

Let's Pray

Sun 1 May - Sat 7 May 2022

Sunday 1 May

- **Moderator** | *Please pray for our farmers, who are facing unprecedented rises in their key inputs. Over the past year fertilizer has risen by some 300%, while fuel and feed have increased by c. 200%. The pig sector is suffering particularly at the moment, but all areas of the industry are being hit extremely hard.*
- **Answering God's invitation to worship:** *Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1 | Ask God to help us respond to his invitation to find joy in him as we express our praise in song today.*

Monday 2 May

- **Edwin & Anne Kibathi (global mission workers in London)** | *Pray for Edwin and Anne as they continue to serve the East African expatriate community in the UK and minister at the Presbyterian Church of East Africa congregation in East London. Pray too for the fellowship groups who meet in Reading and Luton.*
- **South Sudan** | *Pray for peace in South Sudan, where there has recently been a surge of violence, including rapes, gang rapes, beheadings, burning civilians alive, and attacks on humanitarian aid workers. Pray too for the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan and its work to promote peace and its humanitarian aid work.*

Tuesday 3 May

- **Eleanor Drysdale (deaconess in Wellington, Ballymena)** | *Pray for Eleanor as she continues to serve and for the congregation as they begin preparations for organisations resuming in September. Some will need both leaders and helpers. Pray for wisdom and guidance and that people will step up to serve God.*
- **Belvoir (South Belfast)** | *Pray for Belvoir congregation as they currently explore a potential partnership with Saintfield Road Presbyterian, with the hope of revitalised worship and witness in the Belvoir estate.*

Wednesday 4 May

- **Volker and JinHyeog Glissmann (global mission workers, Southern Africa)** | *Praise God for the way he has led Volker and JinHyeog over the last few years in their service in Malawi and Southern Africa. Pray especially for the continuation of developing grassroots training in Malawi.*
- **Latvia** | *Pray for our partners in Latvia, the Evangelical Reformed Church of Latvia and the Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary. Pray for their work and witness, including reaching out to help refugees from Ukraine.*

Thursday 5 May

- **Tom Dowling (Irish mission worker, Kilkenny)** | *Pray for door-to-door visitation, that the Spirit of God will be at work in the lives of those Tom and others meet. Pray too for outreach Bible studies, taking place both in-person and online, and for the planning of a summer children's club which will be held in a local community centre.*
- **PCI Church Planting Conference** | *This Saturday, 7 May, PCI is holding a conference entitled, 'A time to plant'. Pray that it will be a time of learning and inspiration to those who attend. Pray that more new churches will be planted in Ireland in the coming years, and that each will grow and flourish, for God's glory.*

Friday 6 May

- **Social Witness** | *Give thanks for the work & witness of Thompson House in its work with male offenders. Pray for safety for David Farrow, Director & the staff team; for wisdom, patience, love & understanding in dealing with residents. Give thanks that 4 residents are taking part in & enjoying a Bible study; pray their hearts will be opened.*
- **NI Assembly election** | *As the election results become known today pray for those who have been elected to serve in the NI Assembly, & especially those who will be entering Stormont for the first time, that their decision-making would be characterised by wisdom and compassion. Pray that those who have not been elected, or have lost their seats will quickly get over their disappointment and find new ways to serve their local community.*

Saturday 7 May

- **General Council** | *Pray for the ongoing work of the Irish Council of Churches whose Executive Committee will be meeting during this incoming week. Remember especially the ICC's President, Rev Andrew Forster, Bishop of Derry & Raphoe and give thanks for the work of Very Rev Dr Ivan Patterson who recently retired from that role.*
- **Training in Ministry** | *The annual conference for ministers who are five years post-ordination takes place next Tuesday-Thursday in Assembly Buildings. Pray for the ministers who will gather – for encouragement, fellowship, and for the equipping and enabling of God, that they would be ever-more effective in what the Lord has called them to do.*