

PRAYER DIARY FOR 2017 - DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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As Rev John Dunlop leads our service today, give thanks for the year that is past and help us to learn from our mistakes and go forward trusting God for his help in the year ahead.					As schools are gearing up to the Christmas Season pray for teachers who are trying to bring the real meaning of Christmas to the children as they learn carols and take part in Nativity plays.	As we bring gifts for BCM Gift Day appeal tomorrow pray for the work of Belfast City Mission who distribute gifts and hampers to many families in need while telling the real reason for the Season.
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Pray for Philip as he leads this gift day service and thank God we have enough to share. Pray also for the Christmas Praise Service in the Church this evening and all taking part.	Pray for all the families that are facing many difficulties due to crippling debts and the peer pressure to spend. Pray for organisations that help and support them in these situations.	Pray for PW as we celebrate Christmas this evening. Presbytery meets in West Kirk. Pray for God's guidance for all the churches in North Belfast.	Pray for all who have been bereaved during the year and who will be facing their first Christmas without a loved one. Pray for God's peace, comfort and hope in the year ahead.	At this Christmas time ask God to give you opportunities to share your faith with others and to pass on the good news to family, friends or work colleagues.	At this time of year pray for the work of the Salvation Army in their hostels and centres. Pray for all who are given a bed, clothes and food. Pray they will experience God's love.	Give thanks that Rathcoole Congregation meet this afternoon to ordain and install new Minister Mr Craig Lynn. Pray for him as he begins his ministry in this Church.
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Give thanks for Rev Dr Terry McMullan who is celebrating 50 years of ordained ministry at the service this morning. Pray for all who are meeting in 309 to explore and celebrate the meaning of Christmas this evening.	Pray for the work of Latin Link in Spain. Pray for the current political and economic situation with high levels of unemployment and political instability. Pray for greater mission mobilisation in the Evangelical Church.	Give thanks for the Job Club which meets in 309 each week and also for those who have found jobs this year. Pray for those still seeking employment. Pray for Trevor and the volunteers who help each week.	The Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zimbabwe are the focus of 'A beautiful idea: Women's voices in fragile states', (PCI) World Development Appeal for 2017. Pray for generous giving to this appeal.	Pray for the Dowds family as they spend Christmas here at home in Northern Ireland. Pray for Lyn who has been doing deputation until mid December. Pray for the girls as they will be returning to boarding school in Zambia in January.	Pray for the work of Tearfund in S Sudan. Pray for the mothers' support Groups set up there. Remember especially children around the world who are malnourished and for parents trying to do their best for them.	Pray for the work of the Bible Society in Uganda as it seeks to bring Braille Bibles to many blind people in Uganda and the Bible Society is also helping to set up Bible Listening groups in prisons, schools and churches in Togo.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
As Philip leads us in worship today give thanks that we worship the living God who cares for us. Pray for the Choir, Praise Group and musicians taking part in the Carol Service in Ch Halls tonight.	Pray for Operation Christmas Child as they distribute the shoe boxes to many Children in various countries who have so little in material things. Pray that God's love will be shown to them by the gifts.	Cavehill PS Carol Service in Rosemary. Pray that all the children and families will know and understand who Christmas is all about and not be blinded by the commercialism and glitz of material things.	Pray for safe journeys for those travelling home at Christmas. Ask for a happy time for reunited families with all showing consideration and providing assistance so that no one is under pressure.	Pray for families who are in conflict and children who are living in an atmosphere of parental argument and abuse. Pray for families who are suffering because of drink, drug or gambling addictions.	Pray for all who work over Christmas – Ambulance staff, Fire and Rescue Services, Hospital staff, Police and Prison Officers and Careers in residential homes and those caring for family members at home.	At this time of year many people can be sad depressed, anxious or suicidal. Pray for the work of the Samaritans, Lifeline and others who offer help or a listening ear to those feeling unable to cope.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
As we meet for worship today on this Christmas Eve, pray that we all may be aware of God's wonderful love for each one of us and the sacrifice he made in sending his only son for our redemption.	Give thanks that God sent Jesus into the world to live along side us and to fulfil God's wonderful plan of salvation. Help us to give thanks that we can celebrate with joy our Saviour's birth.	Pray for all PCI Missionaries who are serving overseas this Christmas and are missing Family and loved ones. Surround them with your love and bless family and friends at home.	Pray for the work of Asia Link as it seeks to reach the peoples of Asia with the good news of Jesus Christ. As the conditions are very tough in this area pray for safety and protection for all the workers serving Christ.	Pray for the Commission Broadcast Centre at Dundonald which specialises in radio drama programmes based on Bible stories and characters for use by any radio station.	Pray for the work of Prison Fellowship as they care for families of prisoners at this time of year. Give thanks for the food hampers they deliver to families and the help and support they offer at this time.	Pray for Barbara McIlwrath our designated person in child protection issues. Be with her as seeks to ensure that all the children coming to our church and organisations are safe.