

WEEK 10 Christians Against Poverty

CAP

Day 1 In 2024, CAP helped over 2,000 people become debt free, answered 6,000 phone calls and supported thousands of individuals through debt centres, life skills sessions, jobs clubs and hundreds of money coaches who together represent 750 churches across the UK. Give thanks for this tremendous work.

Day 2 Give thanks that through CAP, over 700 people heard the Gospel for the first time in 2024 and 98 people receiving help from CAP in the UK have come to faith in recent months. Pray that these people would grow in their faith and discover more about God's love.

Day 3 Pray for vision and direction for CAP in Northern Ireland in 2025. Pray in particular for **Alison Flanagan**, National Director for Northern Ireland, asking that through the work here many lives would be transformed and God's kingdom would be extended.

Day 4 Millions of people in the UK live in poverty. Pray for wisdom for the decision-makers in the UK Government. Ask that the Lord would guide their words, actions and policies towards ending UK poverty.

Day 5 Winter has been a difficult time for many families and Individuals. Pray that the Lord would protect and guide those who started this year in debt. Ask that they would find solutions to their financial insecurity through CAP.

Day 6 Remember those in the Harryville area who are struggling with their finances. Pray for the **Heart for Harryville** committee, asking that God would give them opportunities to provide practical and spiritual support to those in need and through this to build relationships with



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 Sempy

DCM - Ann McIlhagga

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Prayer Cycle

January - April 2025



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 Donabate Presbyterian Church

Day 1 Rev Andy Carroll thanks you for all your prayerful interest, which is very much appreciated as he oversees the work in the two congregations of Donabate and Balbriggan. Continue to pray for grace, wisdom and stamina in all his leadership. May he know the filling and sustaining power of the Holy Spirit, equipping for every aspect of the ministry.

Day 2 Rev Andy writes: We are thankful to have called **Josh McCance** (who has been our assistant minister) to be the Associate Minister of the church. He will continue to be based in Balbriggan and be the minister on the ground there. Josh will be ordained on **Sunday, 26th January**. Praise the Lord for this significant milestone, and pray for the Holy Spirit's anointing on the service and on his ministry.

Day 3 Please pray for **Josh, Kathryn** and their two boys, **Danny** and **Joseph**, as they enter this new phase of ministry. Please pray particularly for the family's housing situation. We are sale agreed on a house in Balbriggan, and we'd love them to be in their home and settled as soon as possible.

Day 4 We're so thankful for a Christmas season of reaching out with the good news in Donabate and Balbriggan. We connected with many families we hadn't met before. Please pray for the seed of the Word of God to take root in people's lives.

Day 5 We are receiving over twenty people as new members in Donabate and Balbriggan in the coming months. Please pray for each of these new members.

Day 6 Our part-time youth worker, **Ben**, finishes with us on 11 January. Pray for him as he begins training to be a paramedic. Pray too for our young people as we seek God's guidance in discerning how best to fill the gap that

WEEK 2 Presbyterian Children's Society PCS

Day 1 Now in the early part of this new year, pray that no household with children connected to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, will experience financial hardship. Pray that the Society will be made aware of circumstances which may include death of a parent, divorce, loss of employment or other unforeseen change of lifestyle or unexpected expense.

Day 2 This is the time of year when fuel costs (electric, gas, oil) are at their highest. Some families may struggle to heat their homes adequately. Pray that such families may come to the attention of those in their local church who can inform their minister who can then make an application for a grant.

Day 3 Pray that members of the Presbyterian Church will be more aware of the services the Society provides and be encouraged to familiarize themselves with the aims of the Society. Let's pray for each child precious to the Lord, who receives help through the PCS grants.

Day 4 Give thanks for the generous donations which the Society receives from churches and individuals. Pray that this will continue in order that financial aid to children will continue smoothly and that the running expenses of the Society will be fully covered. In the last financial year 910 families were awarded grants (regular or exceptional) amounting to £680,000.

Day 5 Pray that those who receive grants may see that the church cares not only for their physical needs but their spiritual needs as well. Pray that through this help with day to day living expenses, they may come to see the love of Christ for them. Pray that pastoral care will go hand in hand with financial provision.

Day 6 Pray that the Society's Board of Governors and administrative team will have God's guidance for the year ahead in all the decisions they have to make. Pray especially for **Jason Nicolson** (Executive Secretary) who is responsible for the day to day running of the Society and accountable to the Board.

WEEK 3 United for Mission UFM

Day 1 **David Morrow**, UFM Irish Director, gives thanks to God for those who attended the 321 Evangelical course, also for a good uptake in the Sunday School lessons launched in January. Pray for discernment in talking to those enquiring about serving cross culturally. Ask too for sufficient funds to meet the current requests for the digital Mustard Seeds.

Day 2 **Andy & Rachel** (Claremorris, Co Mayo) Praise God for the 8th anniversary of the church, for the 60 -70 people from 11 nationalities meeting each Sunday. Give thanks for Elsie taking on leading the Kids' club. Praise God for providing this building, and pray for a speedy resolution of delays to the sale.

Day 3 **Lamin & Jayne** (Sierra Leone) Praise God for the helpful two-day teaching for church workers. Many young people received Bibles and gospel literature in December - pray for changed lives. Pray for the work in the Youth Remand Centre, Waterloo Prison and the Pipeline Club. Pray for their son Theo's health to remain stable and his food allergies to improve.

Day 4 **Justin & Lisa** (100Fold Digital & Internet Ministry) Give thanks for the online digital library for students in S Asia. Pray that the Mustard Seed audio recording of Luke's Gospel in the Tsimihety language (Madagascar) will lead many to Jesus. Pray for this ongoing translation work. Pray for Thomas to find part-time work to suit his medical/physical needs.

Day 5 **Ben & Esther** (Moldova) Praise God that Ben had the language skills to preach recently in church; pray for language skills for all the family. Pray for good staff, and for Ben training them for the new fifth house (for disabled men), also for wisdom to identify those who most need a place there. Give thanks, and pray for continued much-needed funding.

Day 6 **Stephen & Linda** (Uganda, Kiwoko Hospital). Give thanks for the many Christmas events at the hospital. Pray that they would point people to Jesus. Pray for the hospital board and management, that the vision and mission of the hospital would remain Christ-Centred, in sharing the Gospel with staff, patients and visitors.

WEEK 4 OMF International

Day 1 Give thanks for the life of **Dr Peter Rowan**, UK National Director, who was called home after a brief illness in December 2024. Peter, a gifted leader, played a strategic role in shaping OMF's vision for ministry in rapidly changing contexts. Pray for **Christine**, his wife, their four (adult) children, and Peter's mother, **May**, at this time. Pray for **Nathaniel Jennings** and the other directors covering the role for now, along with their other ministries.

Day 2 Praise God for good settling in for **John** and **Emiri Orme**, with **Anna** and **Noah**, in their new leadership role. John reports unusually heavy snowfall this winter in the Tohoku region, Japan. This makes ministry challenging for many of the team they lead.

Day 3 **John** and **Birita Timothy**, with **Jónas** and **Markus**, return to Japan (27 January) after a welcome two months at "home" in Belfast and the Faroes. Pray much for this time of transition; they will relocate to a new outreach ministry in late March. They will work alongside a Japanese Pastor in a church planted by OMF workers. Pray for Birita, expecting their third child in late April several weeks later.

Day 4 **Wilson McMahan** is Dean of Koinonia Theological Seminary, a graduate school in Davao, Philippines. Please pray for the process of procuring land to build – a pressing need, as student numbers are growing. Wilson and **Irene** serve the Philippine church by training and equipping a new generation of national pastors and leaders.

Day 5 Praise God for large numbers of East Asians, including many mainland and Hong Kong Chinese and Japanese, coming to Ireland, North and South, for work and study. Pray for **Alison**, **Mark**, **Rebekah**, **Ho** and **Laura-Jane** – befriending, evangelising, discipling through Bible Study groups, and preparing them to return to their home countries as radiant witnesses for Christ.

Day 6 OMF's Taiwan Field focuses on marginalised peoples. Pray for **David** and **Lucy Eastwood**, serving in Taichung for many years. David preaches regularly at shopworkers' churches. Lucy is involved in the Pearl Family Garden ministry, reaching out to women in the red-light district.

WEEK 5 Scripture Union SUNI

Day 1 Pray for Christian groups who meet in schools throughout N Ireland – that pupils will be salt and light among their peers. Pray for all SUNI workers as well as all church volunteers who assist them in outreach in our schools. Give thanks and continue to pray for fruitfulness in ministry especially for **Eve McMullan**, our local area worker, and for all who assist and support her so faithfully.

Day 2 This term we are delivering *The Amazing Jesus* R.E lessons to P5 classes across our Primary schools in Ballymena. These focus on three miracles of Jesus and what they teach us about who He is. Please pray that the children would be amazed at not only what He can do but how much He loves them.

Day 3 We would value your prayers for the Post Primary SU groups that we will be visiting and sharing God's Word with this term. Please pray for young people to be challenged in their faith and to grow to be more like Jesus.

Day 4 As we see a decline in mental well-being amongst more children and young people, pray for God's peace to come in their lives and for the renewing of their minds.

Day 5 Pray for effectiveness in growing leaders through new and current initiatives such as *Base Camp*, *Youth Team* and *Making Your Mark*. Pray for staff and young people as they journey together and for wisdom as these initiatives grow over time.

Day 6 Pray also for our Anniversary Service on **Saturday 5th April** in **Ballyloughan Presbyterian** Church. Pray that this would be a time where God's goodness is reflected, and He is glorified.

Most of our mission partners produce their own regular detailed prayer materials. Why not sign up to become a prayer partner for a mission or a missionary family that you have a particular interest in? Ask the Mission Committee for details.

WEEK 6 Dublin Christian Mission DCM

Day 1 Pray for the mission of D.C.M, seeking to bring hope through Christ by providing services to inner city communities in Dublin. Pray for the mission to stay faithful to its values, ensuring a secure and sustainable environment, fostering new opportunities and championing a culture of equity, diversity and inclusion.

Day 2 Give thanks for D.C.M Northern Trust, a UK charity that supports the ministries of DCM including the homeless centre, youth and community work, the community café, transitional housing, food pantry and internship programme for the purpose of sharing God's love and message of hope in Jesus. Community and Friendship, Evangelism and Outreach are core values.

Day 3 Praise God for the DCM Christmas party and for everyone who donated to help make it happen, especially Dave and Anto who allowed us to use the community centre and others who donated chairs, food, gifts and offered lifts etc.

Day 4 The Lighthouse has help from volunteers who since October 2024 have been collecting clothes for the homeless, and offer these each Friday afternoon. Donations of clothes are always welcome for this much-needed ministry. Pray that the Lord will keep bringing helpers too.

Day 5 Pray for **Aubrey McCarthy** (Tiglin addiction ministry) at the Lighthouse every Monday. The programme offers spiritual reflection, prayer and conversation. It's a heartfelt space for those in need of support, guidance and connection. Pray that many will hear the word and be blessed, especially with new life and freedom in Christ.

Day 6 Give thanks and pray for many individuals who are supportive in unique ways - people like Naas Farouk Raskid for providing D.C.M. with a large quantity of new footwear for our homeless guests, and Ronnie Philips (former CEO) who encourages by sharing a word in season with everyone he meets. Pray that the Lord will continue to raise up faithful friends for the mission, witnessing for Christ through word and deed.

WEEK 7

Tearfund

Day 1 Thank God for **Nigel Harris's** faithful leadership over the last nine years; pray for him as he prepares to pass on the role as CEO in June this year. Pray that his successor will also rely on God in all things and follow Jesus where the need is greatest.

Day 2 Please pray for Tearfund's *Transforming Communities* campaign, run by local churches to tackle extreme poverty. Pray for people like Mary, one of four million displaced people in South Sudan. Mary lost her husband, food was scarce, civil war was escalating, and her home was burnt down. Through Tearfund she learned about cultivation, saving and God given resources in and around her, becoming independent and building a future filled with hope and opportunity for herself and her five children.

Day 3 Pray for the ongoing violence in Mozambique since the country's disputed election results in December 2024. Only a few weeks beforehand, cyclone Chido caused mass destruction for many, making it harder for people to receive the vital support they urgently need. Pray for **Judas Massingue**, local Tearfund leader, as he helps the Mozambicans' church with peace-building and reconciliation efforts.

Day 4 Human trafficking is a deeply abusive misuse of power, a global problem estimated to affect millions. Pray particularly for women and children, the most vulnerable to being trafficked. Ask God for their protection and for solutions to end this terrible criminal activity. Pray for local churches to be places of restoration and healing for these people.

Day 5 Give thanks that in NI any donation made to Tearfund from December 24 until the end of January 2025 will be doubled, up to £350,000 by Spar, Eurostar Vivo and Vivo Extra. Pray for people's generosity and kindness. Pray these funds will be used effectively to help those in crisis and to tackle poverty worldwide.

Day 6 Pray for Tearfund partners in Middle East communities amidst the ongoing conflict. Millions across Gaza, Lebanon and the wider region are in urgent need of food, shelter and medical care. Pray for the safety of Tearfund workers, helping those in need; pray for the people of the region as the devastation continues.

WEEK 8 The Florence Project

Day 1 Back in 2019, a church in the USA kindly provided Davson with a van. He has been using the van for outreach and community work. The van is fairly old and now needs to be replaced. Pray for provision of a new van.

Day 2 Davson has invested much time in establishing small groups within the church family. Pray that these will continue to grow. As new people join the groups, pray that their hearts would be open to the Gospel.

Day 3 The church is using football as a means of reaching young people and their families. Pray for wisdom so that new opportunities may be best used for the Kingdom of God.

Day 4 Pray for deepened faith and unity among church members. Ask the Lord to move church members to greater participation in small groups and ministry.

Day 5 Please pray for a young man called Jean. Davson has been visiting him in prison. Over the course of several lengthy conversations, Jean has expressed the desire to commit his life to Christ and follow a different path.

Day 6 Ask the Lord to continue to give Davson wisdom and discernment. He is concerned to know how the church can best serve the community both spiritually and practically.

WITHOUT FINANCE, MISSION DOES NOT HAPPEN!

Many thanks to all of our members who contribute faithfully to OUR MONTHLY MISSION ENVELOPE.

The total amount received annually to share with our ten mission agencies has decreased in recent years. Please consider giving to this fund, if you do not already do so, or even increasing your contributions, as you are able.

Week 9 Mission Aviation Fellowship MAF

Day 1 Praise God for the countries aided by MAF and the partnerships MAF forms with outreach missions, schools, healthcare charities and church organisations all bringing God's love in word and deed to those who need it the most.

Day 2 MAF has launched a green initiative to encourage passengers to refill their reusable water bottles before boarding. Pray too for the work MAF has implemented with the local community to reduce single-use plastic. Pray that MAF will be able to implement more environmentally friendly schemes.

Day 3 Praise God for the IT team who work creatively to keep MAF systems online so they can continue to fly, even in areas where internet connectivity is unreliable. Continue to pray for pilots, those servicing the aircraft, and for safety in the air at all times.

Day 4 The **Cousley** family visited Northern Ireland on home assignment during December 2024, returning home end of January. Praise God for their safe keeping as they travelled to churches here to talk about their work with MAF, and develop their partnership support base. Thank God also for the time they shared with family and friends.

Day 5 Pray for the mission schools in South Sudan, Liberia and Papua New Guinea where there is a critical shortage of teachers. Please pray that God would raise up skilled and passionate educators to fill these vacancies so that the children of missionary families receive the education they need. Pray also for each school's teaching staff as they continue to serve faithfully despite the challenges.

Day 6 Please pray for all the MAF staff and volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Praise God for this valued and important work. Pray that their testimonies would inspire many others to join the MAF family and ministry.