#### Sunday 20th

Jonathan & Nicola McCracken write: Pray for a German girl Ayleen who is over on an exchange visit to a local secondary school here. She has been attending the church. Pray for her host family that they would trust us and get to know us a bit more.

#### Monday 21st

Robert & Kyla Cuthbert write: Praise God that the kids have all settled into school again (Micah for the first time) and Jacob is doing well with homeschooling.

## Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Pray for our **Pastoral team** in all areas of their ministry. Pray that they will know sensitivity and wisdom in every situation.

# Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Avisai & Judith Suarez** write: 23-28 October **Avisai** will be flying to England for the annual WEC UK Conference.

Please pray for safety in travel and that Conference will be a blessing for all who attend. Also pray for Judith and Eliab at home.

## Thursday 24th

Jonathan & Nicola McCracken write: Sarah will graduate today in Limerick. We give thanks for this and that she has got a job in an Early Learning centre in Claremorris.

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

Pray for **SHINE Café** as they ladies meet. Pray that God will continue to grow the friendships that have been made there.

# Saturday 26th

Remember those who have been bereaved in recent days. Ask God to comfort them at this difficult time.

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

We thank God for our Children's ministry in **CLICK**. Pray that the truths taught to children week by week will be applied by the Holy Spirit and that they will believe in and follow Him who is the truth.

#### Monday 28th

John & Sarah Kennedy write: Please pray for continued staff unity (which we do have). A divided team is a disaster and thankfully we have been spared this. Humility goes a long way, so do pray that none of us would feel ourselves to be superior than anyone else!!

#### Tuesday 29th

Pray for all in our congregation who are ill. Pray that they may know the comfort and presence of the LORD. Also remember doctors, nurses and all in the caring profession as they carry out their ministry of compassion

## Wednesday 30th

Avisai & Judith Suarez write: Please pray for Eliab to continue to enjoy p2 and to stay healthy in the coming winter months. He has settled very well so far into school life and routines again, which is amazing. He is also settling much better into CLICK this year too. Pray for us as parents too. (We were very thankful for the recent parenting course)

# Thursday 31st

Pray that our children and young people may be spiritually protected from Satanic influences in all their activities especially at this time of year.

We surround the family of Noel Dickie Mervyn Strain

with our love and prayers in their recent bereavement and sorrow

# First Presbyterian Church Portadown

October 2024

# **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



#### Tuesday 1st

John & Sarah Kennedy write: Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct 3, is the Khmer Pchum Ben Festival. The Festival of the Dead, when ancestors are released from the underworld to harass the living. It is great opportunity for the Khmer church to stand strong and be counter cultural. Pray that they will be bold and faithful.

## Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jonathan & Nicola McCracken write: We give thanks that all the funding has come in to purchase the new building for the church here in Claremorris. Pray as we work with the owner and solicitors for the sale to go through.

#### Thursday 3rd

**H & S B** are heading off today with their German colleagues for a 6-hour drive going east. They are hoping to buy good wood heaters for the winter. Pray for us as we live, serve and work here together. May we be a united team in the Lord.

# Friday 4th

Luke & Karis Carson write: Prisons week is in October and I am aiming to get a lot of churches in London to pray specifically for Pentonville every day for a week. We are also hosting an exhibition of prisoner's artwork, poetry and prayers that will hopefully remind people to pray for the men in Pentonville. Please pray that it leads to more engagement with churches.

## Saturday 5th

Robert & Kyla Cuthbert write: Please pray for Robert as he has 3 full-time interns starting this month. 2 are coming on board to oversee the Academy and Admin/Finance/Operations with a view to working with us long term. The other will be coaching at the Academy and doing some Theological training at the Bible College over the next 9 months. Pray that they all settle in well and that we can build a strong team to run the ministry here.

## Sunday 6th

Lord, as we gather around your table this morning, may we take the time to remember your great sacrifice for our sins.

# Monday 7th

Avisai & Judith Suarez write: Avisai will start a new role in IMP from October, 4 days a week, Monday to Thursday. As a result, The Woodshed will be changing from a Tuesday to a Friday.

## Tuesday 8th

Eden Girls: Praise God for all the girls who have returned and for new recruits. Please pray for the girls who have moved sections that they may settle quickly and enjoy their new programmes. Pray also for leaders as they prepare weekly devotions and for health and safety as they continue to carry out this weekly work for the Lord.

# Wednesday 9th

Pray for those who will come along to **Chatterbox** this morning. Pray that the leaders will have opportunities to engage in meaningful conversations with those who come along.

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

H S & B leave today for a short break and conference in Thailand. Pray that they will be refreshed in body and spirit and benefit from the teaching and training offered. They are booked to return in 2 weeks, but Henry will come back earlier if needed.

#### Friday 11th

**Luke & Karis Carson** write: In October we will be starting the Discipleship Explored course in prison. Pray for a good turnout every week, for the men to engage with and understand the material and for openness and honestly in the group discussions.

#### Saturday 12th

Pray for those within our fellowship and circle of friends who are ill or facing difficult circumstances.

#### Sunday 13th

Pray for our **Harvest Thanksgiving Services** today; that God would speak into the lives of all who attend especially those who will visit our church at this time.

#### Monday 14th

Praise God for the many activities that take place in our church week by week.

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Praise God with **Robert & Kyla Cuthbert** for all the gifts that have come in to build the house, purchase the solar system and water supply. Please pray for the remainder needed for the perimeter wall for security.

#### Wednesday 16th

John & Sarah Kennedy write: Sarah is really enjoying her class (P5) but she has a couple of girls who need a lot of learning support and Sarah feels ill equipped to help them. Pray for patience and wisdom to know how to best teach them.

#### Thursday 17th

Jonathan & Nicola McCracken write: Pray for the Ladies Evening as they meet up and enjoy a painting night together. Pray for some friends who come along but don't go to the church.

#### Friday 18th

Pray for **EG** (14+ Girls group) as it meets this evening. Pray the girls will enjoy time together and be blessed with helpful spiritual conversations.

#### Saturday 19th

Pray for those who attend **CE** this evening that God will speak to them through the message they hear