

Let's Pray

Sun 7 December - Sat 13 December 2025

Sunday 7 December

- **Moderator** | *Pray for Dr Richard Murray as he seeks to manage the demands of his role as Moderator and as minister of Drumreagh congregation. Pray that he will be protected from the evil one and that he will continue to walk close to the Lord.*
- **Worship as offering this Christmas** | *On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11. Pray that our worship this Christmas season will be marked by awe and self-sacrificial giving to Christ.*

Monday 8 December

- **Neil & Jenny Stewart, global mission workers, Spain** | *Pray for Neil, Jenny and the children as they spend some time with family and friends in Northern Ireland over Christmas. Pray for safe travels and that the change in routine won't be too disruptive for the children. Pray also for planning for the new year; for clarity of purpose, for good opportunities to share the gospel and that God would grow his church.*
- **The Evangelical Christian Church in Halmahera (GMIH), Indonesia** | *Give thanks for significant progress within GMIH towards reconciliation with a number of disaffected congregations. Pray for those in executive leadership who have been instrumental in taking forward this process towards total reconciliation and organisational reunification. Pray that the good progress would continue unhindered during 2006.*

Tuesday 9 December

- **Rev Colin Dickson, International Meeting Point, project leader** | *Thank God for the daily opportunities to engage in mercy ministries and gospel proclamation, across both sites and in the Op Shop. Praise God for the many opportunities to build a welcoming community that reflects the love of God in Jesus Christ. Pray that the special Christmas story presentations would engage minds, impact hearts and transform lives.*
- **Home Mission congregations** | *There are 60 congregations within the Home & Urban Mission who are supported by the Council for Mission in Ireland. Give thanks for their continued witness and pray particularly for the many carol services and outreach events planned in various congregations in the coming weeks.*

Wednesday 10 December

- **Stephen & Angelina Cowan, global mission workers, Kenya** | *Please pray for preparations for the December youth and children's camps, not least that all vehicles will be in good working order so that participants can be transported safely. Pray also for the team from Park Road Fellowship, Nairobi, that they will have insight and inspiration as they plan and lead the sessions.*
- **Refugees** | *More than 123 million people are displaced in the world at this time, a figure that has doubled in the past ten years, with more than 31 million being refugees. Pray for an end to conflict, a major cause of displacement, in countries such as Syria, Myanmar, the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Sudan and Ukraine. Remember all who have fled their homes, not least the elderly, the infirm and children, that they would know God's presence and provision.*

Thursday 11 December

- **Church Planting** | *Preparations are being made for the upcoming Church Planting Conference, 'Seed to Harvest', being held in Drogheda Presbyterian Church on 7 February 2026. Pray that this will help strengthen the roots of church planting within PCI. Pray also for the keynote speaker, Rev Neil MacMillan (City-to-City Europe), as he prepares to share with us.*
- **Derryvolgie Hall, Lyndsey Ballantine, assistant lay chaplain** | *Give thanks for an encouraging first semester with the students, particularly within our international meal on a Wednesday night. Pray for God's strength and rest for those students preparing for, and sitting their examinations this week.*

Friday 12 December

- **Education** | *Pray for the Education Authority, teachers and politicians as they work out how to respond following the courts' ruling on [JR87](#). Give thanks for Christian parents, teachers and Christian organisations, such as Scripture Union, and for the work that they do as a Christian witness to children and young people.*
- **Bereavement** | *Pray for those known to us who are bereaved and coping with grief. Pray that as they mourn a loved one, they will know God's loving comfort and presence. Remember those experiencing different stages of grief – shock, disbelief, confusion, depression, anger and acceptance. Give thanks for the support of loving friends and family, especially during the Christmas season, when that feeling of missing a loved one can be more profound.*

Saturday 13 December

- **General Council** | *Pray for all the ongoing work taking place at Union Theological College, led by the Principal, Rev Michael McClenahan, and for the academic and ancillary staff. Remember all the consideration of issues around finance, staffing and property – that these might be addressed in such a way that the College can offer the optimum environment for study.*
- **Training in Ministry** | *Pray for Rev Gordon Best, Dean of Ministerial Studies and Development, that he will continue to settle into his role, and that his family will know the Lord's help and peace as they work their way through a lengthy period of adjustment.*