



September 2011

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PRAYER FOCUS: 21 - 27 September 2011

MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Pray for:

The Moderator as he attends the following:

- 17 – 22 September A visit to Latvia where the Moderator plans to visit the Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary in Riga; as well as meeting the leaders and members of the Latvian Evangelical Reformed Church.
- Sunday 25 September 11.30 am 2nd Broughshane Presbyterian Church
7.00 pm Ballymoney Branch Multiple Sclerosis Thanksgiving Service at 1st Kilraughts Presbyterian Church

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HOME & IRISH MISSION

Sligo and Boyle Presbyterian Churches – Revd Alan Mitchell

Praise and Prayer for:

Sunday 18 September was a very special day in the life of our congregation as, for the first time, we brought Sunday School teachers, children and parents all together

for a service which focused on the Sunday School and included a prayer of dedication for our teachers and helpers as they begin another winter's work.

- We give God thanks for the deep spiritual impact the service had on all present and the presentation by three of our teachers that touched everyone. It was a joyous service that continued over tea and coffee in the church hall afterwards.
- Pray for the thousands of students that attend our Institute of Technology. We hosted a special evening for approximately 75 European and Far Eastern students, and during the past few Sundays we have had a number coming to our morning service.
- Please pray that we will be able to expand our work and witness among both Irish and overseas students.
- Next Sunday (25 September) we would appreciate your prayers as we address the subject of the Ministry of Healing. We trust that out of this will come a regular meeting or service for prayer, not just for our members but for the community.

Christ Church, Sandymount – Revd Katherine Meyer

Praise and Prayer for:

- We give thanks for the constructive, good-humoured, and gracious spirit of the congregation in the midst of constant change.
- We give thanks for those who have been worshipping with us over the summer and have now asked to become members of the congregation.
- We give thanks for a recent neighbourhood grassroots initiative, the formation of a small group to read one of the New Testament letters together as a way of exploring the Christian faith.
- We pray for those who have emigrated and left the congregation in recent, including two of the children who were most active in the leadership of worship.

Rathmullan Presbyterian Church – Revd Janice Browne

Pray for:

- Pray for the Harvest Service in Rathmullan Presbyterian Church on 25 September.
- Pray that many from the wider community will come as we celebrate the harvest season together.

Arklow Presbyterian Church – Revd Michael Anderson

Praise and Prayer for:

- Thanks to God for good progress on church building work and the provision of the local Church of Ireland to hold our services in.
- Thanks too for all the people who have contributed to our building fund.
- Pray for provision of remaining funds for the building project.
- Pray for all the details for co-ordinating an outreach called *Alpha Express* in October.
- Pray for our congregation during this difficult time of transition when we are out of our own church building; as well as for the safety of all those working on site.
- Pray for wisdom for the building sub-committee and for our session as we plan the year ahead.

Dublin – David Boyd

Pray for:

- Now that summer is over and the new term is started we are planning to get our Gospel Community up and running properly. However, we are all too aware that the project will stand or fall on the quality of the community we create.
- We also realise that community just doesn't happen overnight, so we would love you to pray for us over the weeks and months ahead so that we might forge our Gospel Community into something which will become a beacon of hope to those around us who, as yet, don't know Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

Dun Laoghaire Presbyterian Church – Richie Cronin

Prayer and praise for:

- Please pray for contact with church members who desire to come to church regularly; pray that they would come and that they would grow.
- My wife (Erika) and I have just had a baby boy (Judah). We thank God, but would ask for some sleep please.
- We are starting up home groups. Thank God for them and pray that they can be places where we learn and grow closer to each other and God.
- Pray that we would have many new volunteers for the things we do in church.

Mountpottinger and Mersey Presbyterian Churches – John McCandless

Praise and Prayer for:

- Praise God for the appointment of John McCandless as Community Evangelist in Mountpottinger and Mersey Street Presbyterian churches in east Belfast.
- Pray for John as he settles into the role and seeks to reach out into the community with the gospel.

Deaconesses

Wellington, Ballymena – Eleanor Drysdale

Pray for:

- Pray for WOW2 (Women of Worth) happening on 24 and 25 September 2011. Caroline Hawthorne will be the speaker on the Saturday night event and at the morning service on the Sunday.

Shore Street Presbyterian Church, Donaghadee – Sonya McCullagh

Prayer and Praise for:

- Pray for the launch of our youth strategy, and for enthusiasm and passion. Our desire is to see every child and young person in Donaghadee and beyond become fruitful disciples of Jesus forever.
- Pray for the start of the busy autumn term and all the organisations starting up again.
- Please pray for new leaders and helpers.

New Row Presbyterian Church, Coleraine – Amanda Cooper

Prayer and Praise for:

- Thank God for the plans He has for New Row in this coming session.
- Please ask for the Lord's guidance and blessing as we would seek to implement various initiative in light of our Mission Plan; i.e. another Christianity Explored course, a Divorce Care Programme for the Borough, as we advance our enquiries regarding a Drop-In Centre in a neighbouring housing estate, conduct an audit of the estate, and open the sanctuary for retailers and shoppers to avail of time with the Lord in prayer throughout the week.

Special Events

Legacurry Presbyterian Church

Pray for:

- **Christianity Youth** (for Year 8 – age 18) – Discover the Bible's answers to life's big questions. Explore what Christianity is really all about.
- **When & Where?** Seven Thursday nights at Legacurry Presbyterian Church Halls, starting 29 September from 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm.

First Omagh Presbyterian Church

First Omagh congregation which is vacant currently is running a Christianity Explored Course for members of Session and Committee; beginning on Monday 19 September.

Pray for:

- Pray for meaningful discussion and spiritual growth.