

Sunday 19th

Thank God that we have been able to hear His word online. Pray for those in our Church Family who cannot access our church in the same way. Pray that they will know God's presence and find strength through reading his Word and comfort in prayer.

Monday 20th

Henry Bell starts a training session on peace making and mediation today. He asks prayer that he and others might benefit from these days of training, ultimately that they might be better equipped to help those in conflict or broken relationships.

Tuesday 21st

Avisai & Judith Suarez write: *Pray for those from our local community who have very difficult lives and already struggle to cope. That they would continue to get the support they need during this time of social distancing & isolation.*

Wednesday 22nd

Pray for those who have recently been bereaved. Pray that they will know God's peace and comfort, particularly at this time of social distancing.

Thursday 23rd

Robert & Kyla Cuthbert ask prayer for some of those who we have got to know over the past 2 years, that we would know how to share the gospel with them appropriately. In particular Mamadou, Blaise, Samba and Astou.

Friday 24th

Pray for the **Pastoral Team**, that they would know the leading of the Holy Spirit in all they do. Help them to know how to best support the congregation while abiding by Isolation rules.

Saturday 25th

Remember those in **Residential Homes**. Ask for God's peace for those who have not been able to receive visitors. Pray also for those who are unable to visit their family and friends at this time.

Sunday 26th

Ask God to speak into our hearts within our current situation. Pray that through services relayed online and our own Bible reading that our hearts and minds will be open to receive His message.

Monday 27th

Henry Bell asks prayer for missionaries around the world caught up in the Covid-19 quarantine and isolation requirements. Please pray that in the midst of naturally difficult and stressful situations, they might know the Lord's peace and be alert to new opportunities to serve their communities and witness for Christ. May this be true of ourselves also.

Tuesday 28th

Pray for **frontline workers** and for effectiveness in the essential tasks they are carrying out. Ask that God will keep them safe in their work.

Wednesday 29th

Pray for those in positions of power as they decide what is best for our country. Ask God to give them wisdom and to guide the decisions they make.

Thursday 30th

As we approach a new month, ask God to give us renewed patience as we spend more time at home indoors. Ask God to open our eyes to the opportunities to spend more time in Prayer and Bible Study as well as an opportunity to be good witnesses to our neighbours.

*We surround the family of
Jim Crawford
Emily Russell and
Pearl McConaghy
with our love and prayers in
their recent bereavement and
sorrow*

First Presbyterian Church Portadown

April 2020

Prayer Calendar

Please use this information to pray for our congregation and its ministries every day.

*“Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”
Hebrews 4:16*



Wednesday 1st

Luke & Karis Carson write: *Please pray for all staff going through changes with London City Mission from missionaries on the front line to those in headquarters and the board. Pray for me as I try to work out what ministry will look like going forward and that I can keep reaching out to those in the margins with the love of Jesus.*

Thursday 2nd

Robert & Kyla Cuthbert write: *We have a busy summer coming up with Mum, Dad and Jayne coming in May followed by the CE team, the Finlays and another family, and then possibly 2 members of Ballysally church visiting too. Please pray for all the preparations for these and that God would use all these for His purposes.*

Friday 3rd

John & Sarah Kennedy write: *We have flights to N. Ireland booked for the 17th May 2020, via Qatar and then on to London and finally Belfast. Then on June 8th we are due to fly to JFK, New York to be with Sarah's family. The visit home is beginning to look impossible. Please pray for calmness and an acceptance of the situation. Also, that the airlines would reimburse us!*

Saturday 4th

Pray for those who live alone, particularly at this time of Isolation. Pray that they feel the presence of God at this time.

Sunday 5th

Pray for the **Children in our Church family**. Pray that although they cannot come to CLICK that they will continue to learn about God alongside their families within their homes.

Monday 6th

Jonathan & Nicola McCracken write: *Remember some of our special Easter events with the church and wisdom at this time with the coronavirus. Pray for the church family here in these uncertain times.*

Tuesday 7th

Pray for the girls who usually attend the Girls organisations. Think particularly of those for whom these organisations are their only contact with Church. Pray that those seeds planted in Rainbows, Brownies and Guides will continue to bloom while at home with their families.

Wednesday 8th

Avisai & Judith Suarez write: *At this hugely uncertain time please pray for those refugees/ asylum seekers living in NI. That God would protect them and their families in their home countries.*

Thursday 9th

Remember the BB Boys and leaders at this time. Pray that the boys will remember the lessons they have learnt so far this year and that they will be able to display God's love in their actions at this time.

Friday 10th

We remember today, the pain and suffering of the cross, and all that Jesus was willing to endure, so we could be set free. He paid the price, such a great sacrifice, to offer us the gift of eternal life. Help us never to take for granted this huge gift of love on our behalf. Help us to be reminded of the cost of it all.

Saturday 11th

Pray for those in the congregation who are seriously ill and also for their friends and families who will try to support them from afar at this time.

Sunday 12th Easter Sunday

On this special day let us praise God for the truth of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. May we be reminded of the hope of the gospel at this worrying time.

Monday 13th

Pray for a spirit of hope and peace, for **John & Sarah Kennedy** even if their plans require changing because of the current situation.

Tuesday 14th

Robert & Kyla Cuthbert write: *Pray for the longer-term plans for the work here in Senegal. There are 3 other missionaries who are involved and this year we will be running a coaches' training as well as looking at starting a youth football program here in Dakar.*

Wednesday 15th

Avisai & Judith Suarez write: *We would appreciate prayer that Eliab would remain healthy and protected from contracting the virus. And that somehow through this worldwide crisis we will be used by God to bring him glory.*

Thursday 16th

Luke & Karis Carson write: *Pray for a couple of our guys who are getting released from prison this month. Pray for secure housing to come through for them, for work opportunities, for good Christian friends and for a loving church community to embrace them. Pray that we would be there for them in the ups and downs and could support them well.*

Friday 17th

Jonathan & Nicola McCracken write: *Pray for Jonathan as he prepares a short "Reflections" programme each week for the local Community Radio.*

Saturday 18th

Pray for those who will feel an increased sense of loneliness with the loss of daily group activities, Church and interactions with others. Pray that they will know God's calming hand on their hearts.