



MAZE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Prayer Focus

October 2026 - January 2027

PRAYER FOCUS

This booklet outlines ministries at Maze PC and their activities over the next 4 months, with specific prayer points raised by those involved, as well as key dates and events in the life of our Church.

Please take the time to spend time praying for our organisations and ministries. Each day, pray for a particular ministry or event as they arise.

In this edition of Prayer Focus, information has been provided to help you pray for Church Activities, Sunday Service and Church Life. In addition, we have Other Prayer Topics, Month in Focus and Additional Prayer Resources.

PRAYER FOCUS KEY



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Key Dates



Prayer Request

CHURCH ACTIVITIES



SUNDAY CLUB

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Each Sunday morning, from 10:10am - 11:15am, we meet together with the children and young people from preschool to Year 14. Our purpose is to teach them about Jesus from the Bible, through songs, memory verses and prayer, and through sharing experiences from life, to ensure they have a sound knowledge of God, and that they are supported in growing their spiritual life, faith and understanding.

Each Sunday 10:10am - 11:15am

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Saturday 12th December, Primary Classes Movie Morning

Sunday 13th December, Christmas all age service, 11:30am

Sunday 20th December, Craft Morning



PRAYER REQUESTS



Give thanks for each child and young person who comes to Sunday Club. Pray that they would come to know Christ and follow Him, and that existing faith would grow and be strengthened.



Pray for wisdom for the teachers and helpers each week as they faithfully prepare and teach the lessons from God's Word, focusing on the Gospels this year. Pray for good relationships to be established in classes as they study the Bible and learn together.



Give thanks for all the helpers and families who support Sunday Club each week



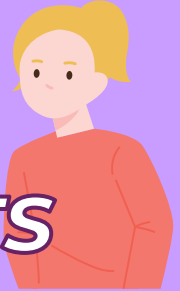
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

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Maze YF is a youth group that meets on Sunday nights during school term time from 7:30pm - 9:00pm. It is for kids from first year of high school and up. Our aim to help them grow in their faith and learn more about God and to have the confidence to go into their adult life confident in the gift they have been given through Jesus Christ.

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Each Sunday 7:30pm - 9:00pm



PRAYER REQUESTS



Prayer for the leaders who volunteer each week, preparing talks, events and building relationships with the young people to help their faith grow.



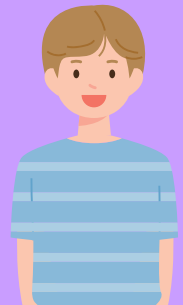
Prayer for the young people who come to YF. That they would enjoy their time, deepen their faith and be encouraged to live their life for God.



Prayer that throughout the year, God's Word would be heard by the kids. That all Glory give to Him. That more kids would be invited along to hear what the Bible has to say to them.



Give thanks for the increasing number of young people coming along to learn more from God's Word.



YOUTH CLUB

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We're thankful for all that God is doing through Youth Club. Each week we welcome many children who are not connected to our church family, and we have the joy of sharing the gospel with them. It is also a privilege to help our own children grow in their walk with Jesus.

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Friday nights during term time, 6:45pm - 8:00pm.



PRAYER REQUESTS



A new Youth Club Coordinator. Pray that the right person will be appointed, and for wisdom as we shape the future direction and vision of this ministry.



Our leaders and volunteers . Give thanks for those who serve faithfully each week, and pray that God will provide additional volunteers.



The children. Pray that they grow in their understanding of who Jesus is and what it means to trust and follow him.



Meaningful connection. Pray for opportunities to build strong relationships with the children and with families who are not currently connected to a local church.



CROSSROADS

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Crossroads serves as a continuation of the "Junior Youth Club," helping local kids transition from primary to secondary school while maintaining connections with their peers and the church. It offers a safe, Christian-focused environment where young people can explore faith and engage in meaningful conversations. The group welcomes participants with varying levels of connection to the church, aiming to reach out, build relationships, and encourage involvement in other church and Christian activities.

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Friday nights during term time, 6:45pm - 8:00pm.



PRAYER REQUESTS



Pray for the leaders as they plan Crossroads, that they would create an organisation that is both relevant and engaging for the teenagers of the area.



Pray for any new kids that would attend that they would settle in and feel part of Crossroads.



Pray that kids would gain a deeper interest in Christianity and be pointed to Youth fellowship (or other organisations) for those needs to be met.



Pray that God would provide additional volunteers to serve at Crossroads.



PUPPET MINISTRY

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Puppet Ministry is a creative way to teach Children Bible stories, in a way that will help them understand how much God loves us and how we can follow God's ways.

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Throughout the year.

PRAYER REQUESTS



We ask you to pray that God will guide and bless our Puppet Ministry Team as we share His love and His word with the Children.



PARENTS AND TODDLERS

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Parents and Toddlers provides an opportunity for babies and toddlers, along with their parents or carers to enjoy friendship in a relaxed setting. We enjoy free play, alongside more structured and intentional crafts, singing and story time and of course coffee and snacks. Our aim is to extend genuine love, support and welcome to all who attend, praying that all who attend might encounter Jesus.

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Thursday Mornings, 9:30am

PRAYER REQUESTS



Thank God for the many encouraging relationships that were built last year. Pray that these relationships will continue to deepen as the families return to our group. For those families who have moved on, pray that we might have opportunities to maintain contact.



Pray for the new families who will attend our group this year. Pray that they might quickly find a sense of belonging, value and friendship, regardless of their background.



Pray for many opportunities to demonstrate God's love in action but also occasions to be intentional in sharing the Gospel in word. Pray for boldness and confidence as these opportunities arise.



Give thanks for a faithful and dedicated team of leaders. Pray that others might feel called to serve in this ministry.



BOYS BRIGADE

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1st Maze BB meets on a Thursday night at Priesthill Methodist Church. It is the local BB for the area. Many of the volunteers and boys are members of our congregation. Nicola Shannon a long standing member of our congregation is the Captain of the company.

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Thursday Nights



PRAYER REQUESTS



That all new boys will settle in quickly and feel part of the company.



That the enrolment service on November 15th will be well attended.



Numbers will continue to increase as God continues to bless the company.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Maze is due to resume on Monday nights with our first expedition training in October.

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Monday Nights 7:30pm



PRAYER REQUESTS



Pray for wisdom for the leaders as they make plans for the year ahead.



Pray for the young people that they may feel welcome at Maze DofE and that they will bond within their Award Groups.



Pray for the day walks over the Autumn and Winter months that the weather will be kind and for safety in the hills.



WOMEN @ MAZE

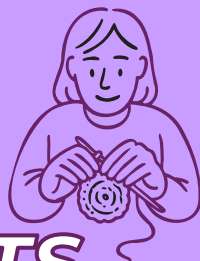
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Our group meets to provide fellowship for women of all ages within the church and we aim to build each other up in our faith through a mixture of teaching, testimony and fun activities together.

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Katie Shott, Open Doors, October 2026

Ages & Stages, November 2026



PRAYER REQUESTS



For a good mixture of ages to attend and for new members to come along. For existing members to be proactive in inviting others to come along to our meetings.



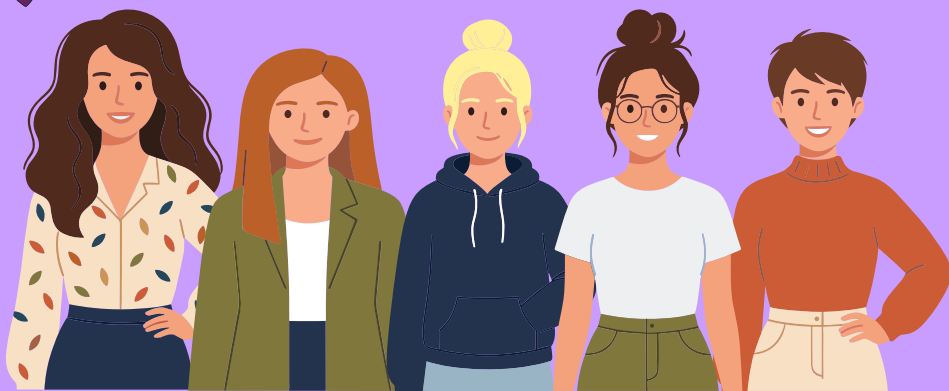
For Debbie, Sophie and Ruby sharing about mission and work in Africa.



For Katie Shott sharing from Open Doors in October.



For our Ages and Stages Night in November.



MEN @ MAZE

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Men @ Maze aims to connect the men of our congregation both socially and spiritually, growing in fellowship and faith. There are a wide range of events that are designed to suit as many men as possible in our church. Events are planned to have a mixture of social events and ones with a greater faith-based focus.

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Men's Breakfast, Saturday 10th October 2026

Meetings held throughout the year.



Keep an eye on the church email & announcements for upcoming events.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Pray for new members of church and the group, that new friendships would be formed and those established would be strengthened.



WALKING GROUP

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We walk each month with a range of age and ability. It a great opportunity to talk and mix with people we may not get a chance to otherwise. **Contact Alastair Peoples for more details**

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Wednesday 21st October, Moira Canal

Wednesday 18th November, Portadown Boulevard

PRAYER REQUESTS



Pray for safety as we walk.



Pray for new folk to come along.



Pray for opportunities to speak about our walk with the Lord with those who come along.



PRAYER MINISTRY

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The prayer ministry team pray with and for those bringing their concerns to God for His healing touch upon their lives.

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Sunday after Worship



PRAYER REQUESTS



Pray for everyone who will come each Sunday to receive prayer ministry and God's healing touch on their lives and that many people including those coming for the first time will be encouraged by God's prompting to come forward for prayer.



Pray for the team members of the prayer ministry team that they will be sensitive to hearing God's voice by the Holy Spirit as they pray with and for those seeking God's guidance and healing touch.



Pray that many testimonies of answered prayers from the prayer ministry will be very apparent this autumn and that many people will be encouraged as a result of receiving prayer ministry.



Pray that we will get more volunteers to join the intercessory support each Sunday to praying for prayer ministry and pray that others from Maze PC will want to go for prayer ministry training when it is offered to consider becoming future members of the Maze PC prayer ministry team.



PASTORAL CARE

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The Pastoral Care service supports the ongoing work of the ministerial team and elders, and offers practical, emotional and spiritual support to our church family. The service enables those with pastoral gifts to exercise them within this ministry.

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Throughout the year when required

PRAYER REQUESTS



Give thanks for all the pastoral supports within our Maze family, enabling individuals to have support and comfort as it's needed.



Pray for the pastoral care visitors who have been involved in the work, give thanks for their commitment and pray that God will bless them with wisdom and compassion as they visit.



Prayer for the pastoral care link person within each Fellowship Group as they coordinate how the group members can care, support and encourage one another pastorally.



Pray for those in our church who are hurting or struggling that they would encounter the peace of God's love and care.



FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

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Fellowship Groups meet on a fortnightly basis to study God's word together and to support each other as we live out our faith. This term, the Fellowship Groups will be looking more deeply into Matthew's gospel and what it tells us regarding the story of Jesus.

TUESDAYS

Joe Cole - Maze PC - 10:00am

McKendrys - 7:45pm

Gibsons - 8:00pm

Trevor & Mark - 8:00pm

Watsons - 8:00pm

WEDNESDAYS

Melanie Clelands - 9:15am

Houstons - 7:45pm

Maxwells - 8:00pm

THURSDAYS

Lisa Cochrane's - 7:00pm

Pages - 7:30pm

FRIDAYS

Kathryn Kelsey

9:30am

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PRAYER REQUESTS



Pray for friendships through the fellowship enjoyed.



Pray for those who have just joined the Maze church family, that they would be encouraged to join one of the fellowship groups.



Pray for those who are new members to groups, that they would feel welcomed.



Pray that within groups we would be encouraged to support one another in prayer.



Pray that the study material looking at Matthew's Gospel will speak to those attending.



TECH TEAM

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We operate, maintain and upgrade as needed the technology in all the church buildings to serve the needs of the different ministries and groups that meet. We also stream live services on YouTube and produce the weekly sermon podcast that combined reach about 350 people around the world each week.

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Every Sunday Worship



PRAYER REQUESTS



Give thanks for all the tech team members who serve so faithfully each week—often coming down early and leaving late and also covering church ministry needs during the week.



Pray for energy for the team members during the busy period in November with the NIMA conference and in the lead up to Christmas with services, and also supporting the Christmas trail.



Give thanks for the reliability of the systems and pray that it would continue.



KIRK SESSION

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Session consists of the Minister and Elders of our Congregation and has responsibility for the spiritual oversight of the congregation. We would really appreciate your prayerful support.

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Monday 28th September 2026

Monday 23rd November 2026

Monday 25th January 2027

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray that God will guide Session as they seek to do God's will within our Church.



Pray for ongoing spiritual protection of our Session as a whole and for spiritual growth and development in the life of each of its members to support them in their leadership role.



ROSS & HANNAH MURPHY

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Ross Murphy is a member of our Church who is entering his second year of ministerial studies at Union Theological College. We want to remember Ross and his wife Hannah as well as their two children, Liam and Patrick, as they journey through God's plan for their lives.

PRAYER REQUESTS



As Ross begins another year at Union, please pray for the challenge of balancing study, family, and pulpit supply.



This year will add the challenge of moving out of Belfast and adjusting to a longer commute. Please pray that the family would navigate this new season with wisdom, protecting time for one another and prioritising wisely. Pray that Ross would remember that his first ministry is to his family.



Please also pray for Ross as he begins studying Biblical Hebrew. Learning the Biblical languages is an exciting, but demanding aspect of ministry training. Pray for perseverance and discipline as he studies, but also for wisdom to know when to close the books and rest.



Above all, pray that Ross' studies would never become an end in themselves, but would deepen his love for Christ, strengthen his preaching, and better equip him to serve his church faithfully.



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