

Saturday 21st

Jonathan & Nicola McCracken will go to a local Nursing Home for Carol singing as a church group. Pray for them as they meet with the staff and residents there.

Sunday 22nd

Pray for the **all-age service** this. Ask God to bless those who come along in person particularly those who do not often attend church.

Monday 23rd

Pray for Fostering teams all over NI at the minute – that people continue to come forward with a heart for caring for children. Pray for all the children in the care system who are struggling more than they need to because they have nowhere to call home due to a real shortage of available foster homes.

Tuesday 24th

Pray for all those who particularly feel their loneliness at this time of year that they may know the reality of Emmanuel – God with us.

Wednesday 25th

On this Christmas Day **praise God for the gift of His Son.**

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

Thursday 26th

Pray for many who are physically and mentally tired after the pressure of Christmas, that they all may know spiritually the truth of Isaiah 40:31
“...they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

Friday 27th

John & Sarah Kennedy & Family go on their traditional family trip to the mountains in the NE of the Cambodia, in search of lower temperatures and a breeze. It is a 7 hour drive, one way. Pray for a safe trip, both ways. Alli Mellon and her 5 adopted children will be in a 'convoy' with them. Sarah will drive Alli's car as Alli is recovering from ankle surgery!

Saturday 28th

As we approach 2025 ask God to continue to move within our hearts that we may seek to know Him more in the New Year.

Sunday 29th

Pray for those in our congregation who are carrying burdens of illness and bereavement.

Monday 30th

Pray for many who face 2025 with apprehension, that they will place their faith and confidence in God.

Tuesday 31st

On the last day of 2024 praise God for all his blessings during the past year and pray that He will continue to lead us in the year ahead both individually and as a congregation

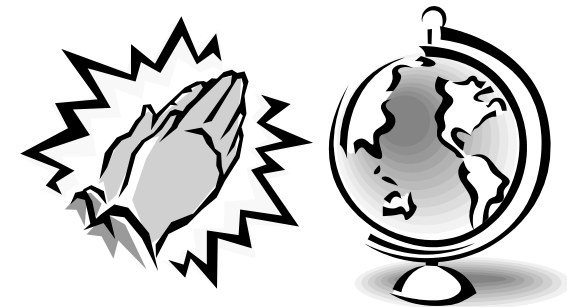
First Presbyterian Church Portadown

DECEMBER 2024

Prayer Calendar

*Please use this information to pray
each day for our congregation and its
ministries*

*“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*



Sunday 1st

Jonathan & Nicola McCracken end their ECM Ireland Team weekend Retreat today in Castledaly Athlone.

Monday 2nd

Avisai & Judith Suarez write: *Praise God for the recent Family fun night we (Welcome churches Team) hosted in the café area. It was well attended by many families who come to Shine Café and Woodshed.*

Please pray that these special events will help us to deepen relationships and have more opportunities to share Gods love.

Tuesday 3rd

H & S B write: *Winter has come, and the community is quieter as some elderly folk and children move to lower altitudes with their cattle, for these months. Pray for the on-going land leveling work on the farm, for God's protection over the workers. Thank you.*

Wednesday 4th

Luke & Karis Carson write: *Please pray for our 'Case For Christ' events in HMP Pentonville in December. We will be showing the Case For Christ film and having discussion groups on the evidence for Jesus, his death and resurrection. It is a great opportunity to get new prisoners to join our groups and for us to share the gospel to those who know very little about the Christian faith. It's also a good way to help prisoners with faith feel confident in answering questions about Jesus.*

Thursday 5th

Robert & Kyla Cuthbert will be hosting a 2-day leadership training for our staff and our partner academies.

Friday 6th

Avisai & Judith Suarez write: ***The Woodshed.*** *We have recently had opportunities to share more about the Bible with one or two of the guys in a deeper way. We would appreciate that God will use these conversations to impact them with his word.*

Saturday 7th

Pray for the boys and girls as they enjoy the Christmas season. Ask that they will quickly learn the true meaning of the Christmas season.

Sunday 8th

Pray for those who cannot attend church due to ill-health. Ask God to draw close and strengthen them at this time.

Monday 9th

Luke & Karis Carson write: *Pray for one of the men who came to faith earlier this year in prison. We are trying to help him get sorted with accommodation and a job when he gets released, and things are looking hopeful for this to happen soon. Pray that any obstacles will be removed and that he will be patient while he waits to get released. He is also sharing the gospel with his family, pray that they would see the change God has made in his life and want to attend church with him when he gets out.*

Tuesday 10th

Pray for the young people who will soon return from University to celebrate Christmas with their families.

Wednesday 11th

John & Sarah Kennedy write: *A prayer of gratitude. This year (so far) the staff has been fairly unified - if teachers are ever unified! We are a 'happy campus', morale is high and there is a superb community spirit. Of course, all of this is fragile and the enemy would love to stir things up. Pray for vigilance and watchfulness.*

Thursday 12th

BB: *Please pray for our boys brigade company over the Christmas holidays And that they will know the true meaning of Christmas.*

Friday 13th

Avisai & Judith Suarez write: *Today will be last Friday for Shine Café. We will have a special Christmas craft activity and will be sharing about the true meaning of Christmas to the ladies. Please do pray for them as they hear the message. That they will understand what they hear and God will touch their hearts.*

Saturday 14th

Avisai & Judith Suarez as a family have all been sick recently. Please pray that they can remain healthy and active in ministry over the winter months.

Sunday 15th

Jonathan & Nicola McCracken will have their Christmas Carol Service in the local McWilliam hotel in Claremorris. Pray for their witness as a church in this new venue.

Monday 16th

16-21st **Robert & Kyla Cuthbert** will be hosting Christmas tournaments this week for all age groups. Pray that these go well and for the Christmas story to be told in a clear and sensitive way.

Tuesday 17th

Remember the PW Christmas special this evening. May it be a blessing to those who attend.

Wednesday 18th

John & Sarah Kennedy write: *Cambodians are definitely curious about Christmas and what it actually means (especially the smart phone generation). Pray that the local church will be bold in their witnessing (obviously, they have the language). We have Gospel tracts to give out - pray that they will be placed in the hands of the 'right people'.*

Thursday 19th

Robert & Kyla Cuthbert write: *Pray for the calendars that will go out to each kid in the academy, that God will speak to them as they read the verses for each month. Pray for all the last bits and pieces that need to be done at the house and that we would be able to move in over the Christmas holidays.*

Friday 20th

H & S B fly today for Switzerland and celebrating Christmas with Silvia's mother and her family. Then it's on to Canada for New Year and celebrations with Henry's family and to meet Alice the newest grandchild. Pray for rest and renewal in the midst of this travel

