

PRAYER DIARY FOR 2020 - FEBRUARY

Saturday 1st

Scripture Union NI is hosting a schools' ministry conference at Stranmillis College, Belfast, today. The conference is designed to inform, equip and inspire people to play their part – whether as part of a church community, a parent or a member of staff in a school.

Sunday 2nd

As Philip leads us in worship this morning, pray that God's Holy Spirit will bring joy and encouragement to all those who seek Him. Pray for all those taking part in the service today.

Monday 3rd

Pray for all who have been bereaved recently. Pray for comfort and strength at this time of change and readjustment and above all may they be conscious of God's loving care and presence. Pray for those who have difficult circumstances to deal with and especially for those who are alone or far from family.

Tuesday 4th

Pray for the Presbytery of North Belfast as they meet tonight to decide on many things including their choice for Moderator of the General Assembly. They will also decide on the future of IMP 2 and how this will develop. May God direct and guide them.

Supper Evening in PW tonight. Pray that friendship and hospitality may be enjoyed and that all may learn from Dr Michael McBrien of the work carried out on board the Mercy Ships. Pray for him as he speaks to us.

Wednesday 5th

Pray for the 4 Corners Festival taking place from 31 Jan-9 February in various venues across the City. It seeks to inspire people from across the city to transform it for the peace and prosperity of all. It consists of innovative events to entice people out of their own corners of the city and into new places where they will encounter new perspectives, new ideas and new friends. Pray for those who will be celebrating our city through music, prayer, storytelling, discussion and more.

Thursday 6th

Pray for Chris Long and the other leaders in the Barn in the Gorbels in Glasgow. Especially as they work to help children and teenagers who are facing very challenging times because of abuse of drugs and poverty they face.

May God bless all the BB Leaders who come to work with the boys week after week.

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Friday 7th

Give thanks for the Drama Group and its long association with Rosemary. Pray for the members as they use their talents to entertain. Pray for their safety as they travel and perform in different venues.

Saturday 8th

An event called The Church and Boys is being held in the Assembly Buildings this morning from 10.00-12.30pm. This event is asking what would help boys in church to grow into mature men of faith. Nick Harding, author of the book, The Church and Boys, will spell out the problems and encourages us to see this in missional terms. Pray this will be a help to churches where boys attending is a problem.

Sunday 9th

As Philip leads our worship today help us to put aside all worries and distractions and listen to what God is saying to us. Pray that this service of worship may bring joy to our Heavenly Father's heart.

Monday 10th

The Congregational Committee meets this evening to deal with the practical side of our finances and buildings. Pray they will be wise and good stewards and serve God in all they do..

Tuesday 11th

Pray for the work of the North Belfast Foodbank. Pray for the Leaders and those who volunteer to help run it each week. Pray also for the many people whose situations necessitate the use of the Foodbank.

Wednesday 12th

The Seniors Coffee and Chat group meet this afternoon. Pray as they meet and enjoy friendship together that they will be encouraged in their faith by the fellowship they experience in 309.

Thursday 13th

Hashtags and Hormones is an event being held this evening by PCI for volunteer leaders, parents, ministers and anyone in congregations who seek to support their young people. It is hoped that this event will give confidence and tools to begin conversations with teenagers about relationships and sex. Pray that those who attend may feel better equipped to talk about these important questions.

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Friday 14th

Pray for Deaconesses serving PCI in churches, hospitals and within the local community. Ask God to help them to be creative and joyous in their daily meetings with the house-bound and the lonely and all those they come into contact with.

Saturday 15th

Pray for wisdom for our young people as they use social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Help them to be aware of the dangerous situations these sites can lead them into.

Sunday 16th

As we join in worship today give thanks that we can meet as a family to worship God together. Pray for Philip as he speaks to us and for those who will take part in the service.

Monday 17th

Pray for Irish Mission Workers and Community Evangelists supported by Board of Mission Ireland. Street evangelism, hotel bible studies, door to door visiting is some of the work they do.

Tuesday 18th

Tonight Leanne Dunlop is coming to PW to talk about Scripture Union in Schools. Pray for Leanne as she speaks tonight and give thanks for the work of Scripture Union over many years in promoting daily reading of the Bible among children and the many activities they undertake to encourage young people in their faith.

Wednesday 19th

No matter how bad the weather, give thanks for the early signs of Spring and God's faithfulness as he orders the Seasons year by year.

Thursday 20th

Pray for the Treasurers of all the Churches of our Presbytery as they finalise accounts and statistics this evening. Pray they will work with integrity and be good leaders and stewards of the money they deal with.

Friday 21st

Pray for all who attend the Friday Bible Club. Pray for the Leaders that they may be able to simply tell the boys and girls about Jesus and his love for them through Bible stories and crafts. Pray for their parents that they will see that both they and their Children need to follow Jesus.

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Saturday 22nd

Christians face many challenges in Myanmar (Burma)

Please pray that David Mang Sum, the young Bible College students in Yangon, and any others preparing for the upcoming camps in Myanmar, will be full of the Holy Spirit and share the Gospel with the communities they visit, and that many would be saved.

Sunday 23rd

Pray for Philip as he leads our worship this morning. Ask God to speak to us through His word. Pray for those who are anxious or distracted by family concerns that God will bring peace and direction for them.

Monday 24th

Ethiopia is facing heightened violence and trouble in the Stand By Me School in Dembi Dollo where Trevor Long continues to visit. Pray for safety for the children, teachers, cooks and nurse as they continue to work in very challenging times.

Tuesday 25th

Pray for the Lunch Club teams who prepare and serve meals each week and for the drivers who bring those who do not have transport. Give thanks for the friendships enjoyed and for the wonderful hot meals provided.

Wednesday 26th

Give thanks for the freedom we have to worship Jesus freely. Pray for the work of Open Doors as it serves the persecuted Church worldwide. Pray for all who are suffering today. Pray for Ministers and leaders who are sharing the Gospel of Jesus at great personal risk of imprisonment or death.

Thursday 27th

It is just six nights left before the BB Display. Pray for the Boys and Officers as they work to make it a special evening for everyone involved.

Friday 28th

Five Presbyterian churches are vacant in north Belfast. Pray that God will direct and guide each of them as they seek a minister and what God has planned for their futures.

Saturday 29th

Pray for our teenagers as they face so many influences that ignore or deny God. Pray they will grow in faith and set an example to all. Pray for all the young people attached to our church that through their meeting together in friendship and study their faith and witness may be strengthened and expressed with certainty.