

# Bloomfield Prayer Diary

May 2022

*1 John 5:15 'And we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we asked of Him'*

**Sun 1** Pray for the runners, organisers and volunteers involved in the 40<sup>th</sup> Mash Direct Belfast City Marathon and for our worship band playing Christian music outside BPC as runners go past at 9.15am.

Remember Drew preaching this morning on Mark 1:16-28 and Sam preaching on Isaiah 1 in the evening.

**Mon 2** Pray for the second of our Dawning HOPE follow up course '321' in St Donard's at 7.30pm. Pray that God would bring individuals to a living faith in Him.

**Tues 3** Prayers please for the first meeting of our Coffee Club where everyone is welcome to drop in for tea/coffee, cake and a chat. May there be a good turn out from both church members and our community.

Pray for East Belfast Presbytery meeting in Ravenhill this evening.

**Wed 4** Pray for Connect Groups as they come near their completion this term.

**Thurs 5** Remember the Northern Ireland Assembly Election today. Pray that the outcome may be pleasing to God.

**Fri 6** Members of Golgotha Baptist Church (GBC) in Moldova, continue to go to the Odessa border (220 miles return journey), each day to offer food, hygiene and medical products to many homeless Ukrainians. They also bring families back to Chisinau and provide accommodation etc for as long as they wish to stay. GBC is now involved in providing medication and care for many people who are

suffering from mental health issues. Our brothers and sisters who are giving so much of themselves are physically and emotionally exhausted. Spiritually they are strong, please continue to pray for renewed bodily strength and give thanks for their faith.

**Sat 7** Remember in prayer the Presbyterian Women's Annual Conference, being held at the Assembly Buildings today.

Pray for the PCI Church planting conference today in Dundalk with speaker Scotty Smith.

**Sun 8** Pray for Frank as he speaks at both services.

**Mon 9** Please pray for the final evening of '321' in St Donard's at 7.30pm.

**Tues 10** Pray for Frank as he is invited to speak at Union College's Post Ordination Conference tonight and tomorrow at 7pm and on Thursday at 12 noon.

**Wed 11** Remember our prayer time in person tonight at 7.30pm.

**Thurs 12** Thank God for the provision of food donations to Storehouse from our church and for those who coordinate this work. Pray our generous response to food requests continues over the coming year. Remember families who will depend on foodbanks as the effect of the cost-of-living crisis impacts on more and more families. Rising costs are causing hardship for many families, inside and outside of our churches. Pray those in need will find appropriate help to meet their fuel and food needs.

**Fri 13** Please pray for Sarah, East Belfast Schools worker and Anita, Special Needs Co-ordinator, delivering SUNI Leavers' lessons to P7's. Pray that each pupil will connect with God and cope with the changes, choices and challenges.

**Sat 14** Praise God for the wonderful Easter celebrations we had at Charis. Pray that the seed of God's Word will have been sown as our families heard the Easter story. Pray that they will see God's love through our words and actions.

Pray for Michael and the team preparing for their summer outreach to the Czech Republic and for their fund-raising coffee morning today.

**Sun 15** Pray for Mission Sunday with Helen Lyttle and the Session Mission Team. We thank God for the safe return of our sister Helen and continue to pray for her as she re-establishes herself to life at home and in BPC. Pray that the Lord will help her deal with all practicalities and with the wealth of emotions.

**Mon 16** Remember in prayer our BB Parents and Prize night. Let's thank God for the many good things that have happened in BB this year.

**Tues 17** We pray for the people who will come to the Soup Club today and for those who are unable to. Pray that folk will enjoy good company and fellowship.

Pray for Kirk Session meeting tonight at 7.30pm.

**Wed 18** While 'Dawning HOPE' is over, pray that the new life of Jesus would just be beginning in many lives.

**Thurs 19** Give thanks and praise God for all the teaching and blessings during 'Dawning HOPE' week.

**Fri 20** Pray for the 'Love God Greatly' (LGG) conference in Valencia, Spain 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May. This leadership training will bring together almost 50 women from over 35 countries who serve as LGG translators. These women are volunteers and most of them lead national teams of women in their countries who translate, edit, write and help lead the LGG studies in that language.

This conference is an opportunity to thank them for their voluntary time and work and to encourage, equip and inspire them so they leave to go back home into their nations refreshed and with a rekindled fire for the Lord and His word.

**Sat 21** Pray for the resilience of our community as world events bring added burdens and challenges to people's incomes. Pray common grace will increase and encourage more people in their efforts to help others less well off than themselves.

**Sun 22** Pray for Drew as he speaks at our morning worship on the forgiveness of sins, Mark 2:1-17 and for our youth as they lead the evening service at 6.30pm.

**Mon 23** Pray for our BB family BBQ, especially for good relationships with the boy's families to be made and re-established.

**Tues 24** Pray for Asylum seekers, that the courts will treat them with fairness.

**Wed 25** Remember our Jolly Tots families and helpers as they meet for the last time before the summer break. We thank God for the large numbers attending and for friendships made. Pray that more helpers would become available to chat with families or to help with refreshments.

Remember Prayer time via Zoom this evening.

**Thurs 26** Pray that Bloomfield's cooperation with churches belonging to East Belfast Churches Network strengthens in the coming months. Hopefully this will enable

efforts to present Christ and His love to the broader community.

**Fri 27** Continue to pray into the Russian/Ukraine situation and the struggle for global power. We plead with God to protect the people of the Ukraine.

**Sat 28** Please pray for safety in travel by both road and sea, as the walking group travel to Rathlin Island today. Also pray for good Christian fellowship during the trip.

**Sun 29** This morning's service led by Frank will include baptism. Pray for Christian families and for parents who want to bring their children up in faith filled homes. In the evening we celebrate Communion and Stephen will speak on Isaiah 3.

**Mon 30** Keep in your prayers SU SEN @ New Horizon 6-12 Aug 22, that we will love and serve children with disabilities and additional needs alongside their families.

**Tues 31** Pray for Church Committee as it meets tonight and for Kirk Shilliday, the new chair.

