

Wednesday 10th – Tonight the **Christmas Tree lights** at the Church will be switched on. There will be carol singing and a short Christmas message from our Minister Stephen. Please pray for favourable weather and that many will attend, particularly from the local area. May all enjoy this community event and join together in the hall afterwards for juice and mince pies. Pray that those who don't belong to our church will receive a warm welcome in Jesus' name.

Thursday 11th – Thank God for the recent opportunity we had to contribute items to the **Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal**. Thank God for the joy of giving to children who do not enjoy as many of the tangible blessings as we do. Pray that, as these boxes are distributed among children of all ages and in a variety of countries, they would know they are loved and cared for. Pray that they may learn more about God's love and His salvation through the enclosed Bible Story Book.

Friday 12th - **MPC Youth Christmas Dinner** takes place this evening. Please pray that this would be an enjoyable evening for both the leaders and the young people who attend. Pray for good fellowship within the group and for meaningful conversations in which young people are directed to Christ's love for them.

Saturday 13th – Our **Church Officer Elaine Houston** works so hard and efficiently to keep our buildings clean and tidy each week. Give thanks for her service and commitment, which she carries out in such a humble and respectful way. We would be unable to carry out all the activities each week without her work behind the scenes. Pray that she and her family have a restful Christmas period where they will know and experience many of God's blessings and peace.

Sunday 14th- Continue to thank God for the large number of **volunteer helpers in Muckamore**. Today, give special thanks for all our members who work tirelessly, quietly and faithfully in the background. These jobs, which are not ‘up front’ and not always obvious are nonetheless vital for the smooth running of our church. Thank God for those who welcome, set up rooms, put on heat, serve teas, look after sound and technology, distribute magazines, give lifts, say a word of encouragement or pray regularly in their own homes. May each one know that their contribution is very important in God’s eyes and for the good of everyone.

Monday 15th – The Jewish festival of **Hanukkah (the Feast of Dedication, or Festival of Light)** is celebrated this year from 15th - 22nd December. On each of the 8 nights, candles are lit and it is forbidden to lament or fast. Jesus Himself probably celebrated this festival in the Temple in Jerusalem (John 10v22). This year the festival falls close to Christmas. Pray for Jewish people all over the world that their eyes would be opened to Jesus, the Messiah and the true Light of the World.

Tuesday 16th – Give thanks for all **serving personnel who have come to faith** and been baptised this year as a result of the ministry of SASRA. Pray that our Scripture Readers will find rest and refreshment as they spend quality time with family over Christmas. Pray that serving personnel who have been in contact with Scripture Readers would feel listened to, understood, and cared for and would consider Christ over this Christmas period

Wednesday 17th- Tonight is the **Woven(PW) Christmas evening**. Pray that friendships that have been established within the group would deepen. Also pray that as the women meet together, they would reflect on God’s many blessings towards them and that this would be a time to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thursday 18th – **International Migrants Day** highlights the challenges of those who leave their homes in search of a better life and the interconnectedness of our global community. It celebrates and involves activities that promote inclusivity, empathy, and understanding of migrant experiences. Pray for the many around the world who are fleeing from wars, violence, abuse, torture, imprisonment, poverty, famine and climate change. Pray for people to respond with compassion and equality to the cries of those seeking refuge.

Friday 19th – In the last 10 years, the number of homeless households in NI has more than doubled, up from 13,600 in 2015 to over 32,000 in 2025. **Homelessness** has huge effects across society. There are those sleeping in doorways and parks, in hostels and night shelters. There are those who can only find shelter for the night but must wander in the daytime and families broken because they can’t pay the rent. Please pray that shelter, security and hope will be provided. Pray also that God will guide those in positions of power to make providing housing and shelter a priority.

Saturday 20th- Remember in prayer **those travelling home** to spend Christmas with family and friends. Pray that God will keep them safe on roads, in the air, and at sea. Pray that they will not experience delays but will arrive home without hindrances. Give thanks for this opportunity to spend quality time with their families and friends. Pray too that they will feel welcome to join us in church to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Sunday 21st- Please pray for all who will be leading our **Christmas Carol Service** this evening. Remember the readers, choir and musicians and Stephen as he opens God’s Word to us. We give thanks for all the preparations and organisation of the service and the supper afterwards which the Choir have so kindly provided. Pray that we will experience the Christmas story in a real and meaningful way and that the coming of a Saviour into the world will impact us not just at this time of the year but every day of our lives.

Monday 22nd – Although we experienced quite mild weather in November, **weather conditions are changing** at this time of year. Sudden drops in temperature can create freezing temperatures and the possibility of black ice or even snow. People are rushing about with Christmas preparations- minds are on all sorts of things, presents, food, entertaining and visiting friends and roads are very busy. Please pray that all drivers will focus on the road and be alert to all the dangers around. Pray all will obey speed limits and reach their destinations safely.

Tuesday 23rd – Right now 4.5 million **children live in poverty** in the UK. That's 100,000 more than the figures for 2022 /23 and is 31% of all children. This is a devastating number of children going without the safe and happy childhoods they deserve. No child should have to pay the price of poverty which can affect a child's physical and mental health. Many children live in low income households that struggle to afford essentials like warm winter coats and fresh fruit and vegetables. Please pray for children suffering due to poverty and for those working hard to end child poverty and support families who are in need.

Wednesday 24th- Reflect on **Luke 1v30**: But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.

Thursday 25th – **We thank God for Christmas!** Luke Ch 2 v 11 “Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord”. Pray that on this special day we keep Christ in our Christmas celebrations. As we join with family and friends remember those who may be struggling at this time of year and pray that we all will look to God for hope, guidance and strength in a broken world.

Friday 26th- Let us give thanks for **Stephen, Sarah and Beth** and the ministry they provide within Muckamore Church and the wider community. Pray that they would enjoy special family time together over this Christmas period as there are often so many demands and commitments, particularly on Stephen and Sarah. Pray that they would know God’s richest blessing upon them and that He would protect this family.

Saturday 27th- Thank God for our recent **week of mission entitled ‘Big Questions’** when Jonathan Thomas spoke to our people with such clarity and winsomeness. Thank God that, as he engaged with us, we were able to think about the deep questions of faith, gaining insight for ourselves as well as receiving some words of encouragement or challenge to pass on to others. Give thanks for each person who benefitted, was challenged or uplifted by the talks given. Thank God for any new people who came along to our church that week.

Sunday 28th –Thank God for the privilege of **being able to gather together freely for worship** today and to be encouraged and challenged from God’s Word once again. We pray that as we go into a new week and return to our workplaces and communities that God would enable us to be salt and light wherever we find ourselves. Ask for God’s presence, strength and wisdom as we interact with neighbours, work colleagues, fellow students or family members. Pray that God’s love and compassion would shine through us.

Monday 29th – Pray for **those living with cancer**; those awaiting results or undergoing intensive treatment or surgery. Ask God to be with patients and their loved ones as they experience worry and anxiety on this difficult journey. Pray that God would be a constant comfort and give them strength to recover and get back to good health. Pray for all the health professionals and volunteers who support, inform and show compassion to patients and their families as they deal with the physical and emotional effects of this illness.

Tuesday 30th- Give thanks today for couples whose **enduring and loving marriages** are an encouragement to those around them. Give thanks for the example and wisdom their lives provide for young couples starting out in married life and for those experiencing challenges and difficulties. Pray for all who are married, that with God's help, they will continue to respect and honour their marriages, "submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ". (Eph 5v22)

Wednesday 31st – **Philippians 3v13-14**: "Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus." Pray as the New Year approaches, that we will keep our focus on Jesus. Pray that our thoughts and actions will reflect the love of Jesus in our lives to people around us.