

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 **Little Hill Church, Wigston**, as they celebrate a baptism today (1 December) and look ahead to their carol services on 8 and 22 December. Pray that all these occasions would make Christ known and that others would embrace him by faith.
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- 2** Pray that as churches prepare to celebrate Christmas, Christ would dwell richly in what is sung. Pray for church leaders as they plan carol services, and for church music leaders rehearsing singing groups for these services, that all efforts would glorify God and proclaim the first coming of Christ. Pray that **Praise Trust's** 'Christmas Praise!' collection would continue to serve as a trusted resource for a growing number of churches.
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- 3** Pray for **Iden Green Congregational Church**, who will welcome many visitors, including a primary school class, to various Christmas events over this season. Pray that the seeds sown during these times would bear fruit in the lives of those who hear the Gospel. Pray especially that many regular visitors would finally put their faith in Christ.
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- 4** Pray for **Oak Hill College** students as they head into the Christmas season and the end of their first semester. Pray that they would manage their college workload, including assignments, alongside their commitments to serve in local churches and spend time with family and friends. Applications for 2025–26 open this month, featuring new programmes and flexible options. Pray that God would raise up workers for his harvest field and guide them to the right place for training.
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- 5** Pray for The Global Anglican (journal of **Church Society**) editorial board meeting taking place today (5 December). Pray that excellent resources would be produced, benefiting churches and individuals. Pray especially for Peter Jensen as Editor, Kirsten Birkett as Managing Editor, and Lee Gatiss as Chairman, that they would work with clarity, wisdom, and grace.
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- 6** Pray for regimental Christmas carol services, asking that they would prompt meaningful questions about Christ in the hearts of service personnel. Pray for **SASRA** Scripture Readers who will take part in these services, that they would have opportunities to point men and women to Jesus. Pray for the wellbeing of all Scripture Readers, headquarters staff, and serving members, that they would rest and be spiritually refreshed over the holidays. Remember military personnel working over Christmas or separated from their families, that they might reflect on the true meaning of the season.
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- 7** Join with the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)** in praising God for a blessed ministers' prayer conference last month. Pray for EFCC churches as they reach out with renewed evangelistic zeal over Christmas and into the year ahead.
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- 8** Give thanks for the growing number of prisoners engaging with **Daylight Christian Prison Trust's** letter-writing ministry. Pray that more volunteers would come forward to help meet the increasing demand for this valuable Gospel work.
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- 9** Give thanks for the induction of two new ministers into the **Didasko Fellowship of Churches**: Stephen Ballingall at Edinburgh North Church and Nathan Owens at Gilcomston Church, Aberdeen. Pray for Maxwell Church, Kilmaurs, recently welcomed into the fellowship, as they seek to appoint a minister. Give thanks for the many opportunities the Christmas season brings and pray that hearts would be opened to the truth of the Gospel and lives transformed by faith in the Lord Jesus.
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- 10 Pray with **The Christian Schools' Trust** as they urge the Government to reconsider plans to impose VAT on Christian independent schools. Pray that exemptions would be granted to smaller, lower-income schools, or that the proposal would be abandoned altogether. Pray that Christian schools would be able to continue their mission without added financial burdens.
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- 11 Pray for the witness of the UK Church this Christmas. Pray for **Peterhead Congregational Church** as they carol sing in nursing homes, host school Christmas services, and hold their lunchtime and watchnight services on Christmas Eve. Pray for their ongoing school ministry and for the preparations of their 'Minister Elect', Rev Dustin Black, as he prepares to join them in January.
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- 12 Thank God for two **Free Church of Scotland** church plants – Haddington Community Church and Esk Valley Church – that have become fully sanctioned charges this year. Pray for stability in their ministry, help in finding meeting spaces, and provision for manses for their ministers. Pray for ongoing spiritual and numerical growth among their members and for many opportunities to reach out in their communities. Pray also for the Free Church of Scotland's Public Engagement Group as they respond to consultations, engage with politicians, and provide Biblical insights in their responses.
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- 13 Pray for Scott Moore as he visits **European Mission Fellowship (EMF)** missionaries in Romania today (13 December). Pray for the Christmas concert they are hosting, which will be attended by around 3,000 young people. Pray that this event would stir the hearts of attendees, leading to lasting spiritual transformation.
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- 14 Pray for Barry King and Mick Lockwood as they speak at **Grace Baptist Partnership's** 12 Questions on Church Revitalisation training day at Thornhill Baptist Church in West Yorkshire today (14 December). Pray that this training would inspire and equip leaders for Gospel ministry.
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- 15 Give thanks for the positive reception of **Lovewise** resources at conferences in Birmingham and Liverpool. Pray that the books purchased would help young people understand God's design for relationships. Pray for the effectiveness of their 'Dating Decisions' series in guiding teens and for Christian parents and youth leaders to promote these resources.
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- 16 Pray for **Akeman Street Baptist Church, Tring**, as they continue two recently launched ministries. The 'Hangout Hub', a midweek outreach group for teenagers, and the Tots group for toddlers and their carers, have both seen strong engagement since starting this term. Pray for the church's outreach during the town's Christmas festival, as they open their building to the public, and for their Carols by Candlelight service. Pray for many visitors and opportunities to share the Gospel.
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- 17 Pray for the work of **Cornerstone Fostering**. Pray that the right candidates would come forward for their vacancies and that their carers would have compassion, resilience, and the strength to continue in this vital ministry. Pray for breakthrough in the spiritual battles faced by the children they care for and that God would transform lives through this work. Give thanks for God's guidance to Cornerstone in recent months, and pray that they would continue to rely on his direction.
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- 18 Pray for the case of Kristie Higgs as **Christian Concern** awaits judgement from the Court of Appeal hearing in October. Pray for justice to prevail and for the outcome to affirm the freedom of Christians to express their concerns about sensitive issues without fear of losing their employment. Pray for strength and peace for Kristie and her family during this time.
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- 19 Pray for **Caring For Life** as they reach out to individuals burdened with heavy hearts. Pray that those they support would turn to Christ, who alone offers true rest and peace. Pray for the physical and emotional wellbeing of those whose health has deteriorated recently, that they would find the care and support they need. Pray especially for opportunities over Christmas to share the hope and comfort found in the Gospel.
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- 20 Join with **UFM Worldwide** in giving thanks for the privilege of speaking about global mission in 100 churches this year. Pray that UFM would continue to serve churches effectively in 2025 and inspire many to consider their role in supporting and participating in cross-cultural mission.
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- 21** Give thanks for the three new **International Presbyterian Church (IPC)** churches established this September in Coventry, Exeter, and Oxford. Pray for the presbytery as they prepare to send Will Allan to Salford and Andy Ritson to Carlisle in summer 2025 to plant new churches. Pray for provision of people, places, and funding for these initiatives, and that God would be glorified through their efforts.
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- 22** Pray for **Edward Connor Solicitors (ECS)** as they recruit for two key roles: a legal support specialist for the charity law team and a property lawyer. Pray that the right people would apply for these roles, enabling ECS to continue supporting churches and charities effectively. Give thanks for their recent partnership with the Lawyers Christian Fellowship, where they hosted a panel discussion to help church leaders and trustees navigate legal responsibilities. Pray that ECS would have ongoing opportunities to equip Gospel ministries.
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- 23** Pray for older people this Christmas, especially those spending the season alone. Pray that God would comfort them with his presence and bring caring Christians into their lives to share his love. Pray for **Faith in Later Life** as they equip churches to reach and support older people, inspiring them to make a difference in their communities.
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- 24** Pray for **Westminster Seminary UK** as they prepare to send out an appeal for student support, seeking funds for those in financial need. Pray for generous provision and for the Seminary to continue equipping students for Gospel ministry. Pray for wisdom and endurance for staff as they plan for the year ahead.
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- 25** On this **Christmas Day**, pray that amidst the secular and consumer-driven focus of the season, people would feel the emptiness of material pursuits and seek the hope found in Christ. Pray for churches as they proclaim the incarnation of the Son of God today, that many would come to know the true joy and peace of the Gospel.
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- 26** Pray for the evangelistic initiatives of **Solas CPC**, including their one-minute Gospel films for social media (Evangelistic Reels), their Short Answers apologetics videos, and their PEPTalk podcast encouraging Christians in evangelism. Pray for the Solas board as new members join following recent retirements, asking for unity and wisdom in governance. Pray also for the operational staff – Catherine, David, Simon, and Tim – as they manage various aspects of this ministry with dedication.
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- 27** Pray for Caroline Bell, serving with **Africa Inland Mission (AIM)** in Uganda. Pray for wisdom as she continues to invest in relationships with the Karimojong communities, especially following the merger of two churches where she has been ministering. Pray for spiritual fruit from this unity. Pray also for AIM's work across North Africa, where new believers are discipled in small, secure groups due to safety concerns. Pray for their growth in faith and for protection over local believers and missionaries.
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- 28** Pray for preparations for two **FIEC** conferences in early 2025. Pray for 'Journeys', a weekend dedicated to helping the next generation of leaders discern and prepare for their calling, and for 'Planters', designed to encourage and equip those involved in church planting and revitalisation. Pray that both conferences would inspire fruitful Gospel ministry.
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- 29** Pray for **Sharing Christ Internationally** as they seek a volunteer to organise mission work in the UK. Pray that the right person would be found to fill this vital role, and that their efforts would help advance the Gospel in the UK and beyond.
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- 30** Pray for Graham Nicholls, Director of **Affinity**, as he continues to represent Christian perspectives in the media. Pray for boldness and clarity of speech, and that he would have many opportunities to share grace and truth on topics affecting Christians and churches. Pray for God's wisdom as he navigates these challenges in 2025.
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- 31** Give thanks with **Wycliffe Bible Translators** for all those who encountered Christ through reading the Bible in their own language for the first time this year. Pray that their work would continue to flourish and that many more people would have access to God's word in their native language.
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