

First Presbyterian Church Portadown

April 2021

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*



Thursday 1st

Henry Bell will be taking part in an international day of prayer. He will lead prayer starting at 5pm for an hour with a focus on the Middle East. Please join with him in praying for peace, renewal and the growth of the church through the ME.

Friday 2nd Good Friday

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 3rd

Jonathan & Nicola McCracken - *Pray for an Easter leaflet that the Claremorris church will give out to homes in the town and surrounding area. The details of the church, an invitation for a free Bible and a short message about Easter are printed on the inside. Pray for the Easter services as we meet up on Zoom. We are thankful that we have been able to keep connected as a church during lockdown. The government is to review the restrictions on 5th April.*

Sunday 4th 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 5th

This Easter ask God to draw close to those who cannot see family and friends.

Tuesday 6th

John & Sarah Kennedy write: *Please pray for patience and stamina for online learning throughout the hot season. We doubt if school will reopen this academic year. It is particularly tough for our final year students who may not get to meet up again.*

Wednesday 7th

Pray for the roll out of the **Covid vaccines**. Pray that those most vulnerable will receive theirs swiftly.

Thursday 8th

Pray for the **Pastoral Team**, that they would know the leading of the Holy Spirit in all they do.

Friday 9th

Pray for the **Church Refurbishment Project**. As we reach the final stages of the project pray things will finish up smoothly.

Saturday 10th

Avisai & Judith Suarez write: *Praise God that Eliab got his Statement through quickly and has a place in Seagoe Primary School Nursery Unit for September. He also got a place in Happy Tots Play Group, a few days in March and then starting properly after Easter. Please pray that he will settle into both well and adjust to 'school' life quickly.*

Sunday 11th

Remember those who do not yet feel comfortable enough to return to in-person worship. Ask God to speak to them as they continue to watch from home.

Monday 12th

Pray for the remaining pupils who will return to school today. Pray that the transition from home learning will be smooth and that they settle quickly.

Tuesday 13th

John & Sarah Kennedy write: *It is that time of year again in which the staff gaps for next year look intimidating. Top of the list is a campus principal and two mathematics teachers (otherwise I will be teaching everyone!!)*

Wednesday 14th

Robert & Kyla Cuthbert write: *Pray for clarity and guidance regarding our partnership with ITES Bible college and the next steps for that.*

Thursday 15th

Luke & Karis Carson write: *Please pray for Karis and I as we return to ministry inside the prison (end of March). Karis will pick up where she left off with her statutory chaplaincy duties and I will be trying to implement some new strategies to get people linked with local churches after their release. We will also continue our groups, Bible studies and visits. Pray for the men I have not seen in person since before Christmas that we would still have trust with them.*

Friday 16th

Pray for those in the congregation who are seriously ill. Pray also for their friends and family who will try and support them within these difficult times.

Saturday 17th

Robert & Kyla Cuthbert write: *Please pray for preparations for our next coaches get together in May.*

We surround the family of
Archie Gibson
with our love and prayers in
their recent bereavement and
sorrow

Sunday 18th

Luke & Karis Carson write: *Give thanks for the online training day I helped run for churches and volunteers interested in prison ministry or supporting ex-prisoners, we had over 60 attendees and some great follow up conversations. I was also able to bring in some men I know who came to faith in prison help with the sessions. Pray that now action would be taken and we would see more people drawn into loving Christian communities.*

Monday 19th

John & Sarah Kennedy write: *Please pray that the quarantine on re-entry to the country would become a bit 'softer'. At the moment on arrival to Cambodia, one does a two-week quarantine in a government appointed hotel and the fees are extortionary.*

Tuesday 20th

Avisai & Judith Suarez write: *Please continue to pray for the refugees and asylum seekers in our towns and cities across Northern Ireland. That they will hear of God's love for them while they are here in our country, and that the local churches and Christians across our province will have a burden to reach out to them.*

Wednesday 21st

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 22nd

Henry Bell will be concluding today his role of facilitating the WEC UK&I leadership in a process of setting goals for the coming 4 years. Please pray that they may all be led by the Spirit and that these goals would be in line with His will and purpose.

Friday 23rd

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.

Saturday 24th

Robert & Kyla Cuthbert write: *Pray for decisions about our summer plans as there are a few things we need to fit in.*

Sunday 25th

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

Monday 26th

Pray for all those attending school. Ask that God will keep them and their teachers safe from the virus.

Tuesday 27th

Robert and Kyla Cuthbert write: *Pray for clarity and guidance regarding our partnership with ITES Bible college and the next steps for that.*

Wednesday 28th

Pray for those who **live alone**, particularly in this continued time of isolation. Pray that they feel the presence of God at this time.

Thursday 29th

Pray for the **frontline workers**. Although numbers are falling there is still a very real threat. Pray that they will have renewed strength and protection in their work.

Friday 30th

Avisai & Judith Suarez write: *Please pray for Avisai's visa application. The solicitor has applied for 'settled status' for him but said that he is not sure he will get it because I, Judith, was not born in the UK, though I am British and have a British passport and birth certificate. We would appreciate your prayers that the Home Office would process the papers quickly, and that it would be granted. If we hear nothing by July, we have no choice but to continue the pathway we are already on. A 10-year path to 'Leave to Remain' in the UK.*