

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.

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- 1** **Blenheim Free Church**, Maidenhead, ask prayer for a Bible and Breakfast teaching session with John Kendal on 3 March to help understand and expound passages in the NT epistles.
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- 2** The **International Presbyterian Church's** synod meets in Belgium today and the presbytery tomorrow. Pray for men who will be examined by the candidates and credentials committee and then by presbytery in the case of teaching elders.
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- 3** **BCM (UK)** hold their Spring Breakout (a 'taster camp' for children) from today until Monday. Pray that all will have a great time and want to come to further camps in the summer and beyond.
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- 4** **True Freedom Trust** give thanks for a productive time of writing new content for the website and also ask prayer for guidance and wisdom for the staff team about the National Conference speakers for 2018 and the overall theme of the weekend.
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- 5** Please pray for prospective students coming to **London Seminary's** Visit Days and Open Day this month. May the Lord raise up a new generation of preachers and pastors for our churches. Give thanks for the spiritual vitality of the seminary's students, who meet at 6.30am for prayer each day before lectures.
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- 6** **ChristChurch Harpenden** is currently working on an evangelistic outreach - 'Harpenden's Big Questions'. They are surveying as much of the town as possible to ask what one question people would ask God if they had the opportunity. They will then seek to answer the top four questions in meetings this month with Andrew Sach as the speaker. The meeting dates are tonight, then 8th, 13th and 15th March.
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- 7** Every year **FIEC** hosts 12 regional Pastors' Network Day Conferences for pastors and their wives. The first of these take place tomorrow in Liverpool, on the 14th in Birmingham and the 22nd in Harrogate. Please pray that these will be times of refreshment for those who attend and that they will be challenging and encouraging as the conferences consider the topic of personal holiness.
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- 8** **The Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East)** ask us to pray for Grace Community Church in Ebbsfleet. This is a garden city currently being built near to Gravesend in Kent. The church is a new fellowship aiming to reach this new population. The Lord is opening lots of doors of opportunity to bring the gospel to this community. The church would welcome new workers but their hearts desire and prayer is that the church would be built primarily through conversions.
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- 9** **Crosslinks** ask us to pray for slight changes being made to their long-term mission partner selection processes so that they may better serve in this arena. They continue to give thanks for significant numbers of enquirers, some with a clear idea of where to serve and others wanting to explore where best to serve.
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Pray for **Brian Edwards**, speaking today at a Creation Conference at Ebenezer Reformed Baptist Church, Brighton.

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The **Association of Grace Baptist Churches (East Anglia)** ask us to pray for Tom Fenning's ministry. He was inducted as pastor at Beccles Church in March 2017. Please pray for Tom, Emily and their three children.

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Jubilee Centre ask us to pray for their new SAGE training initiative – a 10 month programme for recent graduates with mature Christian character and leadership potential. Participants will learn to think biblically about issues in public life, develop research skills and set up a project to help Christians engage in biblical social transformation. Applications close on 31 March. Find out more at www.jubilee-centre.org/sage/

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Christian Concern ask us to pray for Victoria Wasteney, who was disciplined for befriending and praying with a Muslim work colleague and for giving her a book. An application to the European Court of Human Rights for permission to appeal has been submitted and a response is awaited.

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Pray for **OSCAR** who, with SWAN, are running a 'Global Focus' evening at the University of West England Christian Union tomorrow.

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Union School of Theology ask for prayer for their joint conference on 'Theology for Urban Mission', to be held at London City Mission tomorrow.

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The **Free Church of Scotland (continuing)** ask us to pray for Rev James MacInnes, minister in Ardelve & Broadford who is going out to their isolated congregation in Tamil country, North Sri Lanka, to help with the ministry there.

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Pray for the **EFCC** Congregational Studies Conference, taking place today at Wesley's Chapel – Leysian Mission in London. The speakers are Dominic Stockford, Digby James, Richard Underwood and Peter Beale.

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Pray for **Little Hill Church**, Leicestershire, as they have an International Student Sunday on 18 March and then their Holiday Bible Club on Monday 26 - Thursday 29 March.

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Please pray for the youth work at **Grove Chapel**, London, which has ebbed and flowed over the last couple of years; they would love to see a new generation of children and teenagers who are interested to find out more about the Christian faith.

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Please pray for the 'Our Religious Freedom' campaign organised by **Barnabas Fund** and supported by Affinity and others, to seek clear legal protection against the steady erosion of freedom of belief in the UK and other countries like Australia and New Zealand. Pray that people will understand the situation and rally to uphold our hard-won freedoms that were established over many years.

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Ealing International Presbyterian Church's new building is due for completion in July but may be delayed and that would mean no summer Bible club for the children. Please pray for the builders to be on schedule and budget.

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SASRA ask us to pray for their two new and recently deployed Scripture Readers; ASR Jim Henderson in Aldershot and ASR Dave Hossack on the Salisbury Plain; along with the new posting of ASR Paul Curd, to Chepstow. Please pray that they would settle in well and for good working relationships with the chaplains and military chain of command. May the Lord prosper the proclamation of his Word as the gospel is shared within these military installations.

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Cuckfield Baptist Church ask us to pray that they would be faithful, bold witnesses for Christ in their village and that area of Mid-Sussex.

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The Good Book Company give thanks for the Lord's help in growing their reach in the US. Please pray for Peter Anderson as he moves to the US to join the team - that he would settle quickly and find a church family there and that he would be able to add real value to the ministry in the States.

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Grace Baptist Partnership ask us to pray for Cromer Baptist Church in Norfolk. After 120 years in the town centre, they have vacated an increasingly impractical building for a disused Methodist chapel in the village of East Runton, half a mile from Cromer. This places them in a residential community of some 1800 people. Pray for the congregation and their pastor, Jon Davies, as they consider fresh gospel outreaches.

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Christian Focus Publications ask for prayer that the post of Design Manager, based at their Head Office in Easter Ross, will be filled as soon as possible.

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Daylight Christian Prison Trust give thanks for prisoners at their Bible studies who are asking good questions and showing a real interest in learning from God's Word. Please pray that what they learn would be used to speak to their hearts.

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Jesus showed his compassion in healing the lame, leprosy patients and welcoming children. In the same way, **Gospel for Asia**-supported Compassion Services, which includes slum, leprosy and medical ministry and disaster relief, shows practical love to the poor. Pray that through these ministries, many will come to know the love of Christ for the first time in their lives.

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Grace Baptist Church, Ulverston are planning the first of what they hope will be a regular monthly event - a drop-in coffee morning at the church on Saturday 31 March (Easter Saturday), endeavouring to attract local passers-by. Pray that this may be used by the Lord to bring contacts and gospel conversations.

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UFM give thanks for a steady stream of enquiries from churches looking to send new workers, with nine people scheduled for interview in April & May. Please pray for churches preparing to send, that they would do so in a manner worthy of the Lord.

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Pray for **AECW** church Mount Elim, Pontardawe, near Swansea, as they seek larger premises to accommodate their growing congregation. Pray for the ministry of their pastor, Steffan Jones, to the congregation, especially the new converts, and to the wider community.

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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