

# Let's Pray

Sun 4 July - Sat 10 July 2021

## Sunday 4 July

- **Moderator** | *Many families will be spending holidays more locally this year. Pray for God-given times of refreshment and for protection from any new variant of coronavirus which might further inhibit the relaxation of restrictions.*
- **Fanning the flame of congregational life: Being positive** | *Ask God to help congregations be positive about approaching the resumption of worship and other activities after such a long and wearying season of restrictions on gathering.*

## Monday 5 July

- **Stephen & Angelina Cowan (global mission workers in Kenya)** | *Pray for the youth camps to be held later this month. Due to Covid-19, most likely they will be smaller than normal, in several locations and led by senior youth from Tuam. Pray for good attendance and for many to dedicate their lives to following Christ.*
- **Global Developement** | *Pray for the ongoing work of Christian Aid and Tearfund seeking to help people in great need throughout the world, sharing the gospel through love in action.*

## Tuesday 6 July

- **Hazel Reid (deaconess)** | *Pray for Hazel Reid as she continues to meet the pastoral needs of First Broughshane congregation and also works as part-time chaplain at N. Ireland Hospice and Causeway Hospital. Pray that her ministry will be effective and fruitful, bringing comfort to people and glory to God.*
- **Arklow** | *Pray for the home mission congregation of Arklow; especially for Rev Michael Anderson, the Kirk Session and Irish mission worker Philip Whelton as they make plans to get activities up and running again.*

## Wednesday 7 July

- **Zambia** | *Pray for the nation of Zambia where Covid-19 cases have risen rapidly over the past month. Pray that people will take Covid-19 seriously and try to protect themselves and others by wearing face masks and social distancing. Pray for the leadership of CCAP Synod of Zambia as they endeavour to guide people.*
- **Diane Cusick (global mission worker, Zambia)** | *Pray for Diane as she works from home in Lusaka & remember the teachers and children who were just suddenly told to stop school. Pray for their safety from the virus.*

## Thursday 8 July

- **Timothy Vaughan (community outreach worker in Garnerville, Belfast)** | *Pray for the church's community football club held in the local estate, that many children and young people will attend and for good relationships with them. Pray too for the plans for the congregation's children's week due to be held at the end of August.*
- **Athy and Carlow** | *Pray for the functioning of the congregations under the current restrictions. Pray particularly for the young people and that their leaders will be able to organise some activities for them over the summer.*

## Friday 9 July

- **Social Witness** | *Pray for our Home Managers as they continue to manage the challenges of Covid-19 & plan for more normal times. Pray for renewed strength and good health as they fight the fatigue of the past 16 months. Give thanks that they have been able to steer their Home/Unit through this most challenging time.*
- **Families** | *As the school holidays begin pray that although some restrictions are still in place, families would have time to rest and have fun together. Pray especially for those caring for loved ones with additional needs, that the right support would be available over the summer months.*

## Saturday 10 July

- **General Council** | *Pray for safety and protection and a sense of peace and calm throughout Northern Ireland, especially on the 11<sup>th</sup> night and the 12<sup>th</sup> July itself. Pray for wisdom for those both organizing and policing various parades and gatherings, so that needless tension will not build up at a sensitive time of the year.*
- **Council for Training in Ministry** | *Pray for ministry students undertaking full-time summer assistantships in congregations through Ireland. Pray that they will both gain broader experience of ministry in different contexts and bring blessing to the congregations where they are working.*