

TUES 23 Pray that churches will soon be able to meet again and that normal worship will resume. Pray for our ministry team during this difficult time, and pray especially for our members who are missing the face-to-face fellowship and sense of community

WED 24 Commit to God in prayer our prayer time this evening. Mr K is reading and studying the Bible for the first time with Helen. Pray that he will recognise truth and will desire to follow Jesus.

THURS 25 Continue to pray for the survival of businesses and jobs – whether businesses which have been forced to close in retail, hospitality or tourism – or those which are struggling to continue. Pray especially for anyone who is concerned about their job, and pray that our economy will recover quickly and job losses will be lessened.

FRI 26 Thank God for the outreach of the Soup Club which has been expanded to include members of our Walkway family. Pray that this ministry will continue to provide hope and help in difficult times for many people.

SAT 27 Pray for Charis going forward and ask God for wisdom for the leaders and for how best to make connections with the children and families. Pray particularly for the Lord's protection and leading for Satsunae Lighthouse Church as they look beyond March without a pastor.

SUN 28 Remember Sam in prayer as he preaches on "Jesus the Bread of Life" this morning, and pray also for Frank who will speak again on James this evening.

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Ps 4 v 1 "Be merciful to me, and hear my prayer".

MON 1 Continue to pray faithfully for all our health care workers as they treat patients and provide necessary behind the scenes services during this long wave of Covid-19. Pray for their physical and mental protection, and for strength and stamina to face each exhausting day.

TUE 2 Pray particularly for the Charis families who struggled in the first long lockdown and are struggling even more this time. Pray for the mental health of carers and for support available. Pray also for those families who have someone in residential care and who can't see them. Pray that God will keep them all safe and content, especially when any form of contact is so difficult.

WED 3 Pray for the Church Leaders' Group (Ireland) which consists of Archbishop John McDowell (Col), Archbishop

Eamon Martin (Catholic), Rev Tom McKnight (Methodist), Rt Rev David Bruce (PCI) and Rev Ivan Patterson (Irish Council of Churches) as they seek to provide leadership and represent the views of churches to government.

THURS 4 Pray for the Christianity Explained course and for all who participate. Pray particularly that the truth of the Gospel would become very real to anyone who is seeking.

FRI 5. Pray for the vaccine roll-out as it progresses through new groups of people. Pray that the planning will be efficient, supplies will arrive on time, and that the vaccine will be effective to dramatically reduce the rate of transmission and amount of serious illness and deaths from Covid-19.

SAT 6 Give thanks for the work of Storehouse, and remember in prayer the 10 am-12 drop-off for donations today at Simpson's garage. Pray that our generous response to food requests continues over the coming year. Remember all the families who will depend on food banks as the impact of the pandemic spreads.

SUN 7 Pray particularly for the All- Age Family service (online) today and for Frank who will speak on “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”. Remember also Peter Huey in prayer as he speaks tonight from James.

MON 8 As the Minister for Kirkpatrick church has moved to Hamilton Road, pray for the vacancy commission in Kirkpatrick as they seek to move forward. BB have been connecting online with the boys, but with home schooling and other pressures this is not easy to sustain. Pray for wisdom as they make plans and for the boys to be able to join in.

TUE 9.Legislation to introduce “assisted dying” is currently being considered by the Government in the Republic of Ireland. Pray that those making representations against this move would be heard and that the right decisions would be made to protect those who are vulnerable at the end of their lives.

WED 10 Pray especially for some of our members now living in residential and care homes. Pray that they will settle easily and be

comfortable and protected from Covid -19. Pray also for family members who are unable to visit or can only see their loved ones through a window. Give thanks for the vaccine being made available and pray that soon they will be able to visit properly.

THURS 11 Pray for our PW as they plan to have an online meeting tonight. Pray that this will be of benefit to the members who are able to attend, and pray for all who take part. Continue to pray for the Christianity Explained course.

FRI 12 Pray for church members needing surgery that God would strengthen and sustain them during this time of waiting. Pray particularly that decisions will be made quickly to resume and reschedule postponed surgery, and that proper treatment and care will resume.

SAT 13 OMF Japan has 7 new missionaries with visas granted, who are ready to come as soon as borders open. Pray for them as they wait for entry into Japan.

SUN 14 Pray for Frank and Michael as they preach at our morning and evening services respectively. Continue to pray for all those involved behind the scenes – with the music, AV,

sound, live streaming technology etc.

MON 15 Pray for the work of Scripture Union and especially their Special Educational Needs ministry. Pray for children, young people and adults with disabilities and learning difficulties to know God, His love, peace and hope in difficult days.

TUE 16 Remember in prayer our Kirk Session as they meet tonight online. Ask God to grant them all guidance and wisdom for all their discussions and decisions.

WED 17 Pray for our Connect Groups as they meet virtually today and tomorrow. Pray that members will still feel connected and enjoy fellowship as they study the Bible and pray together.

THURS 18 In Drew’s final semester at Union Theological College, he will teach a course on church, ministries and society. Pray that this will be an encouragement for students to take their faith into their local communities with wisdom and effectiveness.

FRI 19 Pray for wisdom for our political leaders, scientific and medical advisers as they make

decisions and plans. Pray especially for guidance as to the timing of removing restrictions so that people can safely enjoy more freedom.

SAT 20 Pray particularly for anyone who is struggling with any type of mental health issue – which may have been caused or made worse by the lockdown. Pray that they will be able to talk to trusted and supportive family, friends or medical professionals, that they will seek and obtain any medical or other professional help that they need, and that any mental health difficulties will ease without lasting damage.

SUN 21 Pray for Drew as he speaks on “Jesus the Good Shepherd” this morning, and for Frank as he continues the series on James this evening.

MON 22 Pray particularly for all our children and young people who have been undergoing home schooling. Pray for their education, and for their emotional and physical well-being as they miss school and valuable social interaction. Remember also in prayer parents as they try to home school, possibly juggling their own work as well.