

PRAYER FOCUS

Jan – Feb 10

“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” Jesus Mark 6:31

This is a verse I find myself returning to quite a bit and as I think about the New Year ahead, my thoughts again return to this wise call from Jesus. For the disciples these words are spoken after a busy time and at a time when they are trying to cope with some difficult news. And these words are spoken on the day Jesus fed thousands of people from five loaves and two fishes!

As we enter a brand New Year that example and call for us to spend time with Jesus - whether after busyness or before God's surprises - seems fitting.

Are you resting in Jesus at the start of this year? Am I?

Are we as a Movement spending time together with Jesus? In our teams or SU groups, committees or staff departments? Are we being refreshed by Him? Are we enjoying His quietness and His rest?

Are you starting 2010 in Jesus?

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JAN 2010

Fri 1 Jan

At the beginning of 2010 give thanks for all that God has done in the year just past. Pray that as a movement and individuals, SUNI will know God's wisdom and guidance for the year to come.

Sat 2 Jan

Give thanks for the pupils, volunteers and school staff who were involved in *The Amazing Jesus* lessons in Damhead and Hezlett Primary schools in November. Give thanks for the churches that bought copies of Mark's gospel and Bible reading notes for each child, and pray that God will speak through His Word as it goes into homes.

Sun 3 Jan

This evening *Risk Factor 2010*, an event to raise awareness of short-term summer opportunities for young people will be held in Wellington Presbyterian, Ballymena. Catherine and Rachel will be there to highlight SUNI Camps + Missions. Pray that God will challenge young people to step out for Him.



Mon 4 Jan

This month Paul, Anita and Jenny will deliver Bible-based Life Skills lessons in Ballysally Primary School. As they put together lesson material, pray that it will be an effective tool for others to use as well.

Tues 5 Jan

Give thanks for the opportunities Michael has to talk about Bible reading notes in churches. Pray that God will inspire people to connect with Him through His Word.

Wed 6 Jan

Give thanks for Jonathan as he provides administrative and technical support for the SU team. Pray for him as he balances the demands of everyday office life.

Thurs 7 Jan

Today Kyle will take the Schools Sport Programme into Carrs Glen Primary. Pray for him and the children involved in these coaching sessions and Bible-based talks.

Fri 8 Jan

Camps + Missions Leaders' Weekend begins this evening. Thank God for this opportunity for leaders to meet together. Pray it would be a great time as leaders share ideas and look towards the summer.

Sat 9 Jan

Helen will lead the main Bible sessions at the Leaders' Weekend on 'Raising the bar in Biblical engagement in your own life'. Pray for Helen as she prepares and that each leader would go away challenged.

Sun 10 Jan

Give thanks for the seminar speakers at Leaders' Weekend who will look at 'Raising the bar in Biblical engagement with teams and

children and young people'. Pray that what is said will impact how leaders handle the Bible with their teams and young people this summer.

Mon 11 Jan

Jenny will be speaking to the Route (Ballymoney Area) elders' fellowship today about the E3 Project.

Schools Committee will meet this evening. Pray for them as they begin to plan a conference with the focus of supporting Christian teachers and SU leaders in schools.

Tues 12 Jan

Today Rachel will take an assembly in Fourtowns Primary. Give thanks for the school's generosity as they give the proceeds of their Christmas Charity collection to the work of E3 in Ballymena.

Give thanks for the volunteers who make up ExCo; for their willingness and commitment to serve in this way. Pray for them as they discuss financial matters.

Wed 13 Jan

Pray for Helen as she attends a preparation meeting for Kingdom Come.

Anita will attend a seminar organized by YWAM on *Developing Teachers and Schools as Transmitters of Forgiveness* in order to explore the potential of devising more RE lesson material.

Pray for Dundonald High School SU group as they get up and running again. Pray for the local youth and church workers who support them.

Thurs 14 Jan

Paul, Anita and Jenny will deliver the first Social Skills lesson in Ballysally Primary. Pray for them as they do so and for the children – that they will discover the relevance of

God's Word for their lives and would be inspired to know Him for themselves.

The North Coast DMT meet this evening with the focus of planning a fund-raising event and establishing plans to secure financial support.

Fri 15 Jan

Pray for Louise as she returns from maternity leave this month. As she takes on a slightly different role pray that she will settle in quickly.

Sat 16 Jan

SU Council meet this morning for an extended time of discussion and prayer. Pray for inspiration and guidance as they look to the future.

Sun 17 Jan

Give thanks for all the churches that support the E3 Project in Ballymena. Pray for Rachel this morning as she shares with one of these churches (Buckna PCI) about the schools work.

Pray for Michael as he speaks about Bible reading notes at Carryduff Baptist evening service.

Mon 18 Jan

Today Jenny and Rick will take Year 9 RE lessons in Dalriada.

Please pray for wisdom and guidance this evening as the Ballymena E3 DMT meet together.

Tues 19 Jan

Thank God for the input of Mission leaders and volunteers. Pray that as the Missions Committee meet this evening they would seek to incorporate these ideas and suggestions into their plan for the coming year.

Wed 20 Jan

Please pray for the Antrim E3 DMT who meet together this evening.



Please pray for wisdom and God's guidance as they plan the way forward for the project.

Thurs 21 Jan

Rachel will take an assembly in Ballee Primary School.

Pray for Jenny, Paul and Anita as they take the second Social Skills lesson on Ballysally Primary.

Fri 22 Jan

Pray for Ian and Julie as they provide financial support for the team. Pray for them as they work on accounts for the month end.

Sat 23 Jan

Bible engagement is a major focus of SU worldwide. SU Australia and New Zealand have been developing the *E100 Challenge*, a program designed to give the big picture of God's Word through a series of 100 carefully selected Bible passages. Pray for Daniel Hardie and Maurice Roberts as they head up these initiatives and for all those who take part in the challenge.

Sun 24 Jan

Thank you for praying with us in our Week of Prayer for E3 in November. Please continue to pray for Antrim and Bangor as we strive to reach our financial shortfall to appoint full-time E3 Schools Workers in each of these areas.

Mon 25 Jan

East Belfast DMT meet tonight. Pray for wisdom as they think through how best to link the E3 Schools Project with local churches.

Tues 26 Jan

Pray for Anita as she takes Down High Joint SU group today. Some members of this group were on Making Your Mark last October. Pray for these pupils as they lead the group every week.

Wed 27 Jan

Today and tomorrow the Schools Team will hold a Resources and Training morning for Church Leaders in East Belfast and North Coast. Pray these mornings will be practical and help church workers engage effectively with local schools.

Thurs 28 Jan

The North Coast prayer meeting will be held in the Sandel Centre between 7 and 8pm.

Thank God for the Camps + Missions publicity material that has gone out to churches and schools in the last couple of weeks. Pray that God would encourage people to serve with SU this summer.

Fri 29 Jan

SU England and Wales will hold a Leaders Conference for all those involved in their holidays, camps and missions. Helen is the main speaker at this event. Pray for her as she prepares and delivers the sessions and for all those who attend.

Sat 30 Jan

Pray for Jen as she works in the Resource Centre Monday to Friday. Pray for her as she speaks to customers and helps them choose suitable resources and materials.

Sun 31 Jan

Paul will take part in Broughshane Presbyterian Sunday School this morning.

FEBRUARY 2010

Mon 1 Feb

Kingdom Come, a four-day event for those in church leadership, begins today in Spires Conference Centre. Church leaders in need of refreshment, restoration and

revitalisation are encouraged to attend. Local and international speakers will address issues of personal spirituality, leadership and church. The enclosed leaflet provides further programme details. Please pray that those who attend will know God's rest.

Tues 2 Feb

This evening Colin and the Antrim DMT will resent the vision of an E3 Schools Worker to the Templepatrick Presbytery.

Wed 3 Feb

Continue to pray for Ruth as she provides administrative support for the team.

Thurs 4 Feb

Give thanks for the opportunity Camps + Missions have to attend MAP (Mission Agencies Partnership) nights at universities throughout February. Pray for Catherine as she goes to University of Ulster Jordanstown tonight. Thank God for all the students who serve with SU already and pray that new volunteers will decide to serve this summer.

Fri 5 Feb

Pray for the Youth Alpha Course that is currently running in Ashfield Girls' High School

Sat 6 Feb

Application forms for North Coast Camp (21st – 23d May) will become available this month. Pray for Jenny and her team as they make preparations.

Sun 7 Feb

Leanne will be speaking at a United Schools and Churches Service at Bloomfield Presbyterian Church, where some local primary schools and various churches are coming together.



Mon 8 Feb

Paul will take the SU group in Castlewellan Primary today.

Tues 9 Feb

Give thanks for the group of boys at Thornberry Centre in Coleraine and the privilege Jenny, Anita and Paul have had in working with them. Pray for Jill and Gillian who teach in the centre.

Wed 10 Feb

Pray for wisdom as Michael purchases materials for the Resource Centre. Pray that he will select useful and relevant material.

Thurs 11 Feb

Missions Committee meet tonight. Thank God for all the members of this committee who give of their time.

Fri 12 Feb

Rick will be in Glengormley High today taking their Junior SU group.

Sat 13 Feb

Pray for Christian teachers and SU leaders in schools throughout Northern Ireland. Pray that they would know God's strength and guidance.

Sun 14 Feb

Pray for Paul as he takes part in Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church CE Service.

Mon 15 Feb

Pray that God would challenge and inspire the hundreds of students who will attend the MAP night at Queens University CU. Pray they would seek God's guidance as they consider how to spend their summer.

Tues 16 Feb

Pray for Brian as he cleans our offices.

Wed 17 Feb

Please pray for wisdom and safety in travel as Colin begins to develop potential new districts and meets with church leaders and teachers in Fermanagh, Derry /Limavady and Down.

Thurs 18 Feb

Leadership Development Course begins tonight. This course is for those within Camps + Missions who are taking on leadership roles or who are already in them. Please pray for all the participants, that the course would help them develop their understanding and practice of leadership.

Fri 19 Feb

Thank God for the increasing opportunities the Schools Team have to be involved in Special Education. Pray for wisdom, creativity and insight as they develop resources to use in this setting.

Pray for Leanne as she takes an assembly for the senior age range at Mitchell House Special School.

Sat 20 Feb

Give thanks for new leaders who are stepping into leadership positions this summer. Pray God would prepare them for these new roles.

Sun 21 Feb

Vladimir Strelor started as the new Director of SU in Moscow on September. Pray for him and the volunteers as they develop the work, particularly with teenagers. Developments in St. Petersburg include new Adult Bible Club and increasing opportunities to work in children's homes in Volkhov.

Mon 22 Feb

The East Belfast DMT meets tonight. Continue to pray for them

as they support Leanne in her role as Schools Worker for the area.

Pray for Rick and Anita as they begin to plan for Making Your Mark, a training weekend for pupils held in October.

Tues 23 Feb

Please pray for Anita, Leanne and Paul as they present a training seminar of Schools work to the students at the Irish Baptist College.

Helen will speak at Carrick Grammar SU group.

Wed 24 Feb

Praise God that we are able to run a full mission in Loughbrickland this summer. Thank Him for the connections that were built up last summer and for Johnny Stewart who will lead the team.

Thurs 25 Feb

Pray for Rachel as she takes an assembly this morning in Camphill Primary School.

Fri 26 Feb

Pray that the Camp Sponsorship Scheme that will be developed this summer would enable more children and young people to come to camp who wouldn't normally be able to.

Sat 27 Feb

Give thanks for our Resource Centre volunteers – Helen, Robert and Mary.

Sun 28 Feb

Give thanks for the *Amazing Jesus* RE lessons which the Schools Team delivered in two East Belfast primary schools in November. Pray for staff and children as preparations are made to take these lessons into more schools in March.



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