

WEEK 10 Christians Against Poverty

CAP

Day 1 Soaring energy costs and increases in the cost of living are having significant impact for many. Pray that people in need will seek and find help from CAP for both their financial and spiritual needs.

Day 2 Pray for CAP's Job Clubs and Life Skills Coaches, asking that the Lord will give them compassion and wisdom to deal with questions from clients and to give them the support they need.

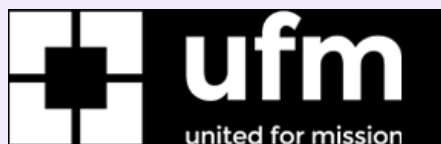
Day 3 Pray for those involved in delivering the work of CAP in Ballymena, particularly **John Maxwell** as he deals with clients needing greater financial assistance and help with paperwork.

Pray for the re-launch of the CAP money course over the next few months and ask that more coaches would be willing to deliver this course in the Ballymena area.

Day 4 Pray for the CAP client who is now regularly attending Ballymena Baptist Church and is completing a one to one Bible study with a lady from the church.

Day 5 Pray for R who was suicidal as a result of mental health and financial issues. Give thanks that he has come to know the Lord through the work of CAP and pray that his transformed life will influence others as he works to influence others as a CAP Money Coach.

Day 6 Remember those in the Harryville area who are struggling with their finances. Pray for opportunities for **Heart for Harryville** to provide practical and spiritual support to those in need and through this to build relationships with those in our community.



Our Mission Links

UFM - Linda Millar

Scripture Union - Bryan & Carole Suitters

Donabate PCI - Beth McFarland

Presbyterian Children's Society - Iris Craig

Florence Project - Rev Eddie Chestnutt

OMF International - Beth McFarland

Tearfund - Alison Fulton

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Prayer Cycle

May - August 2023



The Prayer Cycle is a 6-day 10-week cycle for use from May-August. We hope this will help us to pray each week for one of the missions we support. After 10 weeks please continue to use the cycle to pray for missions of your choice.

WEEK 1 United for Mission UFM

Day 1 Pray for the UK staff team as they work on preparations for UFM Summer Conference, 24-28 July. Pray also for the Summer Team going to Moldova at the end of August.

Day 2 Give thanks to God for new candidates called to service in various ministries. Please pray for God-given wisdom in preparations for transition to different countries. Pray for regional UFM staff supporting them, including **David Morrow** in Ireland.

Day 3 Lamin & Jayne (Sierra Leone). Praise God for the safe birth of **baby Theo**, who is thriving well although premature. Pray that all plans to secure land to build a house and centre for further youth ministry will be God-guided; pray funds will be available. Pray for a safe journey back to Sierra Leone for this family and that they will be greatly used in the Children's Ministry.

Day 4 Steve & Rhonda (Training in South Asia). Give thanks for a successful trip back to India. As well as training programmes in rammed earth, there were opportunities for talks about Faith and Purpose in Life. Pray for their next visit in June. Pray too for motorbike weekends in May, and for opportunities to discuss God's Salvation.

Day 5 Alex & Miri (International Church Ministry, Frankfurt). Give thanks for new families attending and for a room for the Sunday School. Please pray that the church will find affordable premises designated solely for church activities. Pray that Alex and Miri will find time to finish their dissertations in Theology and Teaching.

Day 6 Give thanks that the church plants in Co. Mayo are growing slowly. Praise God that the bigger premises for Castlebar Fellowship are to open in the summer. Please pray for the Lord to send more workers to progress the work already started. There is a great need for Christian families to join these churches and help with church activities and outreach programmes.

WEEK 2 Scripture Union SUNI

Day 1 Continue to remember the ongoing work in schools across N Ireland – Assemblies/SU groups etc., that God would really speak to teachers and pupils, drawing them to faith and encouraging them.

Day 2 Pray for the *It's your Move* transition lessons in Primary Schools this term, as P7 pupils prepare for their move to 'big school' in September. Pray for **Rev Eddie, Joan, Linda Q** and **Eve Lowry**, SU E3 Staff Worker, as they go into Harryville Primary School later this month (May) to deliver these lessons.

Day 3 Pray for the *It's Your Move* Celebration Evening on Friday 23rd June. P7s from across Ballymena will meet other P7s going to the same school as them, have fun and eat pizza! Pray that God would work through this.

Day 4 Alongside this, SU will also be running a programme for the parents of P7 pupils, to encourage and support them in this big step for their children. Pray for them all in this change, and that God would speak to their hearts.

Day 5 Pray for the preparations for all the summer work, camps etc. SU will be running. May they have enough helpers, many children signing up, and favourable weather. May God lead children and young people to himself.

Day 6 From 2-8 July, **Eve** will be leading the Primary Camp for P5s-P7s in Fermanagh, alongside seven other amazing volunteers. 26 children are attending, including some from refugee families. Pray that leaders and children would all get on well and that God would move among them.

WEEK 3 Donabate Presbyterian Church

Day 1 **Rev Andy Carroll** leads the ministry, both in Donabate congregation and in the Balbriggan church. Pray for the constant guidance, fellowship and equipping of the Holy Spirit in planning all church programmes. Please pray for continuing growth in numbers as well as in mature Christian faith and character.

Day 2 Please pray for our Alpha Course which finishes in the third week of May. Please pray that the seeds planted in the lives of those who have come along will produce eternal fruit.

Day 3 We have been trying to appoint a part-time youth worker in the church but have not been able to find a suitable person. This leaves us with significant questions over how to disciple and reach out to the many teenagers who are part of our church and come along to our weekly youth group. Please pray for wisdom and direction, and for new leaders to emerge.

Day 4 Our assistant minister, **Josh McCance**, who works in our Balbriggan church is being licensed in the Summer. Join us in giving thanks for him and his wife, Kathryn.

Day 5 We have had a ministry to some Ukrainian refugees who are living in the area over the past year. This has been a 'help' ministry for the past twelve months. Please pray for us as we seek God's guidance in how we might develop relationships with these Ukrainians and connect them more with the church and the Gospel.

Day 6 Pray that Andy and Josh and their families will know much of the Lord's presence and blessing in these days. May He ***“equip [them] with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in [them] what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen.”***

Hebrews 13:21

WEEK 4 Presbyterian Children's Society

Day 1 The Society was formed in 1866 to provide financial assistance for Presbyterian families to cope with unexpected financial hardships. Give thanks that the Society is still able to continue its aim of helping those who find themselves in challenging financial circumstances. In April, 30 families and 67 children were added to the Society's roll.

Day 2 The grants allocated to families in need are always given as a symbol of Christian love, care and compassion. Pray that those who receive financial help will realize that this is done in the name of Jesus who loves them and wants them to open their hearts to him.

Day 3 Pray that if anyone is aware of a family in the congregation in financial crisis for whatever reason, he/she will bring it to the attention of the minister. PCS policy is that applications to the Society for a grant are made through the minister.

Day 4 Pray for the Board of Governors that they will make wise decisions as to the running of the Society. Pray also for the dedicated administrative team (see below), asking that they will continue to be professional, helpful, efficient and effective in every situation of need.

Jason Nicholson Executive Secretary
Valerie Henry Finance and Administration

Officer

Amy Boyd Grants and Administration Officer
Angela Magill Administration Officer

Day 5 Give thanks for the donations given to the Society and pray that support will be enough to fund the Society in grants, administration costs, salaries and any other necessary outlays.

Day 6 Pray that we will all play our part to make church a place of generosity, where help is found for hurting people, and pray that we may all be challenged to do something to help those in need remembering that *compassion begins with me.*

WEEK 5 The Florence Project

Day 1 Give thanks to God for **Ian McElhinny's** recent visit to Florence. **Pastor Davson** and the church members were greatly encouraged by Ian's presence and continued friendship. Continue to pray for Ian encouraging churches in N Ireland to support the work in Florence. Pray that more churches would become interested in what the Lord is doing in Italy.

Day 2 We ask the Lord to bless the outreach work of the church. Pray for Davson speaking at special events taking place in a public park on Saturday 17 June and Saturday 15 July. Ask the Lord to bless His Word, and pray that people will respond to the message of salvation.

Day 3 Davson is greatly concerned that the believers in the church grow in Christ. Pray that the Lord would use his weekly teaching ministry to build a fellowship that is grounded in the truth of the Gospel. Pray that believers would be equipped to reach others with the good news.

Day 4 Davson's sons attend a local soccer club. He has been given the opportunity to run a Gospel project with the club. He has invited professional soccer players who are Christians to speak to the boys. Pray that this might bring young families into the church. Pray that this project might continue on a more permanent basis.

Day 5 Italy is a very secular country. Pray that the young people of the church would be able to stand for Christ in their schools and colleges. Ask the Lord to bring many more young people to the church and that they would find a loving, spiritual home where they can develop a relationship with the Lord.

Day 6 Continue to pray for Davson. Ask the Lord to give him health and strength to fulfil all his responsibilities. Pray that the Lord would fill him with the Holy Spirit and continue to use him to build the church in Florence.

Mission Fund Envelopes

Thank you for praying for our mission partners.

Gospel ministry also depends on the family of God to support his

work financially. Please consider giving through the

monthly mission envelope, if you do not already do so!

Many thanks to those who already contribute regularly!

WEEK 6 OMF International

Day 1 Only one in ten people in East Asia knows a Christian. In certain nations, religious freedom is severely restricted. In one country, it is illegal even to own a Bible. Pray that the Lord will protect his own people and continue to build his church in these dark places.

Day 2 Pray for **R** (from Portadown) and his Asian wife, **A**, with their teenage children, based strategically in N Thailand, and serving across borders such people. Pray, as they train new national workers to be bold evangelists and disciplers for these "closed" situations. Ask for perseverance in these challenging times.

Day 3 Pray for **Chris and Sarah Keiller**, with **Rebekah, Miriam and Daniela**, serving as OMF Area Rep for Ireland until 2025. Their long-term goal is to return to church-planting and discipleship ministry in Central Thailand. Pray for Miriam (6) who is to have cochlear implants fitted in August. Pray this will much improve her hearing and speech development.

Day 4 **John and Emiri Orme** (First Antrim) praise God for new families attending the small church plants in Tsugaru and Kanagi, Japan. Pray for these people to know Christ's salvation. John also gives IT support to the large OMF team in Japan. The Ormes are getting ready for home assignment, beginning in August. Ask the Lord to provide for their needs - a house, car, and school places in Antrim for **Anna** (11) and **Noah** (8).

Day 5 **Alison Orr** befriends Japanese coming to Ireland for work or study through Dublin Japanese Christian Fellowship. She thanks God for **Misato**, a young Christian lady who has come to help. Pray especially for two ladies, seekers, who are studying the Bible with Alison and Misato, to trust in Christ. Pray for a fruitful weekend in August with all the group in the Mourne.

WEEK 7

Tearfund

Day 1 Pray for the CEO and all the Tearfund representatives as they aim *'to follow Jesus where the need is greatest'*. They facilitate local churches to unlock people's potential and help them to discover that the answer to poverty is within themselves. Tearfund responds quickly to disasters and helps provide practical help for the vulnerable.

Day 2 Pray for Tearfund as they aim to support people living in the world's poorest countries, struggling due to rising living costs. An estimated additional 71 million people have been pushed into extreme poverty with rising food, energy prices, inflation and increasing debt. Tearfund funded projects are equipping local churches to help.

Day 3 Please pray for the East African hunger crisis. More than 36 million people are affected by the worst droughts in over 40 years. 22 million do not have enough food to survive; that, along with soaring food prices and local conflicts, is making the situation even worse.

Day 4 Please remember the people of Syria and Turkey following the devastating earthquakes. More than 35,000 people have lost their lives; millions are homeless. As part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), Tearfund has launched an emergency appeal and is providing vital supplies - warm clothes, food and hygiene essentials.

Day 5 Tearfund recognises the devastating effect of the climate crisis and our collective responsibility to care for God's creation. Pray for leaders in government and corporations to acknowledge the urgency of the crisis and take bold action to tackle it. Pray for advances in technology to support renewable energy sources, pray for the protection and preservation of wildlife and ecosystems affected by climate changes.

Day 6 Pray for the people of Sudan and for Tearfund's work there. Due to the escalation of violence, many refugees and Sudanese people are trying to flee to neighbouring countries. Pray for a safe passage for them and pray for an end to the fighting.

WEEK 8 Mission Aviation Fellowship MAF

Day 1 Praise God for each flight undertaken by MAF, who faithfully continue to bring hope, help and healing to isolated communities who have no other means to receive this care and often life-saving treatment.

Day 2 MAF partner, *Wycliffe Bible Translators*, shares the gospel in difficult to reach communities in South Sudan, where witchcraft spreads fear within these people groups. Pray for the message of Jesus to transform their lives and release them from all forms of bondage.

Day 3 Praise God for **Glenn and Julie Ann Cousley's** six week Home Assignment from mid-March and for the sharing of their mission work through their scheduled speaking appointments and coffee morning. Give thanks for the precious time shared with family and friends here at home.

Day 4 Give thanks for the **Cousleys** now back in Mareeba, Australia, where they have been granted full residency. Praise God for this answer to prayer. Pray that they will find a permanent home which meets all their needs. Continue to pray for Glenn as he maintains the safety of MAF aircraft.

Day 5 Please pray for the 500+ volunteers who represent MAF in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. They are key to reaching the next generation of people who will support and serve with MAF.

Day 6 Please pray for the upkeep of all airstrips MAF use. Praise God for the landing skills of the pilots in difficult terrains. Pray for safety on all flights and God's name to be glorified above all.

Week 9 Dublin Christian Mission DCM

Day 1 Thank God for the good work done through the *Chancery Place* centre in children's ministry, youth fellowship and senior citizens. Pray for these to be ongoing, and ask that the volunteers keep coming to help.

Day 2 D.C.M Annual Easter trip to the farm went down really well, with the children seeing all the newborn baby animals, Easter eggs hunt and experiencing the smells of the country. Give thanks also for the Movie Night for senior citizens; a good time was had by all.

Day 3 Goals of the *Lighthouse* ministry are to meet the practical needs of the homeless, reaching people spiritually. There is an open prayer room for anyone interested on Saturdays. Pray for more volunteers both in the Lighthouse and Chancery House.

Day 4 Behind the scenes. "I came here as a homeless man and was provided with a bedroom. The progression in three months was amazing; thanks to **Jessica** and DCM for all the support and guidance and paperwork filling. I'm now moving with a spring in my step and faith in my heart into a permanent home, with a forever hope."

Day 5 Summer camps are held in the Wicklow mountains; they are packed with Bible teaching, small groups and worship as well as games and challenges, and making new friends. Pray, as the summer camps are being planned. Pray that they get all the volunteers needed. Pray for those who travel from afar to have safe journeys. May their stay at the camps help them to grow in their faith. Pray that they will go home, having made true friends, and after an awesome experience of serving. Pray that God might lead some into a career in Christian ministry.

Day 6 Pray for **Aubrey McCarthy** and all involved in DCM in the city that they would plant seeds of the gospel in hearts, bringing many to faith in Christ who had turned their backs on the church.