

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** Please pray for **Faith in Later Life's** 'Love My Neighbour' campaign starting today (1 November). It seeks to raise awareness and share a few ideas about how Christians can bless older neighbours and help save lives this winter.
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- 2** Pray for **Little Hill Church, Wigston's** women's craft event happening today (2 November) and for their speaker, Derek McDonnell, as he speaks about the work of the Blythwood Charity and shares the gospel.
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- 3** **Edward Connor Solicitors** are looking forward to attending the FIEC Leaders' Conference this week (4–6 November). Pray that they will be a help to church leaders, point them to the advice they need and encourage them in their ministry. Also, later this month (22 November), Edward Connor Solicitors will be part of a special evening at Redeemer Church, Nottingham, for church leaders and trustees. The event will offer attendees advice on running a charity, managing staff (employees, office holders, and volunteers), and complying with data protection law. Pray that all who attend are encouraged by the event and know where to turn for information in the future.
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- 4** The **Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC)** National Leaders' Conference begins today (4 November). Please pray for the 1,000+ leaders attending in Blackpool to be encouraged and equipped in their ministry.
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- 5** **Sharing Christ Internationally** asks for prayer for a Bible video going out to the Mongolian-speaking world, explaining how God created all according to his natural laws, which science has partially discovered, and how he codified his moral law for humanity. Pray that this message of God's call to repentance and salvation in Christ will impact viewers.
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- 6** Give thanks for the opportunity **Lovewise** has to give 'Growing up... Growing wise' presentations at a primary school in Newcastle this week (7 & 8 November). Pray that they will help young people see the goodness of God's design concerning our bodies, marriage, and family life. Pray also for the planned launch of their 'Dating Decisions' series on the Lovewise Online website for young people aged 13+ later this month.
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- 7** Today (7 November), **CARE**, in partnership with **Affinity**, are hosting a short webinar addressing the topic of how the Church can be empowered to speak into the issue of assisted suicide. Please pray that many church leaders will attend this online event and be equipped and empowered to take action and pray against the assisted suicide bill. Pray for guest speakers Prof. John Wyatt and Lucy Honeysett as they share wisdom on this sensitive topic.
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- 8** Please pray as Independent Christian Schools and **The Christian Schools' Trust** push back on the UK government's VAT proposal for January 2025. Pray for the Prime Minister to see that not all independent/private schools are the same.
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- 9** Pray for the **True Freedom Trust** Speaking Team, who are speaking at various engagements this month, including at two Bible colleges, a women's event in Scotland, and a church in London. Pray for wisdom, energy, and faithfulness to God's Word.
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- 10** In God's goodness, there have been a good number of mission partners who have recently joined the **UFM Worldwide** family. Please pray that the UK staff team will be able to serve each mission partner (new and established) well.
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- 11** Today (11 November), **Wycliffe Bible Translators** hold their annual day of prayer to pray for Christian brothers and sisters worldwide. Pray together with them that God will 'do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us' (Ephesians 3:20) through the work of Bible translation so that many more will come to know and love Jesus.
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- 12** Please pray for **Peterhead Congregational Church's** new Minister, Rev Dustin D Black, who will take up his post at the end of January. Please also pray for their current Minister, Rev James McMillan, who will retire at the end of January. Give thanks for his 20 years of faithful Gospel preaching and for the exciting future of continued Gospel ministry to the glory of God.
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- 13** Pablo serves in West Africa with **Africa Inland Mission**, using English teaching as a door-opener to develop relationships for the gospel. Pray for believers in his country who are struggling to live out their faith amid official and social hostility towards the Bible and Christianity. Ask that the Holy Spirit will enable them to trust in God's promises and not give in to fear. Pray for Pablo as he also relies on God for wisdom in sharing the gospel despite risks.
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- 14** **100Fold** has 100 'Mustard Seed' MicroSD cards being distributed at a conference in Ivory Coast this month; these contain evangelistic and discipleship material for church leaders and evangelists to use in their villages. Please pray that these resources will be effective in bringing the gospel to hard-to-reach places.
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- 15** Give thanks for an encouraging gathering of **Duke Street Church's** ministry leaders recently to discuss and pray about where the Lord might be leading them as a church over the next few years. Pray for God's ongoing wisdom, particularly as they seek to reach out to their local community with the gospel. Pray for clear conversions.
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- 16** Please pray for the **Cor Deo** 'Bible Feast' taking place today (16 November) in Wiltshire. Participants will be reading and enjoying 2 Corinthians 3-5 together.
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- 17** Give thanks for the encouragement of many people joining **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** to pray during this year's Prisons Week in October. Please pray that this will lead to new people getting involved in volunteering and praying for Daylight's ministry regularly.
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- 18** Pray for the **Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales (AECW)** Ministers' Consultation this week (18-19 November). This is a much-appreciated time of fellowship, ministry, and engagement with the challenges and opportunities for ministry today. Phil Swann will be speaking.
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- 19** Give thanks for the **Free Church of Scotland's** Centre for Rural Ministry which is set to begin this month. Pray for Rev Ivor MacDonald as he takes up the role of Director for Rural Ministry, that God will be at the centre of all the plans for rural ministry. Pray for guidance, for good connections, and for God's purpose to be fulfilled in Scotland's rural areas.
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- 20** Please pray for God's blessing on the ministry of Ethan McCarter, who is being ordained and installed in Crosscollyer Evangelical Presbyterian Church (part of the **Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ireland (EPCI)**) tonight (20 November).
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- 21** At **Caring For Life**, several clients are struggling with mental health issues, including battling thoughts of hopelessness. Please pray for the Lord to draw near, provide comfort, relief, and the right support. Above all, pray that people will find hope, forgiveness, peace, and security in the Lord.
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- 22** Please pray for **Frontiers'** Neighbours and Nations Day in High Wycombe for supporters and enquirers happening tomorrow (23 November). Pray for the expansion of the vision to reach the Muslim world. Please also pray for the crisis in the Middle East. Remember believers caught in the warfare and pray they will be peacemakers, able to share Jesus at this time.
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- 23** Give thanks that, following some door-knocking locally by members of **Blenheim Free Church, Maidenhead**, some people have started attending church regularly. Please pray that they will come to saving faith.
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- 24** Praise God that the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)** has now adopted their new 'Positions Paper', which will set them on a firm footing of Reformed Gospel generosity.
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- 25** Pray for **Access Insurance** as they look to grow and support more churches and charities. Pray for the ministries they support that are engaged in Kingdom work.
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- 26** Please pray for the **Church Society** Council meeting today (26 November) in London, for useful discussions and wise decisions as they seek to contend for gospel ministry in the Church of England. Pray particularly for Andrew Towner as Chairman.
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- 27** Give thanks for the many speaking engagements **Solas** speakers have had throughout this month. Please pray for them as an organisation as they experiment with different forms of social media engagement. Pray that ultimately though all their activities, they will reach more non-Christians with the gospel.
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- 28** **York Evangelical Church** has a burgeoning number of children, for which they thank God. They are advertising for a part-time children's worker for the first time, please pray that the right person will be appointed. For the 42 years of their existence, they have met in rented accommodation and are now seeking premises of their own; please pray for this search.
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- 29** Please pray that MPs vote down Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide bill, which is set to be debated in the House of Commons today (29 November). Pray that MPs will recognise the dangers of legalising assisted suicide and vote against the bill.
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- 30** Thank God that **Oak Hill College** students are settling into their placement churches, learning and serving in various ways. Pray they feel part of these church families quickly. Please pray for the work preparing for admissions opening in December and the prospective validation of new programmes with Durham University. Pray for today's Open Morning (30 November) and for God to raise up more workers for His harvest field.
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