

Let's Pray

Sun 15 December - Sat 21 December 2024

Sunday 15 December

- **Moderator** | *Today the Moderator will be leading services at Tartaraghan (celebrating its 200th anniversary) and a carol service at Magherally. Pray for the life of these two congregations, giving thanks for their history and witness over many years and for their ongoing ministry and mission in their respective communities.*
- **Worship as witness this Christmas** | *'When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.'* Luke 2:17-18. *Pray that our Christmas worship will be a means of spreading the word as a witness to those who only attend at this time of year.*

Monday 16 December

- **Diane Cusick, global mission worker, Zambia** | *Give thanks that Diane has arrived back safely in Zambia after home assignment and pray that she would know continued good health. Give thanks for the new school building undergoing construction in Ndola and for congregations in Zambia and Ireland who have been contributing to building this Early Childhood Development Centre.*
- **France** | *Give thanks for 50 years of faithful service by Faculte Jean Calvin (FJC) and for its important role in promoting reformed theology in the French-speaking world. Pray for the lecturers as they train men and women for ministry in various Reformed or Protestant denominations. Give thanks for Professor Gordon Campbell's long association with FJC and pray for him as he continues to contribute from time to time to the teaching there.*

Tuesday 17 December

- **Josh McCance, community outreach worker, Balbriggan** | *We give thanks to God for his faithfulness to us in meeting for five years this January! Pray for newer families who have recently started coming to church that they would be willing to invest in the life of the church family. Pray for the process of electing new elders, that God would give his wisdom and direction in this important decision.*
- **Derryvolgie Hall** | *Give thanks for the semester that has taken place in Derryvolgie Hall. Pray that the students will have rest over the Christmas break after a busy season of events and studies. Pray for the staff at Derryvolgie Hall, for energy and strength as they plan a new term, particularly in planning and organising the 30th year celebrations coming up in March and May.*

Wednesday 18 December

- **Stephen and Angelina Cowan, global mission workers, Kenya** | *Give thanks for the opportunities that Stephen and Angelina had to speak about their work while on home assignment and that they have now arrived back safely in Tuum. Pray for the FOCUS interns as they organise fellowship meetings aimed at nurturing the students in the Christian faith. Pray for the youth camps due to be held 10th – 20th December, that lives will be changed and God's name glorified.*
- **GMIH, Indonesia** | *Pray for the Evangelical Christian Church in Halmahera (GMIH), especially Rev Dr Demianus Ice, General Secretary, and all on the Executive Team as they seek to give wise and strategic leadership to the church. Remember Rev Prof James Haire, former PCI missionary to Indonesia, as he visits the church in Halmahera in mid-January.*

Thursday 19 December

- **Mission Department staff** | *Remember the staff of the Mission Department as they prepare for a break after a busy & demanding term. Give thanks for Helen Johnston (Mission Support Officer), Neil Harrison (Mission Development Officer), Michelle Pollock (Office Manager) and Joyce Craig (Personal Assistant), praying that they would know rest and refreshment over the Christmas season.*
- **The Village Project, South Belfast** | *Give thanks for this new mission project that will be developing a fresh witness in this area and seeking to establish a new worshipping community in Pembroke Street in the years ahead. Pray particularly for Gary O'Rourke as he begins work as a Mission Pioneer in February to give leadership to this new work.*

Friday 20 December

- **Financial concerns** | *With Christmas coming and increases in household costs, many families are finding that income from wages simply aren't enough to keep pace. This often leads to borrowing money & the accumulation of debts which they see no way of repaying. Pray for families in this situation and for organisations such as Christians Against Poverty (CAP), which provide advice, help and hope.*
- **Experiencing loss** | *Pray that those feeling the pain of loss, or dealing with trauma, whether recent or from long ago, would know and be assured of the hope and restoration that Jesus, Light of the World, can bring this Christmas.*

Saturday 21 December

- **General Council** | *As Christmas Day approaches, pray that ministers, elders and members throughout the congregations of PCI might know special times of worship in our church families as well as a time of refreshment and rest.*
- **Training in Ministry** | *Give thanks for the completion of another term at Union College, & pray for students & staff - that they would be blessed with rest & refreshment over the Christmas break. Pray too for those in congregational placements - that they would benefit from being part of the church family that they are placed in – both for their own walk with the Lord, and their preparation for ministry.*