

Let's Pray

Sun 5 May - Sat 11 May 2024

Sunday 5 May

- **Moderator** | Give thanks to God for our parents. May we know the blessing of honouring them in line with the fifth commandment. Remember the Moderator as he preaches in Drogheda Presbyterian Church and as he and Karen travel to London for a reception at Buckingham Palace.
- **Answering God's invitation to worship** | 'Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.' Psalm 95:2. Thank God for those who lead us in musical accompaniment in worship today. Ask him to help us to respond to his invitation to praise him in music and song.

Monday 6 May

- **Diane Cusick, global mission worker, Zambia** | Pray for the ministers in Mazabuka and Kabushi congregations as they oversee the projects of building a toilet block and an Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centre. Pray that both projects will soon be completed and help to overcome the challenges in each community.
- **Hungarian Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine** | Pray for Bishop Sandor Zan Fabian as he seeks to give wise and courageous leadership to the congregations of the Transcarpathian Church District and for the resilience of church members in the face of so many challenges in the region.

Tuesday 7 May

- **Deaconesses** | Pray for the current recruitment of new trainee deaconesses, with applications currently open to begin training at Union College in September 2025. Pray also for an upcoming information morning on Saturday 1 June.
- **Drogheda** | Pray for the life & witness of this home mission congregation, particularly as they prepare for an upcoming church weekend on 18-19 May. Pray for this time of fellowship, teaching, praise, food & fun for the whole church family.

Wednesday 8 May

- **Stephen and Angelina Cowan, global mission workers, Kenya** | Give thanks for the education programmes and for great opportunities to teach the Bible in schools. Pray that the words and actions of teachers would be aligned, and for an increasing number of people to persevere in learning to read.
- **United Bible Training Centre (UBTC), Pakistan** | Pray for the Christian women and girls currently undertaking Bible courses at UBTC, that they would mature as disciples of Christ, well-equipped to serve in church, workplace & community.

Thursday 9 May

- **Jack Wright, community outreach worker, St Andrew's, Bangor** | Give thanks for the Young Life Day Camp for teenagers that took place at St Andrew's over Easter, and for the young people who committed to following Jesus. Pray for wisdom and help from the Lord as we disciple these young people, so that they have every opportunity to grow.
- **Drumkeeran, Killeshandra, Cavan and Bellasis** | Pray for the continuing life and witness of these congregations in the Monaghan Presbytery under the ministry of Rev Jean Mackarel.

Friday 10 May

- **Volunteering** | Throughout PCI many take on voluntary roles and dedicate their time & expertise to helping others. Give thanks for those who act as a designated person for child protection and adult safeguarding within their congregation. Pray for guidance for those who have recently taken on this role, that they may find the training and support useful.
- **Asylum seekers and refugees** | Pray for those who arrive on the island of Ireland having fled their homes and livelihoods in other troubled parts of the world. Pray that they would receive appropriate help and assistance and give thanks for initiatives like the International Meeting Point which provide support.

Saturday 11 May

- **General Council** | Pray for PCI's Financial Secretary, Ken Swarbrick, and the staff of the Financial Secretary's Department as they finalise PCI's central accounts with the auditors and prepare them for the General Council and General Assembly. Pray also for the staff as they carry on the other 'routine work' of the department in this busy period when they are finalising the end of year accounts.
- **Training in Ministry** | During May, week-long ministry intensive modules are held in Union College. These are for ministry and deaconess students, and allow for an intensive period of study on pastoral care and other practical theology issues – excellent preparation for students as they prepare to serve full-time in congregations over the summer period. Pray that God would use these to equip students for his service.