

# Let's Pray

Sun 24 September - Sat 30 September 2023

## **Sunday 24 September**

- Moderator | This week the four Church leaders have an opportunity to share with European Government Ambassadors, the churches' perspective on the 25 years of the Good Friday Agreement. Pray for safety in travel, courage and wisdom as the Church Leaders share the churches experience and for progress and hope for the future in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.
- **Knowing the blessings of God in worship |** 'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church & in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!' Ephesians 3:20-21. Ask that as you worship today you may know the blessing of God's ability to constantly exceed our expectations of him.

## **Monday 25 September**

- Naomi Keefe (global mission worker, Brazil) | Pray for Naomi as she provides training sessions for the congregations of Pexinhos & Beberibe, and for these congregations as they continue to reach out with the gospel in their local communities.
- The Church of North India (CNI) | Pray that God would grant discernment and guidance to the executive leadership of the Church of North India, especially to Moderator, Rev B K Nayak, and Mr Subrata Gorai, recently appointed as Acting General Secretary.

## **Tuesday 26 September**

- **Rev Nigel Craig, chaplain at Queen's, Stranmillis and Union College |** *Pray for Nigel as the academic year begins, pray that through conversations students would know the Lord's comfort and guidance. Pray for new students, that good fellowship and friendships would be cultivated.*
- **Galway |** Pray for the congregation in Galway, that as they meet together to worship, they would grow deeper in their faith and walk with Christ.

### Wednesday 27 September

- Gary & Mary Reid (global mission workers, Kenya) | Pray that the Holy Spirit will work mightily in the lives of the Maasai people within Olkinyei and Siana, and that many will fully surrender their lives to our Lord, desiring to be obedient to him.
- Christian Presbyterian Church, Pedras Vivas (ICPPV), Portugal | Pray for the elders, deacons and all in leadership roles during this time of transition in the life of the congregation, and that God would lead them to the right person to become their new pastor.

#### **Thursday 28 September**

- **Keith Preston, Irish mission worker, International Meeting Point, Belfast** | *Pray for the Wednesday Bible study, as this week sees the start of a new Alpha course, with over 50 people expected to attend. Pray for four different Muslim women who attend our English classes who have started to attend church.*
- **Fahan** | Pray for a clear sense of leading for Fahan as they continue their search for a minister and embark on a new outreach initiative in partnership with CMI into Buncrana and the surrounding area.

#### Friday 29 September

- Social Witness recruitment | Staffing is one of the most important factors in the delivery of high-quality care throughout our residential and nursing homes. Post pandemic it has proved difficult to recruit staff. Pray for recruitment days coming up, that vacant posts will be filled with suitable, committed staff. Give thanks for staff teams across Social Witness who faithfully carry out their jobs, and may our residents see the love of Christ through such care.
- **Health and Social Care** | *Pray for those who work in the health and social care sector and feel under increasing pressure alongside the onset of annual winter pressures. Pray for wisdom and guidance for those making decisions in response to these challenges.*

#### Saturday 30 September

- **General Council** | Remember the work of the Judicial Commission of the General Assembly and its convener, Rev Norman Cameron. The committee often has to deal with sensitive and challenging issues in the life of the Church. Pray for the ministers and elders, men and women who comprise its membership.
- Training in Ministry | Union College Management Committee meets on Wednesday 4 October. The members of the Committee bring expertise and experience that enhances the support and oversight that the Committee brings to the College. Give thanks for it, and pray for its members, especially its convener, Very Rev Dr Ivan Patterson.