

# Let's Pray

Sun 3 December - Sat 9 December 2023

## Sunday 3 December

- **Moderator** | *Hebrews 1:3 "The son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the majesty of God." Take time to worship God who, in Jesus, perfectly communicated the character and work of God.*
- **Worship as an act of faith and love this Christmas** | *"'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled.' Then the angel left her." Luke 1:38. Pray that we might approach worship this Christmas season with all that we are, offering our lives afresh in faith and love to God.*

## Monday 4 December

- **Edwin & Anne Kibathi, global mission workers, UK** | *Give thanks for Edwin & Anne's London-based work, praying for energy & God's guidance during this busy advent season & that they would enjoy some restful time together with family.*
- **Leaders in Training (LITS)** | *Pray for the 25 Leaders in Training in six countries being supported with scholarships from PCI in the coming year, that they would be equipped effectively for key leadership roles in ministry and mission.*

## Tuesday 5 December

- **Heather McCracken, deaconess, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust** | *Pray for the hospitals and clinics as they are full and overflowing. Pray for all healthcare workers who are overworked and stretched to their limits. Pray that they can be kind to themselves as they offer selfless care to others. Pray for our chaplains, as we listen, care and pray for staff, patients and families.*
- **Bray and Blackrock** | *Pray for these congregations as they meet to worship on a Sunday, that they would know the love of Christ and would be encouraged to share the good news with those in their local community.*

## Wednesday 6 December

- **Csaba and Ilona Veres, global mission workers, Hungary** | *Pray that Csaba and Ilona would have a good connection with the leadership and members of the church plant team in Bodaszólló; that the team would preach and model the love of Jesus in the community and live out peace and unity.*
- **Association for Theological Education (ATEN), Nepal** | *Give thanks to God for the life and witness of Dr Ramesh Khatri, the founder of the ATEN library and the Nepal Prayer Movement, who passed away on 21 October 2023. Pray for God's comforting presence for his family and colleagues in ministry.*

## Thursday 7 December

- **Toni Bassett, community outreach worker, West Belfast Special Project** | *Praise God for the welcome Toni received in the community and opportunities that have arisen to visit families. Pray these would continue and for deepening of friendships so that hope and truth may be shared and new life experienced.*
- **Craigavon** | *Pray for the congregation as they deliver 3,000 Christmas cards in their local community, that these will be a witness & a blessing to those who receive them & that some will take up the invitation to attend Craigavon's carol service.*

## Friday 8 December

- **Scams** | *Many older and vulnerable people are falling victim to scams. They are targeted and exploited by telephone, email and postal methods. Scams not only result in financial hardship for the victim but can have a serious impact on the mental health and wellbeing of individuals. Vulnerability to scams is often the result of loneliness and isolation. Pray that we will all become more aware of those who are lonely and isolated in our communities.*
- **International Relations** | *With many different crises happening across the world pray for global leaders, that they would make wise decisions and seek outcomes for the good of all people. Pray especially for those agencies and organisations which support displaced peoples in countries which often do not have many resources to meet this demand.*

## Saturday 9 December

- **General Council** | *Pray for the staff carol service to be held this incoming week in Assembly Buildings. Give thanks for those who work in the General Assembly's offices, especially as they reflect on the message of the Saviour born at Christmas.*
- **Training in Ministry** | *Union College Management Committee meets on Monday 11 December to review the work of this term and plan for next year. Give thanks for the work of this semester, and pray for the Committee with all of the matters before it this week.*