



CATHCART TRINITY & UF PRAYER LETTER DECEMBER 2017



NATIONAL & WORLD EVENTS

Pray for wisdom, honesty and fairness to characterise the ongoing Brexit negotiations. Pray especially for those who feel their careers or businesses may be threatened by potential outcomes.

Pray for God to guide those in power in countries beset with governmental instability which threatens peace and security, such as Zimbabwe, Lebanon, Germany, Syria and Spain. Ask both for His wisdom for the leaders of these nations and for His peace for the countless peoples who live in uncertainty.

Pray for refugees and migrants such as the Rohingya people of Myanmar; the Haitians in the USA who face deportation in 18 months; and refugees throughout Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Australasia and elsewhere fleeing violence and war.

Pray for those affected by terrorist attacks across the globe, both reported and unreported. Remember victims and their families in Iraq, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Syria, and closer to home.

Give thanks for the freeing of Billy Irving and his colleagues from Prison in Chennai, India, without charges. Pray for their families as they are re-united after 4 years. Pray that he may receive the right support and that he may experience a complete healing from the trauma he has experienced.

LOCAL EVENTS

Pray that, as Christians, we may be lights to the world. Pray that the true meaning of Christmas will be shared in unexpected places and conversations. Pray that we will be ready to speak about it and what it means to us.

Pray for the services and assemblies that will take place involving the local schools. Pray that children, parents and teachers will hear the Christmas message afresh and with a new understanding.

Pray for all those who will come to Christmas services who don't usually come. Pray that they would know a warm welcome and that their hearts would be touched and challenged by what they hear.

Please also pray for those who will deliver gifts from the churches to the local community. Pray for good conversations and contacts with folk to be made.

Pray for those who will sing carols around Merrylee on the 23rd December. Pray that the singing will bring joy to those who hear it. Pray too that some may even join in the singing!

Pray that many of our members will use this Advent season as an opportunity to share something of what Christmas really means with friends and families and with our local shopkeepers and people we meet in our streets.

As Christmas approaches remember those who find it a difficult time. Pray that they would sense the touch of Jesus and know His presence bringing light and hope into dark days.

**MID WEEK PRAYER MEETING
WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 7:30-8:30PM**

**PRAYER BREAKFAST
SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 8:30-10AM**

**BOTH AT CATHCART UF CHURCH
STRUAN ROAD**

CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for all our ministers as they prepare for Advent and Christmas. Pray that, in all the business of this time, they may know afresh the joy and hope of the Christmas message. Pray that God will guide and inspire them as they lead our worship during this season.

Pray for our Ministers and Trustees as they continue to seek God's vision for the year ahead in the two churches. Pray that the Covenant between the churches will develop further and enable the working out of God's plans as he reveals them to us.

Give thanks for all the musicians and singers, and for the many wonderful gifts they have and use. Pray that the words and music will touch the hearts of many this Christmas.

Give thanks for those involved in sound and vision and preparation of information for our congregations.

Give thanks for the Sunday club leaders as they prepare for special Christmas activities. Pray for direction, wisdom and energy as they teach and guide young people in their faith.

Continue to pray for the families who have been coming along to Messy Church. Pray that they may want to know more of God and put their trust in Him.

Remember all those in our church family and within our own families who are grieving and especially feel the loss of loved ones at this time of year. Pray that God will draw close to them to bring His comfort and His love.

Pray for Catherine as she returns home for a short visit over Christmas that it would be a time of rest and refreshment.

Pray too for Adrian as he continues to wait for his visa. Pray for his support team and that the prayer and financial support he will need will soon be in place. Remember the preparations being made for an evening in January where we will learn about INF's work in Nepal as well as the work Adrian will be involved in.

ESPECIALLY REMEMBER ...

Pray for people who are alone at this time of year when such emphasis is placed on family. Pray that the Christmas message may speak to them in a fresh way, giving them a new understanding of God's love for them. Pray too for sensitivity to those around us who may feel lonely or unloved. Pray that we may not get so got up with the festivities that we don't notice the needs of others around us.

Pray for all those who are homeless and living on the streets this winter. Pray that they may be treated with kindness and compassion by passers-by and be directed to people and places where they can find food, shelter and care. Pray too for all the agencies who seek to make Christmas special to those who are homeless or find themselves in difficult circumstances.

Pray for the night shelters running throughout December and January. Pray for all those who will use the shelter, that they may feel valued and accepted. Pray that the shelter may be a step towards finding their place in the community once again. Pray that those volunteering will work together well as a team to provide much more than shelter but also love and compassion to everyone they meet.

Pray for the work of the Foodbanks at this time of year as they seek to supply the needs of many over the Christmas period and as they also give small Christmas gifts to each person who comes, many of whom are overwhelmed by the love and care of others for them. Pray for real generosity as folk donate to this work. Pray that those in need of this help and support will sense that they are loved and valued and that God cares about their every need.

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