

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 **Sharing Christ Internationally** asks for prayer for evangelistic video work used on the internet for Mongolians. These videos aim to reach people who do not believe God exists and who are entirely preoccupied with other things. God has given inspiration in the past for these videos, which have been watched by many thousands. Subjects have included God, what he has done for condemned humans by sending Christ, and related themes. Pray for inspiration for the next video.

 - 2 Please pray that **Duke Street Church's** evening services will be effective in equipping the church family this year and that the congregation will live up to the church's motto verse, loving the Lord with all their heart, mind, soul and strength (Mark 12:30).

 - 3 Pray for **Church Society's** Fellowship of Word and Spirit Conference over the next three days (3–5 February) on the theme 'Strangers in the World: Persevering in a culture that has rejected God'. Pray for clear, bold talks and an edifying time for all attendees, and for speakers Rob Wood, George Crowder, and Kirsten Birkett.

 - 4 Pray for **UFM Worldwide's** staff retreat over the next couple of days (4–5 February). Pray that UFM will serve its increasing number of long-term mission partners well, as this conference provides an opportunity to reflect on how best to do so.

 - 5 Please pray for the final preparations for the **Affinity** Theological Study Conference, which takes place in one month (5–7 March). Ask God to fill the remaining spaces with those who would benefit most from attending. Give thanks that true doctrine will be taught, proclaimed, and discussed, and pray that all who attend will be encouraged and equipped for faithful gospel ministry.

 - 6 Pray as **Christian Concern** supports 13 claimants who will argue in court that the government is discriminating against Christians by imposing 20% VAT on Christian schools. The claimants include several Christian schools, as well as parents and pupils. Small Christian schools are disproportionately affected by this VAT imposition.

 - 7 Pray for the Pastors' Academy at **London Seminary** as the team leads groups of pastors and leaders through vital topics in February, including effective preaching, the practice of lament in churches, and the ethics of assisted suicide.

 - 8 There are few Christians in the military, and the gospel is often met with apathy or mockery. This means that serving Christians and **SASRA** Scripture Readers can sometimes feel isolated. Pray that they will find peace in knowing that the Lord is with them and that the gospel is his power to save.

 - 9 **100fold** is commencing the copying of 8,500 micro SD cards for a partner organisation in Asia, to be hand-carried to a large conference on a very tight schedule. Pray that 100fold will be able to complete all the necessary technical enhancements in time to copy and deliver the cards. Pray also that these resources will be a great blessing in gospel work and in building the church in this country.
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- 10** **Affinity's** Social Issues Team – including members from Christian Concern, CARE, the Christian Institute, ACT, and others – meets today (10 February) to discuss cultural issues affecting Christians in the UK. Please pray for wisdom and insight as they share resources and expertise, and pray that the resulting Social Issues Bulletin will be informative, relevant, and a valuable resource for the UK church.
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- 11** This Wednesday and Thursday (12–13 February), the **FIEC** will gather church planters and churches hoping to plant for the first church planting conference. Pray that it will be an encouraging time together and that good steps forward will be made as they seek to reach the country for Christ.
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- 12** **Caring For Life** is supporting families and individuals currently facing eviction and imminent homelessness. Pray that safe homes will be found for them and for many others in desperate need. Give thanks to God for every answered housing bid and for every safe home and flat provided for at-risk men and women.
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- 13** In a place hostile to the gospel, **Wycliffe Bible Translators** is helping people learn that God speaks to them in their own language, and many are giving their lives to him. Pray that God will open ears and soften hearts so that all people will come to know Jesus through the Bible.
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- 14** The **Association of Grace Baptist Churches East Anglia** is grateful that most of its churches have full-time pastors. However, some are still searching, and others are looking to recruit assistant pastors. Pray for the Lord's guidance and provision of the right men.
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- 15** Pray for Simon from the **True Freedom Trust** staff team as he speaks in Blackpool today (15 February) on God's positive vision for sexual ethics and pastoral approaches when desires do not align with biblical teaching.
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- 16** Give thanks for **Oak Hill College's** new part-time MA programme, launching in September 2025, designed to help leaders navigate the challenges of ministry and develop sustainable habits for long-term service. Pray for programme director Dr Mark Stirling and the team as they refine the course and recruit students.
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- 17** Give thanks for the opportunities **Lovewise** has to contribute at various events in February and March, including the Northern Women's Convention, the Christian Schools Trust Conference and the Affinity Theological Study Conference. Pray that people will book places for the Lovewise Annual Conference in March (both in person in London and online via Zoom), which will focus on helping young people navigate cultural challenges around relationships, sex and identity.
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- 18** Pray for gospel opportunities as a member of **Little Hill Church, Wigston** speaks on Tyndale's Bible translation at a local library today (18 February). Pray also for Lee Gatiss as he gives a Church History Lecture on J. C. Ryle later this month (24 February).
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- 19** **Cornerstone Fostering** is assessing several families as potential foster carers this year. Pray for wisdom and guidance for all involved, as well as faith and patience for the families, since the process can be long and challenging. Give thanks that after an application process of nearly four years, Cornerstone has been formally registered as a fostering service in Scotland, known as Foundations Matter.
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- 20** **Solas Centre for Public Christianity** has several new trustees joining its board this month. Pray for them as they take on this responsibility, and pray for good governance within the organisation so that it can effectively fulfil its mission of communicating the gospel across the UK.
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- 21** Pray for independent Christian schools that are members of **The Christian Schools' Trust** as they navigate financial challenges due to the VAT policy. Pray for wisdom, perseverance, and godly character for those challenging the government on this issue.
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- 22** Pray for organisations involved in God's kingdom work and for **Access Insurance** staff as they advise them on risk and insurance.
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23 Pray for the **Free Church of Scotland** Youth Conference next month (14–16 March). Pray for the organising committee as they prepare, asking God to grant them wisdom, unity and strength. Pray for the speakers, that God will guide them as they prepare to share his Word with clarity and boldness. Pray that all attending will have open hearts, deepened faith and transformed lives.

24 Give thanks for a growing number of prisoners receiving **Daylight Christian Prison Trust's** regular Bible study material. Please pray that the Lord will use this material in the hearts and lives of many.

25 Kay* serves with **Africa Inland Mission**, leading a medical team on the Indian Ocean Islands. Pray for R*, a local believer, who was recently arrested after a social media post was discovered answering some questions. She spent one night at the station and then another in prison before her case went to court. She was facing a potential prison sentence of several months but was instead given a fine and a ban on 'sharing'. R came out rejoicing at the many opportunities she had over those two nights to share with guards and other inmates. Please pray for wisdom for her as she continues to be bold. AIM has seen an increase in persecution on each island in recent months. (*Names changed for security reasons.)

26 Praise God for three baptisms happening at **Christ Church Hemel** next month. Please pray that the church will see more and more conversion growth, for the glory of God.

27 Please pray for the **BCM UK** Ladies' Scottish conferences happening over the next two weekends (28 February – 2 March and 7–9 March). Both will be held at the Salutation Hotel, Perth.

28 Muslims will be fasting during Ramadan, which starts today (28 February). **Frontiers** asks that we pray for Muslims during the coming weeks, joining with other churches, agencies, and individuals in prayer for them. Please pray that, as they seek God, they will encounter the Lord Jesus Christ, the living God. *Resources for daily prayer throughout the month are available from 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World (www.pray30days.org).*

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