



MAZE  
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CHURCH

# PRAYER DIARY

## OCTOBER 2018

***I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.***

***1Tim 2:1-4***

Mon 1<sup>st</sup>

Give thanks for all the work of the church committee (meeting this evening). They ensure that the church runs efficiently so pray for all the practical aspects of their job. Pray that they would have Godly wisdom in their decision making.

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup>

Pray for our new youth worker, Rachel Lennon, who will be starting work with us this month. Pray she settles in quickly, gets to know people and that she would be a blessing to both the young people and the leaders of our youth work.

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>

Pray that Edwin and Joanne would know God's guidance for the future as Edwin gets closer to a church. Thank God for their example and ministry to us.

The Prayer Gathering is on tonight so either go along to it, or set aside time today to pray for individuals you know who do not yet acknowledge their need for salvation.

Thr 4<sup>th</sup>

The last choir practice before Harvest is tonight. Pray that, on Sunday, what they sing would be glorifying to God and would touch the hearts of all who hear. Thank God for their ministry to us.

Fri 5<sup>th</sup>

Pray again that new leaders would come forward to help out at Youth Club (approximately nine are needed each week). This is a vital ministry as most of the kids don't come to the church, so pray that God would challenge them to come to faith.

Sat 6<sup>th</sup>

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze group are out on their first day walk in the Mournes today. Pray that this is an enjoyable experience for all and that it is a positive time of fellowship & learning for the young people.

Sun 7<sup>th</sup>

This is a day of thanksgiving. Our God has been very good to us. It is a day for harvest celebration. Give thanks to God for all the material things He has provided for us, and especially for His greatest gift, His Son Jesus.

Mon 8<sup>th</sup>

The Duke of Edinburgh participants are receiving training in 'Basic First Aid for the hills' tonight. Give thanks for those giving their time and skills to train these young people.

Tue 9<sup>th</sup>

House groups meet tonight and tomorrow. For some it is a juggle of family life, work etc. so pray that they are able to make time for this vital activity. Pray that the prayer life of each group will grow and that folk will feel comfortable sharing their requests and be encouraged by how God answers them.

Wed 10<sup>th</sup>

Pray for Christine McMullan and Janice Barr who are coming to Women@Maze tomorrow evening to speak about Charlene's Project. Pray that the women will be challenged by what they hear.

Thr 11<sup>th</sup>

Give thanks for the Bible Class breakfast which was a great start to the year and for all Linzi shared about Alpha in prisons. Pray for her as she shares the gospel with the prisoners.

Fri 12<sup>th</sup>

Pray for our young people beginning University – they should have started now! Pray that they would have connected with a CU and, if away from home, a new church. Praise God for our young people already at University and for the time they have given to welcoming new students at CU fresher events.

Sat 13<sup>th</sup>

Pray for Zack as he leads the new adult Bible class on Sunday morning ('Can I trust the bible?'). Pray that it would give reassurance about the integrity and reliability of the Bible. Pray that people would be challenged to be obedient to it as God's Word.

Sun 14<sup>th</sup>

A new series on 'Judges: Broken Saviours' starts today. Pray that we all listen attentively aiming to be 'doers of the Word and not hearers only' James 1:22.

Mon 15<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday Club meets tomorrow so give thanks for queries from potential new members and pray that they will feel welcome. Pray also for the older members of our fellowship who may dread the dark cold months of winter.

Tue 16<sup>th</sup>

Pray for all our young people back at school, college, university or starting their first job. Pray that they will know God's blessing as they settle into studies or work. Pray for their parents that they would be wise as they support the young people.

Wed 17<sup>th</sup>

The Prayer Gathering is on tonight so either go along to it, or set aside some time this evening to pray for William, Edwin, Session & Committee.

Thr 18<sup>th</sup>

Parents & Toddlers have been blessed with new members this term. Pray for the whole group as they settle into a new session and get to know each other.

Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

Pray for those coming to Youth Fellowship or Sunday Club for the first time. For YF that they would feel a part of the group and feel comfortable to contribute, and for SC that they would feel happy and safe in the class and enjoy learning about God through the lessons

Sat 20<sup>th</sup>

Pray for the P7s in Meadowbridge School as they approach their AQE tests, that they will stay focused and calm.

Sun 21<sup>st</sup>

Pray for Session as they meet to agree the next steps for the ongoing "2020 Vision" project - pray especially that God will guide them in their deliberations and that His plan for the future direction of our church will become clear.

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>

Praise Group. Pray for those new to the congregation to be able to join the Praise Group. Pray for the group as they choose and learn new songs to teach the congregation, that our worship may be God centred and Biblical.

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup>

The House Groups are meeting tonight and tomorrow so pray that the Holy Spirit will be present during those times and that the Lord would challenge each individual in their personal faith journeys so that they move closer to Him. Pray also for more people to come to the groups.

Wed 24<sup>th</sup>

Give thanks for the opportunities for praying together that exist in our church – the Wednesday Prayer Gathering, Sunday morning prayer, prayer triplets. Pray that more people would use these opportunities and learn to appreciate the great gift that God has given us – of being able to address Him directly.

Thr 25<sup>th</sup>

Numbers are few in the Craft Club (Thursday morning) so pray for new members. Pray that existing members would enjoy good health and be encouraged by the fellowship of the group. Pray that their talents are put to use for God's glory.

Fri 26<sup>th</sup>

PCI is holding a special evening focusing on mission in Africa tonight in Saintfield Rd Presbyterian church. Pray that what is said would encourage people to support the missionaries and pray for their work, especially in Zambia and Malawi. (See PCI website 'Africa in focus' for more details).

Sat 27<sup>th</sup>

Pray for Rachel Lennon and the leaders of the Youth Fellowship. Give thanks for them and pray that God would guide them as they plan the programme for the year, prepare for the youth weekend and especially as they show His kingdom to the young people in how they work & interact with each other.

Sun 28<sup>th</sup>

The monthly Care Home Service takes place this afternoon. Give thanks for those who go & help (talking to residents, helping them find the right page in the praise books etc), and those who speak, pray and read God's Word. Pray for the residents who are believers, that they will be encouraged in their faith. Pray for any who have not yet repented & put their faith in Jesus, thank God for His patience and pray that He will challenge them as to their eternal destiny.

Mon 29<sup>th</sup>

Meadowbridge School - Thank God for opportunities for visiting speakers to come into assemblies and RE classes. Pray for Joel Hutchinson (SU) as he ministers in different schools in the area.

Tue 30<sup>th</sup>

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles ...' (2 Cor 1:3-4). Our God is the God of all comfort, so pray that those who are sick or grieving may know God's comfort and experience His presence with them.

Wed 31<sup>st</sup>

Next Sunday we celebrate communion. Use this prayer, from the Book of Common Prayer, to prepare yourself for that.

'ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.'