

This Prayer Calendar is provided to encourage us to pray for one another within the fellowship of Affinity.

Information is provided each month by our **member** agencies, churches and organisations. We also include prayer requests from churches within our wider network. If you wish information for prayer to be included in the Prayer Calendar please send it to us at least five days before the end of the month in which you would like it to appear.

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- 1** Pray for the upcoming **SASRA** Spiritual Refreshment Conferences this month. Scripture Readers often 'give out' a lot in their ministries, which can be isolating and lonely. These events are an opportunity to 'care for the carers'. Please pray that they will be spiritually refreshed.
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- 2** Please pray for the highly significant case of Kristie Higgs, which will be heard in the Court of Appeal starting today. Kristie lost her job for posts on her private Facebook account raising widely-shared concerns about the content of some sex education materials used in primary schools. This case will set a precedent for the freedom of Christians to express their faith and for freedom of speech. Please pray for justice. Kristie is being supported by **Christian Concern**.
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- 3** Please pray for the **Association of Grace Baptist Churches South East (AGBCSE)** two-day pastors' training residential happening over the next two days (3–4 October). Pray that it will be a blessing to the 20 or so men attending. Greg Gilbert will be teaching on preaching. AGBCSE's Annual Association Day is planned for this Saturday (5 October). Please pray that this will encourage all who attend. Speakers include Greg Gilbert, James Mildred, and Jonathan Worsley.
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- 4** Pray today for the **True Freedom Trust** conference taking place in Dublin tomorrow (5 October). Pray for Colin Creighton, who is speaking, and that those attending will grow in the love and knowledge of Christ through hearing his Word.
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- 5** Pray for the Vinukonda Medical and Missionary Fellowship AGM, held at **Little Hill Church, Wigston**. Pray that the trustees and supporters will be encouraged and granted wisdom as they consider the mission's work.
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- 6** Please pray for the final preparations for **the FIEC** Leaders' Conference happening next month (4–6 November) as they finalise details and church leaders prepare to attend.
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- 7** Pray for a quick and successful resident visa application for the McCarter family to come from the USA, as Ethan prepares to become minister at Crosscollyer Church (part of the **Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ireland**).
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- 8** Give thanks for the opportunity Ros Clarke, Associate Director of **Church Society**, had to speak at the North London Women's Convention this week (5 October). She spoke on the topic of 'Made by God: Body and Soul.'
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- 9** Give thanks for an encouraging start to the new ministry at Edinburgh North Church, where Stephen Ballingall was inducted on Saturday (5 October) as pastor. Edinburgh North is part of the **Didasko Fellowship of Churches**. They also look forward to the induction of Nathan Owens as minister of Gilcomston Church, Aberdeen, on Friday 1 November. Please pray for the leadership at Tron Church, Glasgow, particularly as one of the pastors, Phil Copeland, undergoes chemotherapy for serious cancer.
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- 10** Please pray for the **UFM Worldwide** 'Local Church Global Mission' event, held in partnership with Union Church, Sheffield, on Saturday (12 October). Pray that attendees will grow in passion and zeal for world mission.
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- 11** Please pray for the **Affinity** Social Issues Team, which met this week to discuss current cultural and social issues. They will now produce the Social Issues Bulletin, aiming to inform and equip Christians and churches on relevant matters.
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- 12** Please pray for Christian schools known to **The Christian Schools' Trust** as they face the imposition of VAT on school fees from January 2025. Pray that the government will listen to calls for a fairer system, especially for schools with lower fees, smaller pupil numbers, and who make significant sacrifices (teachers and parents).
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- 13** Please pray for the **Faith in Later Life** Church Champion Networking Events, held monthly. These gatherings allow those serving older people in churches or communities to share and pray together. Next month's event will focus on supporting bereaved people. Please pray for good attendance and that it will be helpful to all.
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- 14** Jonathan Thomas will give the annual Martyn Lloyd-Jones Memorial Lecture at **London Seminary** tomorrow (15 October) at 7:30 pm on 'Welsh Revivals'. Pray that many will attend and be inspired to pray for church revival. Also, pray for the London Seminary Trustees' meeting earlier in the day.
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- 15** **CARE** asks for prayer that none of the MPs drawn in the Private Members' Bill ballot will introduce a bill on assisted suicide. Pray that the top seven MPs will focus on local issues, resisting pressure from pro-assisted suicide campaigners and No.10. The bills will be presented tomorrow (16 October).
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- 16** Give thanks that **Lovewise** has opportunities to present a biblical perspective on relationships at a Rock UK training event in Carlisle this week (17–18 October) and promote resources at the Answers in Genesis Mega Conference in Birmingham (31 October–2 November). Pray that young people and their parents will be equipped to honour God's design for relationships.
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- 17** Please pray for 100 MicroSD Cards, known as 'Mustard Seeds', being prepared by **100Fold** to be used for evangelism by a partner mission in Nigeria.
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- 18** Please pray for the **Association of Christian Teachers** as they refine and implement their new mentoring course, 'Faithful Foundations'. Pray that they will find mature Christians to serve as mentors and that a group of teachers will grow through applying biblical principles in the classroom.
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- 19** Join **Solas** in giving thanks to the Lord for many recent answers to prayer. Evangelism can be challenging, but recent blessings have been a great encouragement. Please pray for the production of online evangelistic and apologetic resources, that they will reach more non-Christians.
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- 20** Give thanks for a united church family at **Duke Street Church, Richmond**, and a smooth transition to life with their new Senior Minister, James Muldoon. Pray for wisdom as they seek God's leading in this next phase of church life and that many local people will be saved through their outreach.
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- 21** Praise God for a renewed emphasis on evangelism and a deepening spirituality in prayer among **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)** churches, resulting in wonderful fruit. Give thanks for new churches joining the EFCC.
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- 22** **Christian Medical Fellowship** celebrates its 75th anniversary today. Give thanks for God's work through many years of ministry, and pray for Christian healthcare staff, many of whom are under tremendous strain and feeling at a crisis point.
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- 23** Please pray for the beginnings of a new **Free Church of Scotland** church plant in Glasgow's Merchant City. Pray that God will call those meant to join the core team and that they will have unity and passion for the gospel. Give thanks for the Centre for Rural Ministry, which launches next month. Pray for Rev Ivor MacDonald as he takes up the role of Director for Rural Ministry.
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24 **Blenheim Free Church, Maidenhead**, met a couple during house-to-house visits who had never been to church before. They have since started attending. Please pray for their salvation.

25 Timo and Laura serve in Finland with **Africa Inland Mission** among the Congolese refugee population, sharing Jesus with them, and equipping Christian refugees to reach out to the Finns they live among. Pray for the Bible study small groups they facilitate, that new gospel leaders will be developed and that these studies draw their participants into a deeper understanding of and relationship with Jesus. Pray that God will continue to build up Timo and Laura, that they will be encouraged by God's word and that fruit from their ministry will come in the form of Finns giving their lives to Jesus and growing more like him.

26 Please pray for the vulnerable people **Caring For Life** helps – those who are suffering, lonely, fearful, or battling addictions. Pray that as the gospel is shared, the Lord will open their hearts and that they will entrust their lives to him.

27 Please pray for Adrian Brake, the new pastor of Caergwrlle Evangelical Church, near Wrexham (part of **Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales**). Pray that God will bless his ministry to the church and that he will build good relationships with the wider community.

28 Join **Wycliffe Bible Translators** in praying for protection, perseverance, and wisdom for all translators, especially those working in areas hostile to the gospel.

29 Pray for the charities, Christian schools, and organisations that **Access Insurance** serves as they carry out their missions.

30 Yordan Sotirov is a missionary with **London City Mission**, based at New Testament Assembly Church in Barking. His team has expanded outreach to Havering, particularly among Muslims, Eastern Europeans, and young people. Pray for clarity in how they can best serve these communities.

31 **Oak Hill College** will host a workshop titled 'Finding Your Voice at Christmas', aimed at helping women deliver evangelistic talks over the Christmas period. Please pray that God will lead the right women to attend and use the workshop to bless their outreach this Christmas.

If you would like more information about the Affinity Members mentioned in the Prayer Calendar, you will find their website addresses on the Affinity website – www.affinity.org.uk.

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