



Glenavy Parish Prayer Week

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1-5 June

Prayer Week

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Praying for Revival, Mission and the Worldwide Church

Sunday 31 May is Trinity Sunday.

The Gospel reading is **Matthew 28:16–20**, the Great Commission: Jesus sends his disciples to make disciples of all nations, baptising in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and promises, “I am with you always.”

This week we come to pray that the risen Jesus would renew his Church, revive our hearts, and send us out in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer times:

Monday–Friday mornings: 9.30–11.30am

Come for the whole time, or drop in for part of it.

Wednesday evening: 6.30–7.15pm

Online focus: Prayer for continued revival

During the week there will also be a **Barnabas Aid display focusing on the persecuted Church in Nigeria**. This is not the whole focus of the week, but it reminds us that the mission of Jesus is global, costly, and shared by brothers and sisters across the world.

The Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have all authority in heaven and on earth.
You call your Church to make disciples of all nations,
and you promise to be with us always.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit.

Awaken our love for you.

Deepen our prayer.

Revive your Church in this parish.

Give us compassion for our neighbours
and courage to bear witness to your name.

Strengthen your people throughout the world,
especially those who follow you at great cost.

May your kingdom come,

your will be done,

and your name be glorified,

here and to the ends of the earth.

Amen.

Monday 1 June

Sent by Jesus

Bible passage: Matthew 28:16–20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”

To reflect and pray

The Great Commission begins not with our activity, but with Jesus’ authority. He sends us, but he also promises his presence.

Questions for prayer

Where do I need to recover confidence in the authority and presence of Jesus?

Who are the people, places or situations in our parish where Jesus may be sending us?

Have I reduced mission to church activity, rather than seeing it as everyday witness?

What would it mean for our churches to become more intentionally disciple-making communities?

Set prayer

Risen Lord Jesus,
you gathered uncertain disciples and sent them into the world.

Gather us again under your authority.

Free us from fear, apathy and small expectations.

Teach us to obey all that you have commanded,
and make us a people who help others follow you.

Amen.

Challenge for the day

Pray by name for **three people** you would love to see come to faith or return to faith.

Tuesday 2 June

Waiting for Power

Bible passage: Acts 1:6–11

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...”

To reflect and pray

Jesus does not send his Church in its own strength. The mission of God requires the power of God.

Questions for prayer

Am I trying to serve God in my own strength?

Where do I need the Holy Spirit to bring fresh courage, love and wisdom?

What would Spirit-filled witness look like in my home, workplace, street or parish?

Are we willing to wait on God, not merely rush into activity?

Set prayer

Holy Spirit,

come upon us afresh.

Where we are tired, renew us.

Where we are fearful, strengthen us.

Where we are distracted, refocus us.

Where we are dry, revive us.

Make us witnesses to Jesus in word, love and action.

Amen.

Challenge for the day

Spend **five quiet minutes** simply praying:

“Come, Holy Spirit. Make Jesus known in me.”

Wednesday 3 June

Renewed Hearts, Renewed Church

Bible passage: Acts 2:37–47

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

To reflect and pray

Revival is not only an emotional moment. It is a deep work of God that brings repentance, devotion, fellowship, generosity, worship and witness.

Questions for prayer

Where do I need to repent and return to the Lord?

What spiritual habits need to be renewed in me?

How devoted are we to Scripture, fellowship, Communion and prayer?

What would a revived parish look like in ordinary weekly life?

Set prayer

Merciful God,

soften our hearts before you.

Bring us to repentance where we have grown cold, proud or careless.

Renew our hunger for your Word,

our love for one another,

our joy in worship,

and our commitment to prayer.

Let our life together become a sign of your kingdom.

Amen.

Challenge for the day

Pray for the regular worshipping life of the parish: Sunday services, prayer gatherings, children and families, Alpha, small groups, pastoral care and outreach.

Thursday 4 June

Compassion for Our Locality

Bible passage: Matthew 9:35–38

“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them...”

To reflect and pray

Jesus saw the crowds not as interruptions, problems or statistics, but as people needing shepherding, healing and hope.

Questions for prayer

What do I see when I look at our locality?

Where are people weary, lost, lonely or spiritually hungry?

Do I have the compassion of Jesus, or have I become numb?

What workers might God be raising up for his harvest here?

Set prayer

Lord Jesus,

give us your eyes for this community.

Let us see people not as strangers, but as those you love.

Break our hearts for what breaks yours.

Raise up workers for your harvest.

Show us where to serve, whom to welcome,

and how to speak of your grace with humility and courage.

Amen.

Challenge for the day

Walk, drive or sit somewhere in the parish and pray for the homes, schools, farms, businesses and people around you.

Friday 5 June

One Church, One Mission, One Hope

Bible passage: Revelation 7:9–17

“A great multitude that no one could count, from every nation...”

To reflect and pray

The mission of Jesus reaches every nation. We pray for revival here, but we also remember that we belong to a worldwide family of faith. Some of our brothers and sisters follow Jesus at great cost. The Barnabas Aid display about the persecuted Church in Nigeria helps us remember one part of the global Church where Christians need our prayers.

Questions for prayer

How does the courage of persecuted Christians challenge my own discipleship?

Do I pray only for my own church and locality, or also for the worldwide Church?

What does Revelation 7 teach me about the final purpose of mission?

How can suffering Christians strengthen our faith rather than simply evoke our sympathy?

Set prayer

Father of all,
we thank you for the worldwide Church,
for every tribe, language, people and nation
who belong to Jesus Christ.

We pray for Christians in Nigeria
and for all who suffer because they bear the name of Christ.

Give them courage, protection, provision and hope.

Comfort the bereaved, heal the wounded,
release the captive, and strengthen your Church. Keep us faithful in prayer,
generous in love,
and hopeful in mission,
until the day when every nation gathers before your throne.

Amen.

Challenge for the day

Before the week ends, decide on **one ongoing prayer commitment:**
for revival, for someone to come to faith, for local mission, or for the
persecuted Church.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus,
you send your Church into the world,
but you do not send us alone.

Keep us close to you.

Fill us with your Spirit.

Give us love for our neighbours,
faith for revival,
and courage for mission.

May this week of prayer not end with the week,
but become part of a deeper life of prayer,
worship, witness and obedience.

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.