

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** **Cor Deo** will be running a 4-day Intensive in Chippenham from 1-4 May. They will then be running two 2-day Intensives in Portland, OR in mid-June. Please pray for all those who attend to be stirred to enjoy God in his Word more and live lives of worship and service in their contexts.
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- 2** **London Seminary** asks us to pray for their final year students who are seeking the Lord about where he would have them serve as pastors and preachers in the future.
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- 3** Pray for **Africa Inland Mission** missionaries living among the Shibushi on Mayotte (near Madagascar) where teaching English has been a great way to connect with new families. Pray for their witness as they teach in schools, communities and homes, that children would be impacted by having a Christian teacher.
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- 4** Pray for **New Life Church Middlesbrough**, as they ask for Christians to join them in their mission by moving to, working and socialising in the city. Whether people are young, old, married or single they hope to see gospel-hearted people join their church and help reach the local community.
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- 5** The situation remains grave in many parts of Africa, with oppression, persecution and conflict causing countless deaths and injuries, and millions of people fleeing from their homes. **Barnabas Fund** requests prayer for the Barnabas Futures initiative to invest in hope; bringing support for spiritual, developmental and educational development.
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- 6** Please pray for the **SASRA** 180th anniversary events planned for this month and SASRA's presence at the 'Big Church Day Out' event on 26-27<sup>th</sup>, that there would be a positive response from the Christian public to the work of our gospel ministry to serving military personnel.
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- 7** **ReachAcross** are at GoFest (May 12) and Big Church Day Out South (May 26-27). Pray that those who attend these events will be moved to action and pledge to pray and support financially or accept the task of going out and sharing the gospel among the world's 1.7billion Muslims.
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- 8** **OSCAR** gives thanks that their new website is now live. Praise God for enabling this to happen. Pray also for a them leading a 'Finance for Ministry' day with Stewardship in Bristol on May 10.
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- 9** **Christian Concern** ask prayer for applications for their Wilberforce Academy. They want to get a good group of graduates to raise up the next generation of Christians: [wilberforceacademy.org.uk/](http://wilberforceacademy.org.uk/)
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- 10** Please pray for the interview process for a new **Crosslinks** Mission Director with interviews due on 24 May and for the right way forward to be agreed by trustees.
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# 11

Pray for the **EFCC** Annual General Meeting which takes place in Pontefract tomorrow with delegates from many EFCC churches in attendance. Pray for a time of encouragement and renewed fellowship for many people.

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# 12

Pray for the **AECW** Annual Assembly and Conference being held at Newtown today. Church leaders from all parts of Wales will be attending. The theme is 'Holiness - our Highest Calling' and the main speaker is Jonny Dyer from All Souls Church, London.

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# 13

Pray for **Hardwick Baptist Church**, Stockton on Tees, starting a series of six Sunday evening sessions from 13 May going through 'Essentials', an evangelistic series based on material by Lee McMunn. Please pray for guests to come and for spiritual fruit.

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# 14

Please pray for two **FIEC** conferences for women taking place this week: 'Thrive' for women's workers and the 'Ministry Wives' Retreat' for those married to men in ministry. Pray for Women's Ministry Coordinator Elisabeth Smyth as she leads these events and Sian Baker who is speaking. Thrive is from 14-16 May and Ministry Wives Retreat takes place from 16-18 May.

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# 15

**The Evangelical Housing Association** has its Annual General Meeting, followed by a management committee meeting today. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for the ongoing work.

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# 16

**Blenheim Free Church** (FIEC), Maidenhead ask us to thank God with them for the unity of the church and the faithful and challenging preaching of their pastor, Peter Cranch.

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# 17

**All Nations Church**, Ilford (IPC) ask us to pray for some keen Christians to go and join the work there in east London. Pray also for the discipling of new believers who have come from Muslim backgrounds.

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# 18

Please pray for a new **Grace Baptist Partnership** training group for potential church leaders beginning in London tomorrow.

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# 19

Pray for the General Assembly of the **Free Church of Scotland (Continuing)** which takes place from 21-24 May at Liberton Kirk, Kirkgate, Edinburgh. All are welcome to attend as visitors. It is expected that the Assembly will conclude on the Thursday afternoon.

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# 20

Pray for **Brian Edwards** as he preaches today at West Worthing Evangelical Church, Sussex (Pentecost Sunday).

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# 21

Spring Break is a holiday organised by the **Evangelical Movement of Wales** for Christians of retirement age, held at Bryn y Groes, Bala, from 21-26 May. Pray for Gwynne & Shirley Evans who will be leading this event.

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# 22

The **Time for Change Ministries** worker operates as a Prison Chaplain and also runs Christianity Explored, Life Explored and Bible studies with groups of prisoners. Please pray for all those with whom she comes into contact and for her to shine like a star in all these contexts.

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# 23

**Daylight Christian Prison Ministry** ask us to give thanks for prisoners who have been given Bibles and other literature recently. Please pray that they would read these and that God would speak to them through his Word.

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# 24

The **Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East)** ask us to pray for the new garden city of Ebbsfleet, which continues to grow with thousands of houses at various stages of being built. Their church plant has more opportunities than it can currently meet. Pray for new workers and for conversions.

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# 25

Pray for **Ealing International Presbyterian Church's** new building to be completed by September, the builder's latest estimate. Pray also for sufficient funding for this £2,000,000 project.

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# 26

Please pray for the **Good Book Company's** editorial team as they work alongside authors to produce books that will be a blessing, challenge and encouragement to Christians and churches everywhere. Please also pray for their marketing team as they seek to get the books in to the hands of those who would most benefit from them.

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# 27

**Cuckfield Baptist Church** ask us to pray for the Lord to transform them as they look at Romans 12-16 this term on Sundays.

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# 28

**Gospel for Asia** ask us to pray for those who distribute Bibles and other Christian literature in Asia. Some people are very happy to learn of the God who saves while others openly reject the words of love. It is not uncommon for believers and missionaries to face persecution. Pray that pastors and national missionaries will not be afraid and that they will have favour with those they have the opportunity to meet.

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# 29

**Grove Chapel**, Camberwell, London, ask that the International Café, meeting every Thursday, would continue to attract students and others from the many nations represented in Camberwell, and that they would see these folk appearing on Sundays and being added to the church.

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# 30

Pray for the **Jubilee Centre** Social Reformers Summer School, 12-15 July in Cambridge, which is designed for people aged between 20 and 40 who are recent graduates, young professionals and others in business, public services or the charity sector. Pray for speakers Craig Bartholomew, Danny Kruger, Charles and Jill McLachlan, Caroline Pomeroy, Jonathan Rushworth, Michael Schluter, Julie Smith and Gareth Wallace, who bring together far-reaching expertise from diverse sectors, including politics, charity, business and law.

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# 31

**Grace Baptist Church, Ulverston** are planning an evangelistic and training weekend in conjunction with Grace Baptist Partnership in July which they hope will spark ongoing outreach into their community. Pray that this will also develop into regular training sessions with GBP and begin to reveal future leaders of different kinds for the real needs of other Cumbria churches.

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***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](http://www.affinity.org.uk).***

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