

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 Partners, Associates and Churches. If you wish information for prayer to be included in the Prayer Calendar please send it to us at least 10 days before the end of the month in which you would like it to appear.

1 In the Middle East a new agricultural project is being launched by **ReachAcross**. During February and March, suitable land is being sought to begin the venture. It is envisaged that this project will be a platform for sharing the gospel among rural people, as well as providing a pyramid-style structure of self-sustaining employment. Pray that the right land will be found, that the start-up costs will be met this year, and that this project will be a practical and spiritual blessing to the people of this impoverished nation. Pray that **ReachAcross** will find the agricultural, engineering, and IT specialists needed for this mission project.

2 **Crosslinks** asks us to please pray for visits to churches by mission partners and staff members to teach and train from the whole Bible on God's great mission.

3 **Carey Baptist Church, Reading**, begin a week of joint churches mission on 6 February, called Real Lives, with Roger Carswell. The other churches involved are: Argyle Community Church; Kennet Valley Free Church; Coley Park Baptist Church; Norcot Mission and Binfield Heath Congregational Church. Each evening Roger will interview someone and then preach the gospel. Please pray for Roger as he preaches and the church as they invite friends along.

4 The **Association of Grace Baptist Churches (East Anglia)** hold their Executive Committee on Monday 6 February. Please pray for the Lord's guidance and help with respect to all their business that evening. Also please pray for the Lord to bless their fellowship and give them wisdom at their Pastors & Elders Forum which takes place on Monday 27 February. There are a number of matters which are under consideration at present and for which they look to the Lord for guidance and inspiration.

5 **Little Hill Church, Wigston** in Leicestershire asks for wisdom as they seek a pastor/teacher. Please join with them in prayer that the Lord would provide for their need.

6 **Duke Street Church, Richmond**, begin their next Christianity Explored Course tonight – and also a first for Duke Street – The Marriage Course. Please pray for non-Christians attending that their hearts will be open to the gospel as they investigate the claims of Christ and for married couples to build a strong and healthy marriage.

7 The opportunities and challenges of the work of the **Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East)** are too many to mention. The sheer number of people in central London makes this an obvious mission field for their prayerful attention. Two broad themes for prayer include the provision of pastors for established churches and wisdom and faith to take church planting opportunities.

8 Today **Shaftesbury Square Reformed Presbyterian Church, Belfast, (RPCI)** holds its 2012 Shaftesbury Reformed Conference, with guest speakers Ian Hamilton (Cambridge) and Gareth Burke. Pray that the Lord would be with his people as they gather tonight.

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Give thanks for **Daylight's** new Brighton Prayer and Support Group which will practically support ex-offenders as they adjust to life back in society and rebuild their lives. Please pray that through this provision of practical support for ex-offenders, there would be many opportunities to share the good news of Christ.

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On 10-12 February, **UFM** will be holding an annual *Called to Serve* weekend conference at Hebron Hall, near Cardiff. This brings together missionaries, appointees and staff, as well as those who are thinking and praying seriously about getting involved in cross-cultural mission. The aim is to share in fellowship, to discuss some of the issues involved in mission today and possibilities for future service. They would value our prayers for this event, for the final preparations and for all those taking part.

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Emmanuel Church, Canterbury is a two-year-old church plant led by Richard Hagan. Give thanks that their Matthew 9:38 prayers seem to be being answered: five new people have joined in the past few months eager to serve the mission of the church. Give thanks for a thriving student work. The LORD is transforming and renewing the desires of many students to live for Christ and see him glorified. And pray for wisdom in their outreach to children and young people. They have a one day Holiday Bible Club coming up in half term but need wisdom for what shape their more regular outreach should take.

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The Affinity **Social Issues Team** meets tomorrow. Please pray for them as they consider various issues, in particular how Affinity will respond to the government's plans for the redefinition of marriage.

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Christ Church, Harpenden would very much value prayer for *Encounter 2012*, a series of events taking place in the first half of the year where the gospel will be shared sensitively. Each event caters for different interest groups: Encounter God in Art (16-19 February) and Encounter God in Science (3 March). Please pray for the Lord to bless these initiatives.

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Tomorrow **Brian Edwards** begins a three-week ministry tour of South Africa. This will be a busy period of ministry and Brian and Rosie will also have a few days holiday in the Kruger National Park. They would value our prayers for this tour.

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Barnabas Fund requests prayer for the hundreds of thousands of Christians around the world who are refugees or displaced persons, often fleeing anti-Christian violence. Pray also for those seeking to address needs and tackle the root causes.

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Pray for **AECW** churches in small communities in Wales where faithful pastors and people maintain a Gospel witness. These churches are often the only Gospel witness in their community. Pray that they will have the joy of seeing people of all ages coming to faith in Jesus.

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This weekend **Christ Church Southampton** hold their first Mid-Year Conference for students and post grads. CCS Pastor Orlando Saer is leading the weekend. Pray for those who are not yet Christians, that they may be challenged to follow Christ and that Christian students will grow in their faith and love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Wales Evangelical School of Theology asks for prayer for the undergraduate students as they embark on their second semester of lectures, essays and workshops. In all the busyness of study may they maintain a consistent walk with the Lord.

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Monyhull Church, Birmingham ask us to pray for their pastor, Colin Tamplin, on his sabbatical in February. Please pray that it will be a time of spiritual, physical and emotional refreshment and that he will experience the rich blessing of God during this time.

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The **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches** (EFCC) are planning their Congregational Studies Conference for 17 March at which Garry Williams will speak on the Great Ejection of 1662 and Neville Rees on the life and work of Alan Tovey. Please pray for all the planning and that many people would be encouraged and helped by the day.

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The Evangelical Housing Association has its next committee meeting today. Prayer for wisdom and guidance for decisions needed on matters on the agenda would be much appreciated.

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From 23 to 27 February, the **FIEC** look forward to welcoming a group from the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The members of the group will be leading teams coming across later in the year to work with FIEC churches across the country in the lead-up to the Olympic Games. Please pray that the Lord will use this planning weekend to forge strong relationships and facilitate some creative thinking about how to reach communities for the Lord Jesus.

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The International Presbyterian Church, Ealing asks us to pray for the development of a European Presbytery of the IPC churches. They meet today to discuss the matter.

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Pray for **United Beach Missions** as they prepare and plan for the 90 weeks of summer missions. Permissions from councils, production of literature, prizes, leadership allocation, filling teams are just some of the many tasks that need doing. They would like to see the number of team members increase from 900 to 1000.

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Oak Hill College has an open morning today for prospective students. Please pray that a good number of those who are considering the possibility of theological training at some time in the future, whether as an ordinand or an independent student, whether full-time or part-time, would come along and use the day as a chance to seek further the Lord's purposes for their lives.

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Please pray for the **Jubilee Centre** as it embarks upon the year ahead. They give thanks for the provision of Jonathan Tame as new Acting Director alongside a great staff team and trustees. 'In so many ways last year God reminded us of our total dependence on him. We are indeed so conscious of the need to commit every day of 2012 to his purposes, and are genuinely excited about his plans for the Jubilee Centre this year.'

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The **Evangelical Movement of Wales'** South Wales Ministers' Day Conference takes place today, with the North Wales Conference happening tomorrow. Please pray for genuine encouragement for the men attending each event, that their walk with the Lord and their ministries might be positively affected.

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The Good Book Company ask us to please pray for the *Growing Young Disciples* youth and children's work training conference at The Harris School, Rugby on March 3. Give thanks for the provision of this great venue and the chance to run this conference in the Midlands for the first time. Please pray for the practical arrangements in a new venue and that many would attend and be encouraged in their work with children and young people.

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Please pray for the preparations for **The Free Church of Scotland's** Spring Conference at the end of March at Greyfriars Free Church, Inverness. The main talks will be from Jim Turrent on Christ's person, Christ's purpose and Christ's prize.

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

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