

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.

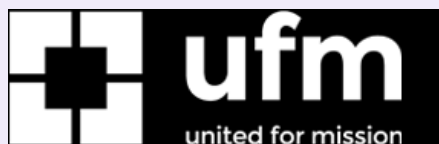
Day 2 Pray for CAP's debt helpline operators as they guide people through the difficult first step on the journey to a brighter future.

Day 3 Pray that 2023 will see many more people in N Ireland commit to work with CAP to become debt-free and find wise ways to manage their money and ultimately discover the joy of a relationship with Jesus.

Day 4 Pray for those involved in delivering the work of CAP in Ballymena, particularly John Maxwell and the members of Ballymena Baptist Church.

Day 5 There is a great need for people to volunteer as befrienders to support local families in Ballymena in their journey to become debt free. Pray that more people will be willing to take on this practical role.

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.



Our Mission Links

UFM - Linda Millar

Scripture Union - Bryan & Carole Sutters

Donabate PCI - Beth McFarland

Presbyterian Children's Society - Iris Craig

Florence Project - Rev Eddie Chestnutt

OMF International - Beth McFarland

Tearfund - Alison Fulton

MAF - Joan Sempey

DCM - Ann McIlhagga

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Mission Partners

Prayer Cycle

January - April 2023



The Prayer Cycle is a 6-day 10-week cycle for use from January - April. 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.

Mission Committee

WEEK 1 UFM United for Mission

Day 1 David Morrow (Irish Home Staff) praises God for safe travel and being able to encourage mission partners on recent deputation in Moldova and Frankfurt. Pray for encouraging visits also to **Lamin** and **Jane** in Sierra Leone. Pray for David's work in promoting **100fold** (Scripture distribution by mobile technology). Ask for God-given wisdom for David in serving all mission partners.

Day 2 Ben and Esther (Moldova) Give thanks to God, that they are settling well into life in Truseni village and are seeking ways to be a witness there. They would appreciate your prayers for rapid language learning. At the same time Ben has started his working role with Casa Mea orphanage. Pray for the boys trying to make relationships with new Moldovan friends.

Day 3 Andrew and Rachel (Claremorris, Co. Mayo) Praise God that the church has grown significantly these past few months with six new members. The children's work and youth ministry are also progressing well. Please pray for more financial and prayer support for Andy as he moves toward full time ministry. Pray for God's guidance as they look for bigger church premises.

Day 4 Justin and Lisa (Digital publishing and Internet ministry) Give thanks for God's protection on their son Thomas through-out surgery and his long stay in hospital. Please pray for work on an exciting new app for children and young people, bringing Bible stories to life in 20 different languages. Pray too for ongoing work to reach people with the gospel in a closed war-torn country, using the internet in creative ways.

Day 5 The Park family (Kiwoko Hospital, Uganda) Praise God for several short to medium-term volunteers joining the team, and more arriving imminently. Pray for the hospital ministry team, supporting local preachers through teaching and feedback. Please pray for wisdom for the hospital administration team in working out their finances. Continue to pray that God will provide a teacher for the boys.

Day 6 H and E (church and evangelism ministry in Carcassonne, France) Praise God for many genuine seekers attending recently. Pray for starting a Christianity Explored-type course with them. Pray also for an outreach week in Marseille, 20 -26 February. Pray God will use distribution of *La Voix des Prophètes* literature to save souls.

WEEK 2 SUNI Scripture Union

Day 1 Praise God for all that He has done in the first term; we are so thankful for all of the schools we have been in and children and young people we have been able to share God's Good News with. It is a joy to see relationships being built as excitement for our visits grows.

Day 2 During this term, we will be delivering 'The Amazing Jesus' RE lessons to Key Stage 2 classes in our area. These are three lessons that focus on different miracles Jesus performed and what they mean for us. Please pray for the children in these lessons, that they might understand the power of Jesus, the Son of God.

Day 3 On Saturday, 28th January, we will be taking part in a Ballymena Presbytery Schools' Ministry meeting. Together we will think about the need for Schools Ministry in our area and what churches can do. Pray that people would be challenged to get involved in serving in this way.

Day 4 Pray for all the SU groups that meet in our area (and across N Ireland!), particularly in Primary Schools as they start again. Pray for the teachers and pupils who lead, and pray for us as we build relationships with the pupils and encourage them to be salt and light in their schools.

Day 5 Pray that God will provide all finance that is needed to support the work of SU throughout N Ireland.

Day 6 Eve Lowry, E3 Worker also writes: On a personal note, I will be on leave for most of February, as we are getting married on the 15th. Would you please pray that I could finish work well, and that God would be glorified in all that is said and done, and as we start married life together. Thanks so much for your prayers and support - so encouraging!

WEEK 3 Donabate Presbyterian Church

Day 1 Rev Andy Carroll writes: We thank God for our first Christmas season without COVID restrictions in a few years. It was great to be able to invite people back to events like our community carol service and tell the good news to those who came.

Day 2 Pray for our home groups as they start back up again later in January.

Day 3 Please continue to pray for **Balbriggan Church** and **Josh McCance** who leads it. Pray that he would be able to balance his ministry responsibilities in Balbriggan with those he has while studying and training for ministry.

Day 4 Our elders meet for a morning of seeking God for guidance and wisdom for the year ahead on 14th January. Please pray that in the coming days we would continue to be open and sensitive to how God's Spirit has been leading.

Day 5 We are following one or two leads in our search to have a more permanent or at least semi-permanent church building. Ask that God would either close those down or open the doors for those to be pursued fully.

Day 6 Thank God for Rev Andy's visit to us in Harryville in November, which gave us great insights into their situation and challenges, and was much appreciated. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless and develop this Gospel partnership for His glory.

WEEK 4 Presbyterian Children's Society

Day 1 Pray for families whose circumstances have changed dramatically recently due to the strained financial circumstances because of the significant rise in the cost of living. May the families know that God cares for them in this practical way.

Day 2 Pray for wisdom in the allocation of funds to those families and individuals in need financially. Annual grants are generally made available in quarterly payments. One-off payments may also be made available to those experiencing exceptional and / or unexpected financial hardship.

Day 3 Give thanks for the continued donations made to the Society from individuals and churches to enable the Society to carry out its compassionate and necessary Christian work. Pray that this may continue. As **Jason Nicholson**, Executive Secretary, says in an article focussing on the ministry of the PCS in the December issue of the Presbyterian Herald : *"we should view our giving as an act of worship."* Pray that Jason's article will cause others to give prayerful and financial support to the Society.

Day 4 Pray that donations received will be adequate to fund all grants and also enable the Society to cover all its expenses in all aspects of administration.

Day 5 Give thanks that once an application for assistance is made, the grant is processed quickly. Financial assistance is usually paid within one day of the Society receiving the application. As the initial request for a grant has to come from the minister of a congregation, may he/she be made aware of a family in need of financial assistance. All applications are treated confidentially and with care and compassion.

Day 6 Pray that those families receiving help from the Society will have less of a struggle in their physical lives and also become aware of their spiritual needs and thus know the compassion and saving grace of our Lord who died for their sins.

WEEK 5 The Florence Project

Day 1 Many of the members of the Church demonstrate a desire to share the good news of the Gospel with their friends and family members. Give thanks to the Lord for their concern. Pray that the Lord would bless their desire with many new converts to Christ.

Day 2 Pray for **Pastor Davson** as he leads courses designed to help church members articulate their faith more clearly. Pray that many would be equipped through the completion of 'The Four' training course. This course teaches Christians a simple Gospel outline which they can use when witnessing to others.

Day 3 Evangelical resources continue to be in short supply in Italy. In particular, there is a shortage of good Christian books printed in the Italian language. Pray that the Lord would continue to supply affordable translations of sound and helpful Christian books.

Day 4 Davson has begun to translate some books himself. This is a time-consuming and very labour-intensive process. Ask the Lord to help him with this and to provide other people who could take this work on. Pray that the Lord would use the translated books to draw many to Himself.

Day 5 Davson is very concerned that the members of the church be established in the truth of God's Word. Ask the Lord to lead him as he prepares to preach the Word. Ask the Lord to bless His Word so that strong foundations of trust in Christ are laid so that people lead fruitful lives of service.

Day 6 Continue to pray for Davson and his family. Remember his wife, **Neide**, and their children **Christian**, **Eduardo** and **Melissa**. Ask the Lord to use them as they seek to see the name of Christ glorified in the city of 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!

A big thank you to all who already contribute!!!

WEEK 6 OMF International

Day 1 **Peter** and **Christine Rowan**, serving together in the UK National Director role, carry large responsibilities, steering OMF through times of vast change in global mission. Pray for wisdom, stamina, and above all dependence on the Lord as they lead, give pastoral support, administer, and network with churches and other agencies.

Day 2 Please pray for new workers for East Asian harvest fields. Pray for **Chris Keiller** (Ireland Area Rep), as he walks alongside several young adults exploring and/or preparing for God's calling long-term. Pray too for the short-term Serve Asia programme, run by **Trevor Warner**. Ask for many more to apply, like **Emily**, who will spend eight months (from mid-January) on a team reaching Muslims in an Asian megacity.

Day 3 **Rebekah E** praises God for 200 Chinese studying in the UK (among them 20 seekers), who attended a 5-day New Year Gospel Camp, organised by our partner, Chinese Overseas Christian Mission. Pray for good follow-up, and for deep roots of faith to form. May they return to the East as brave, faithful witnesses for Christ.

Day 4 Pray for **Mark T** as he partners with CU leaders, **Rev Jonathan Porter** and others in the new outreach to Asian students in Dundalk. It is disappointing that those who attended events last year prefer not to attend meetings, adding pressure on their time for study. Mark and the others now aim to focus on one-to-one contacts and relationship building, with personal evangelism.

Day 5 Praise God for a good home assignment in N Ireland and the Faroe Islands for **John** and **Birita Timothy** with their boys, **Jónas** (3) and **Markus** (2), re-connecting with family, home churches and prayer partners. Back in Japan from the end of January, they will have three months of language refresher study, before joining their new team in a church plant of 15 people in an area of 80,000.

Day 6 Pray for our local Bridge Asia team (including Beth) led by **Chris Keiller**. Our tasks include mobilising prayer, and planning events, which grow individual Christians and local churches in passion for and engagement in mission to unreached billions from East Asian nations - Buddhist, Muslim, animist, non-religious - wherever they are found.

WEEK 7 **Tearfund**

Day 1 Please pray for the work of Tearfund as they help people who are living in extreme poverty and suffering the worst effects of the climate crisis. Our God is sovereign over all the earth; let's pray for his divine provision and wisdom.

***I know the Lord secures justice for the poor
and upholds the cause of the needy.***

Psalms 140 v 12

Day 2 Give thanks to God for the peace deal agreed in Ethiopia, 2nd November, between the government and leaders from the north of the country, after two years of conflict. Tearfund's partners have been working with locals to provide food and essentials to those affected. Pray all sides will uphold this agreement, leading to lasting peace.

Day 3 Around 15% of the world's population live with some sort of disability and suffer its stigma. Of these, 80% live in lower income countries. Pray for the success of the work Tearfund is doing with churches globally to help people with disabilities and for an end to the stigmatisation.

Day 4 Pray for people like Florence in churches across Burundi who are stepping up to be the first peacemakers their country needs. After being trained in conflict resolution by Tearfund, they are helping to promote peace in their communities, and are making a difference.

Day 5 Pray for the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Hundreds of people have been killed in the worst floods in years. Pray for healing for those becoming ill due to water-borne illnesses such as Cholera. The floods bring mountains of plastic waste onto the streets. Tearfund is setting up a hub to help the environment, cleaning up the area, providing jobs and turning plastic waste into useful resources - eg in road development and tiles for school buildings.

Day 6 Thank God for the recent meeting of **Nigel Harris**, (CEO), and others in the Disasters Emergency Committee with His Majesty King Charles III. Together they discussed the vital work of the DEC charities in responding to crises in Pakistan, Ukraine, Afghanistan and East Africa. Pray this will lead to more awareness of these crises.

WEEK 8 **Mission Aviation Fellowship**

Day 1 Praise God for those involved in translating portions of scripture so it can be given to remote communities; give thanks for MAF pilots who fly this precious word and oversee its delivery to many, who will for the first time be able to have a written copy of God's word.

Day 2 MAF helps transport food to areas of need and last year flew 600 kg of supplies from Fruits Ministry to a village on the border of South Sudan and Ethiopia. Pray for those unable to grow food and who rely on deliveries from organisations aided by MAF.

Day 3 Give thanks for a new solar installation provided by MAF Technologies for mothers giving birth at the Mama Waiting Hut project in Papua New Guinea. This now reliable electric power supply is crucial to the wellbeing of mothers in child-birth and their new-born babies. Give thanks for this life-saving technology and equipment.

Day 4 Please pray for **Glenn** and **Julia Anne Cousley** serving with MAF in Mareeba, Australia. Pray that Glenn's EASA license will be granted and returned, and give thanks Julia Anne's teaching contract allows her to work in college until July 2023.

Day 5 Pray also for their family, **Joshua, Benjamin** and **Esther**. Give thanks as the boys begin new jobs and Esther studies in high school. Pray also for their parents here in Northern Ireland and the much appreciated and faithful support of prayer partners.

Day 6 Give thanks for the lives, backgrounds, skills and gifts that make up the men, women and children of this missionary organisation. Please pray for all MAF staff, for their faith to be strengthened each day and for safety in all their service. May each flight bear fruit for the glory of God and the building of his Kingdom.

Week 9 **DCM Dublin Christian Mission**

Day 1 D.C.M began ministry originally in 1828, later becoming an amalgamation of three missions: Dublin City Mission, Dublin Medical Mission, and Dublin Mission. Today Youth Clubs/ Afterschool programmes take place five days per week Monday - Friday, with 70 - 100 children from the ages of 4-17 years all taking part in various social and educational activities. Praise the Lord for sustaining this ministry which now operates the largest independent Christian youth work in the city.

Day 2 During the COVID outbreak, we worked on long overdue renovations, restoring original features of our Chancery Place base, with a desire to create a welcoming vibrant centre for all ages. Pray for these facilities to be widely used to share Christ with many in spiritual and physical need.

Day 3 **Christian Cojocar** entered the Lighthouse homeless, having heard about the services on the street and immediately felt a sense of belonging. Praise God, changes started to happen in his life. He started volunteering, and later joined an employment scheme.

Day 4 Give thanks for all who volunteer; more are needed, especially for Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Ask the Lord to send more workers into His harvest field.

Day 5 We go out sharing food with those who are out begging or for some reason are not able to attend the soup kitchen. Pray for this work which makes a difference to those in need. Everyone deserves hope, a home and a future. Together we strengthen faith, meet physical needs and provide housing support in our city.

Day 6 Over 1,000 calls have been made to the youth centre at Chancery Place. The homeless and hungry are fed at the Lighthouse drop-in centre; many attending for food and clothing have a chaotic lifestyle of dependence on drugs and alcohol. Please pray for us as we seek to work in neighbourhoods that have a high rate of drug abuse, poverty, broken homes, teenage pregnancies and crime. It is our hope to see many find freedom and healing in Christ.