

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** **Tots2teens** have Easter Holiday clubs on 2, 4 and 6 April, open to ages 4-11 (younger children may bring parents). Some of the volunteers are only 13-14 years old but very enthusiastic. There is a lot to do including food prep, as public health have provided funding to feed these kids while they are off school. Please pray for some more experienced volunteers and smooth running of all events.
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- 2** Pray for students on the **EMW's** Theological Training Course as they meet for their residential week, starting today, and for all those who will be lecturing.
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- 3** **BCM (UK)** hold their 'Spring Break' at the Windmill centre, Arbroath from today until 6 April. The teaching will be on the Fruits of the Spirit. Pray for the Lord's hand to be on all who attend.
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- 4** **Barnabas Fund** requests prayer for their Easter focus on Christian children in need. Please pray especially for those refugee children fleeing persecution, for those who have lost parents or other family members to violence, for children living in poverty, and for those struggling to get an education.
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- 5** **Christian Focus Publications** ask us to pray for members of staff Willie Mackenzie, Rosanna Burton and Margaret Roberts who are travelling to the United States for the T4G conference in April. Pray for safe travels and good opportunities as they meet with other believers who work in the Christian publishing trade.
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- 6** Please pray for the **True Freedom Trust** team, especially Alison, Ruth, Paul and Phil who are lovingly responding to calls and following up pastoral requests.
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- 7** The **International Presbyterian Church's** Ealing congregation now has nine elders, four of whom were newly ordained in 2017. Pray that all are faithful shepherds of the flock which now numbers over 150 members from around thirty countries.
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- 8** **The Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East)** ask us to pray for *saved2serve*, their training conference for older teenagers and young adults, which runs from April 13-15. It aims to encourage Christians in their service of the Lord. It is a time in life of big decisions about education and careers. The theme this year is the power of the gospel in the life of the church. The speaker is Ali McLachlin, currently working in leadership training, church planting and revitalisation in Scotland. Pray that the young people at the conference may grow to become pillars in churches and that some will consider full time ministry in the UK or overseas.
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- 9** Please pray for **UFM's** two area conferences this month, happening in N Ireland and Scotland, with Bible ministry from Huw Williams and Michael Prest. Pray for supporters to be envisioned, missionaries to be encouraged and for God to raise up more workers for the harvest fields.
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In mid-April **Crosslinks** Director Andy Lines visits mission engagements in Uganda and attends the meeting of Anglican Senior Bishops (Gafcon) in Entebbe. Please pray for wisdom and godliness in all these interactions.

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The **Association of Grace Baptist Churches (East Anglia)** ask us to pray for Joe Bannister who was inducted as pastor at their Jubilee, Occold, Church in October 2017. Please pray for Joe, Jules and their three children.

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Union School of Theology ask for prayer for their Preaching Conference tomorrow at Worthing Tabernacle.

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The **EFCC** hold their ladies' conference today and tomorrow. Pray for the Lord's blessing on all who attend.

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Grace Baptist Partnership asks for prayer for Barry King as he meets with the core group of New Life Polish Gospel Church in Dublin, Ireland today for a training event.

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Please pray for the **AECW** church in Little Mill in Monmouthshire. It is a small church with a big vision to reach out to the 1000 inhabitants of their community. The church has recently extended its building and has two pastors, Colin and Pete. They are very active in building relationships with people and are seeing steady growth in the congregation.

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Blenheim Free Church (FIEC), Maidenhead have just completed one-to-one evangelistic Bible reading training. Pray that it will be put to good use in introducing people to Jesus.

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Africa Inland Mission first began ministry in the Central Africa Republic in the 1930s. Since then the church has grown, but efforts to share the gospel with Muslim people groups have been disrupted by ongoing unrest. The country is characterised by violence, and many people are internally displaced or living in refugee camps. Pray for peace that will enable the gospel to be shared with more people.

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Please pray for the International Café at **Grove Chapel**, Camberwell, London, that a good nucleus of people would come along and that the group would grow as people invite their friends along.

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The Closing Service of the 2017-18 session at the **Reformed Theological College**, Belfast (RPCI) will be held today. The speaker will be Prof. Norris Wilson. Please pray for the three students who are completing their course.

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OSCAR is launching a new website this month, so pray that the rollout and ongoing development will go well. Also, pray for a 'Crossing Cultures' day in Gloucester on April 26 for anyone wanting to learn about cross-cultural transition and adaptation.

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Christian Concern ask for prayer that street preachers will continue to have their right to free speech upheld and that their legal team will deal wisely with street preacher cases.

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Cuckfield Baptist Church, Sussex, ask us to pray that the Lord would give the church leadership wisdom as they train and equip people for various ministries in the church.

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Daylight Christian Prison Ministry are thankful for good numbers of prisoners attending their services recently and for a real attentiveness to the messages. Please pray that these services would be used to speak to the prisoners that come along.

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London Seminary gives thanks for their 'Flourish' course for pastors' wives and women workers, which has been greatly appreciated. Pray for its development and expansion next year.

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Sharing Christ Internationally asks us to pray for God's work in Mongolia. There, all forms of religion, including evangelical Christianity, are seen as systems to manipulate the supernatural to obtain a better life. Fear of God and belief in real accountability to him producing true heart repentance is rare indeed. Pray for those working there, that God will give wisdom and knowledge of God's way to address this to people whose hearts God will open.

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ReachAcross ask us to pray for wisdom for the mission as it considers some personnel (international level) changes and also considers strategically developing fields in new countries.

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Pray for the planning for the **Jubilee Centre** annual three-day Summer School, designed to equip Christians to become social reformers in the 21st Century. Speakers include Michael Schluter, Jonathan Rushworth, Julie Smith and Danny Kruger who bring together expertise from politics, charity, business and law. http://www.jubilee-centre.org/summer_school/

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Millions of people in Asia have to wake up early to gather water from a local pond or hand pump. But there is no guarantee this water will not cause diseases. **Gospel for Asia** ask us to pray for those struggling with waterborne diseases. Give thanks for initiatives such as the provision of BioSand water filters. With filtered water, families live healthier lives. After seeing the loving thoughtfulness of Christ's servants who help with maintenance on these filters, individuals and entire villages are impacted by God's kindness and become more open to hearing about Christ.

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Please pray for **SASRA's** '100 days' prayer event, (our commemoration of the centenary of the end of WW1) as they shift up a gear this month with the preparations and planning. Please also pray for all their staff as they meet for their annual SASRA Worker's Conference, which commences tomorrow.

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Peterhead Congregational Church ask for prayer for the ongoing renovations of the church kitchens, giving thanks for the generosity of so many people. Pray that the Lord will continue to inspire and build up the whole people of God.

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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