

Prayer Diary - Nov '23

"Always be joyful and never stop praying" 1 Thesealonians 5.17

Wed 1 'This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it'. Help us to rejoice in God's goodness, His provision, His forgiveness and never-ending love.

Thurs 2 Pray for all the ladies who attend PW tonight that God will bless their meeting and that they will enjoy Christian fellowship. Also pray for the PW's visiting speaker, Alan Cousins, who will give a presentation on the work of SAT-7. SAT-7 is the PW special overseas project for 23/24. Pray that there will be a good response to Gift Night.

Fri 3 Pete and Karen have a Greek exam on Monday 6th and are also busy with assignments. Pray that they will be able to balance work with other responsibilities. Also give thanks for a warm and supportive year group and pray that friendship and unity will continue to develop.

Sat 4 Tullycarnet plan to begin a warm space/ coffee drop-in on Friday mornings beginning this month. Please pray for volunteers to help & that those from the community will call & feel welcome.

Sun 5 Pray for Drew as he preaches at our morning service on 'Repentance and restoration' (Psalm 51). Then for Frank as he preaches in the evening on 'Jesus: better intercessor' (Hebrews 7:1-28). Give thanks for the privilege of sharing Communion together.

Mon 6 Sportstopia are coming to visit Anchor Boys tonight. Pray for a fun night.

Tues 7 We rejoice in the success of Coffee Club and in the joy that it brings.

This morning the Council of Mission in Ireland meets to encourage outreach throughout the land.

Pray for East Belfast Presbytery as it meets this evening in Tullycarnet.

Wed 8 Please pray God would call people from all our East Belfast churches to the 'Poverty on Our Doorstep' Conference at Skianos 10am. Attendees will learn what the Bible says about poverty and how our churches can present a joint witness to our neighbourhoods.

Thurs 9 Continue to remember Golgotha Baptist Church Weekly Bread Ministry. Every Friday Pastor Cornel travels to the Ukrainian Border to give 160 loaves of bread to village families who rely on such gifts. He leaves home at 5am and returns home around midnight, a return journey of approximately 400 miles.

The Island of Hope College have had to relocate as they could no longer afford to pay the rent on their school building. They can no longer provide accommodation for the Girls rescued from Human Trafficking. Pray that they will find suitable accommodation as soon as possible.

Praise God for those young and older who have recently come to Faith in Christ at Ciuciulenia and for the amazing number of young people who come to the after- school club on Wednesdays.

Fri 10 Pray for many people known to us who have lost loved ones and are feeling pain, sadness and loss.

Sat 11 Pray for all who attend Dads and Tots today.

Sun 12 At 10.45am we remember those who gave their lives that we might live in peace. Pray for Frank as he leads our morning service on 'Absalom (2 Samuel 15-18). Stephen leads us in the evening on 'Jesus: better sacrifice' (Hebrews 8:1-9:28).

Mon 13 Let's praise and thank God for the good numbers of boys in BB.

Tues 14 Pray for Frank as he leads school assemblies today in Elmgrove Primary.

Wed 15 Pray for Claire this afternoon as she shares about her work as part time Presbyterian chaplain in The Ulster Hospital with Gilnahirk PW.

Thurs 16 Continue to pray for the staff at Walkway as they are trying to cope with greater demands on their time and resources since moving into the new centre. Pray that more volunteers, with the requisite skills, will step forward and join Walkway's Management Committee. Thank God for those who are already volunteering their time and services.

Fri 17 All we can do is bring the Middle East humanitarian crisis before God in prayer trusting Him as Sovereign Lord over all the world.

Sat 18 Prayer points from Charis. Thanks to God for the funding recently received from Co-Ownership. We have been able to fund a trip and to replace equipment. Thanks for our recent trip to Funtastic in Carryduff. Pray for our Charis families as they face new challenges as their children grow and develop. Pray for the new families attending. Ask God that people in BPC would come along to see the exciting opportunities for sharing Jesus' love and hospitality.

Sun 19 Pray for Frank as he leads our morning service on 'Return of the King' (2 Samuel 19-20). May there be a good time of fellowship and fun as we have lunch in one another's houses. Pray for generous hospitality in BPC not only today but always. Pray for Rev David Thompson as he leads us in the evening on 'Jesus better obedience' (Hebrews 10:1-18).

Mon 20 Let's remember to pray for the families of the boys who come to BB that good relationships will be formed with Bloomfield.

Tues 21 Pray for our Kirk Session meeting tonight.

Wed 22 Pray God will perform a miracle of grace and flood our community with His Holy Spirit. Pray for a harvest of souls in response to the monthly Men's Prayer Walks around the different parishes in East Belfast.

Thurs 23 Praise God for SU groups in our schools -Nettlefield PS with over 30 pupils and the new group in Dundela Infants. Pray for the teachers, volunteers and pupils and for Jax, E3 Schools worker, to encourage and support. Please pray for Kerrie Crooks, Scripture Union SEN Intern, and Anita Conkey that they communicate the Bible Story clearly, effectively and powerfully in Learning Support Units.

Fri 24 We remember those who are ill at home or hospital and those in care homes, may they sense God's peace.

Sat 25 Pray for BPC Walking Group travelling to Carntogher Way in the Sperrins.

May there be a good attendance at the Coffee morning in aid of our Guides.

Sun 26 Pray for Stephen as he leads our morning service 'Through many dangers, toils and snares' (2 Samuel 22). Remember Michael as he leads us in the evening on 'Jesus: better assurance' (Hebrews 10:19-139).

Mon 27 Pray for BB as preparations are made for Carols & Mince Pies on the 4th December.

Tues 28 Remember Church Committee meeting this evening as it cares for the very practical aspects of church life.

Wed 29 Prayer requests from Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Praise God for the variety of openings of new places to deliver CAP Money. Pray that these would give participants the confidence to address any financial worries they might have. Pray for the school's work, as schools are contacted, that there would be a favourable response. Pray for the students who attended the summer CAP Money Course, that they would be able to manage their finances well.

Thurs 30 Pray that we would be sensible in what we purchase as Christmas gifts; thinking how we might give people time rather than yet more 'things'