

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 that **ReachAcross's** newest missionary family will receive all the financial support they need to move overseas in February. The couple will serve primarily in taking the gospel to Muslims in the Balkans. Their ministry will focus on healthcare provision, youth work, church work, evangelism, and discipleship.

 - 2 As 2024 begins, join **Wycliffe Bible Translators** in praying for God's protection and provision as many translation teams aim to reach the finishing line of their translations this year, so that nothing stops people from accessing God's word.

 - 3 Please pray for much fruit from the Christmas Festival, Carol Services, and Christmas Day Service hosted by **Trinity Road Chapel, Tooting**, last month. Give thanks for the many Christmas services they also held in local care homes.

 - 4 Praise God for his financial provision to **SASRA** over 2024, and ask that this would continue over 2025 so that SASRA Scripture Readers can continue to proclaim Christ 'behind the wire' of Army and RAF bases.

 - 5 The **Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ireland (EPCI)** is holding a special day of prayer today (5 January) across all EPCI churches. Please pray particularly for the Lord to raise up more men for the ministry of the gospel.

 - 6 Please pray for **London Seminary** as they launch the first ever cohort of 'Relay', a new course helping church pastors train lay leaders for faithful and fruitful ministry. Pray also for the course run by Garry Williams this week for Master of Theology students, some travelling long distances to attend.

 - 7 Please pray that **Little Hill Church, Wigston's** Prayer Week (7–9 January) will set the pattern of dependent prayer for the year ahead.

 - 8 Please pray that the Christmas break will have been a time of blessing, rest, and renewal for all teachers who are part of **The Christian Schools' Trust** member schools, and that they return re-envisioned for what they are called to do.

 - 9 Annette* serves in **Africa Inland Mission (AIM)** Southern Region Office. Give thanks for the encouraging time she had with other AIM workers at the Johannesburg Africa-Based Orientation recently. Pray for her and the AIM Southern Region team as they prepare for significant organisational changes early this year. Ask God to provide visas for two new families joining the team and a more permanent home for Annette close to the Johannesburg office. (*Name changed for security reasons.)

 - 10 **100Fold** copies gospel and Bible teaching materials onto micro SD cards, which, through their many partners, are often distributed to hard-to-reach places. Praise God that 100Fold was able to distribute nearly 25,000 cards in 2024 and has recently received requests for an additional 15,000.
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- 11** As schools return after the Christmas break, please pray for the Christians that **Crossteach** knows in schools (adults and young people). Pray that they will cling to God's trustworthy nature and that they will be effective 'lights in the darkness' in their families and school communities. Please also pray for Crossteach staff, that they would have been spiritually refreshed by the break and feel prepared for the work God has planned for them in 2024.
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- 12** Give thanks for the many gospel opportunities **Duke Street Church, Richmond**, had this Christmas. Pray for repentance and faith among those who attended, and for many to come to their '321' follow-up course this month.
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- 13** Give thanks for the 20+ long-term mission partners who have joined the **UFM Worldwide** family in this financial year so far. Please pray for the interviews with three more applicants this month and pray that UFM would serve its mission partners well.
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- 14** Praise the Lord for recent growth in some of the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches' (EFCC)** church revitalisations. Please pray that churches will reach out with evangelistic zeal this New Year and that the Lord would delight to save many and add to their numbers.
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- 15** Please pray for Barry King from **Grace Baptist Partnership** as he lectures on 'Church planting and revitalisation' at London Seminary today (15 January).
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- 16** Please pray for those who have signed up to study on the **Crosslands Seminary** course starting this month. Pray that their hearts would be prepared to learn from God's word and be shaped as faithful disciples.
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- 17** Please pray for the ordination of Kenny Stephenson, who recently completed his course at the Reformed Theological College, to the pastorate of Limavady **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland (RPCI)** congregation tomorrow (18 January). Pray for a fruitful ministry and remember Kenny and his wife Charlene and their children as they settle into a new location.
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- 18** Pray for the **True Freedom Trust (TFT)** Pastoral Team, who are meeting today (18 January) for a training session considering how to build rapport with new pastoral contacts. Pray that all who come to TFT will find a supportive community.
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- 19** Please continue to pray for Kristie Higgs as **Christian Concern** awaits judgment in her landmark free speech case from the Court of Appeal. Kristie was sacked for gross misconduct over Facebook posts sharing concerns about sex education programmes. The case will set legal precedent for many years to come. Pray for a just outcome.
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- 20** Give thanks that **Lovewise** has continuing opportunities to present its 'Growing up...Growing wise' series of lessons on puberty at a primary school in Basingstoke; the next series is due to begin tomorrow (21 January). Please also pray for the Lovewise team as they begin working on an online resource bank for church youth groups on marriage, relationships, and sex. Pray that there would be a clear emphasis on biblical and biological truth throughout and that the finished product would be usable in various youth group settings.
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- 21** At the end of this month, the present minister of **Peterhead Congregational Church**, James McMillan, will retire and the new minister, Dustin Black, will start. Both men will work together for a smooth handover. The congregation has much to be thankful for in the call of Dustin and in the long ministry of James. Please pray for God's hand on all of this.
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- 22** Please join **Faith in Later Life** in praying for older people who find January a dark and dreary month. Pray that God will infuse their days with light and hope.
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- 23** Please pray for the **BCM UK** and Ireland conference starting tomorrow (24–26 January) at Mullartown House. It has been several years since they were able to hold an in-person conference, so they are looking forward to fellowshiping together. Pray for Garrett Lowe, who will be the main speaker.
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- 24** Please pray for the **Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC)** conference, 'Journeys', starting today (24 January). Pray that it will help attendees consider their next steps in Christian ministry.
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- 25** Bible Society of Mongolia creates Bible videos in Mongolian, just one of which can gain over 130,000 views by Mongolians wherever they are in the world. These videos are aimed at people who know nothing about the Bible and clearly present the gospel. **Sharing Christ Internationally** reports that after the most recent video, Bible sales in secular shops in Ulaanbaatar, the capital, increased. Please pray for this multimedia ministry, that God will use it to draw people to himself.
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- 26** **Caring For Life** thank the Lord for a new year to serve him and to share the love of Jesus. Please pray that their work will glorify God's name and accomplish his will. Give thanks for the freedom their team has to speak openly of Jesus and pray that this will continue.
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- 27** Please pray for the countless people who have heard something from **Solas CPC** about Jesus in person, online, and in print over the last year. Pray that God would draw many to himself. Funding evangelism and evangelism training in the UK is challenging; please pray for God's provision as Solas seek to meet their financial needs. Andy Bannister is also working on a completely revised edition of his book *The Atheist Who Didn't Exist*, updating it to reflect changes in culture over the past decade. Please pray for wisdom as he writes for today's non-Christians.
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- 28** Please pray for the **Church Society** Council meeting today (28 January). Pray for useful discussions and wise decisions as they contend for faithful gospel ministry in the Church of England. Please pray for Andrew Towner as Chairman.
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- 29** Pray for Andy Ritson as he prepares to church plant in Carlisle this year as part of the **International Presbyterian Church (IPC)**. Pray for people to join the plant, for funds to be raised, and for the practicalities of moving from Scotland with his family.
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- 30** Thank God for two new **Free Church of Scotland** church plants that became fully sanctioned charges in 2023: Haddington Community Church and Esk Valley Church. Pray for their stability, for help in finding places to meet, for manses for their ministers, for ongoing spiritual and numerical growth, and for many opportunities to reach out to their communities.
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- 31** As applications for 2025 open, please pray for the Lord to raise up students to study at **Oak Hill College**. With the launch of two new programmes – a Foundation Award for those exploring further study and an MA in Contemporary Christian Leadership – pray that these courses will equip students to serve the church effectively.
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