

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** **ReachAcross** ask us to pray that they will have a worthwhile week at CreationFest; pray that those seriously considering ministry among Muslims will find their stand and be inspired and nudged forward in their journey into mission.
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- 2** **Tots2teens** are taking three buses full of kids aged 4-11 to the beach at Whitby on three days at the start of August, and will be joining the beach team there for holiday special. Pray for a great time for all and gospel opportunities.
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- 3** **Blenheim Free Church**, Maidenhead, have two boys planning to go to the 'Contagious' event later this month. Pray that this holiday will be a spiritual turning point in their lives.
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- 4** **The Association of Grace Baptist Churches (East Anglia)** ask prayer for the Hunstanton Beach Mission, August 4-11. Pray for the team of young people, especially those helping for the first time. Pray also for children and adults who will hear the gospel though the week.
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- 5** **Union School of Theology** ask for prayer for safety for people during building / maintenance projects happening at their campus this summer. Praise God for good recruitment and for the Open University who is their new validating partner for taught courses.
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- 6** Pray that the new building for Ealing **International Presbyterian Church** will be completed in September and that the remaining donations needed towards the cost will be received.
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- 7** **SOLAS** would appreciate prayer for the impact of their Short Answers video series (<http://solas-cpc.org/shortanswers>). They have passed 500,000 views/downloads, but would love to see more people sharing these with non-Christian friends and colleagues.
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- 8** Today sees the launch of "100days", which is **SASRA's** World War One centenary commemoration prayer event, finishing on Armistice Day, 11 November. Pray for good success, and that churches and fellowships would join them in prayer for our Armed Forces and SASRA's ministry to Army and Air Force personnel.
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- 9** **Brian Edwards** hopes to be at the British Museum with Clive Anderson today to prepare a new (6th) edition of *Through the British Museum with the Bible*. Pray that this would go well and that the new version will continue to provide clear evidence for the historicity of biblical events.
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- 10** **The Jubilee Centre** asks prayer for the Archetypes sculptures now exhibited in the heart of Cambridge. Each of the five sculptures represents a universal theme found in almost every culture and society, but draws its inspiration from the 'solas' of the Reformation, so inviting visitors into a multi-faceted conversation between history, faith, art and technology.
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Pray for the **Evangelical Movement of Wales** Aberystwyth Conferences (English 11-18th, Welsh 20-25th), for the speakers (Paul Mallard and Meirion Morris), that they would know God's blessing and leading in their preparation and that he would give them boldness and authority to preach his word. Pray for the 1700 people coming to be refreshed, encouraged and challenged in their personal faith, and that God would use the conferences to serve the churches in the wider work of the gospel in Wales and beyond.

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Hardwick Baptist Church, Stockton-on-Tees, are taking around 13 young people, none of whom are Christians, on a Ventures summer camp for a week from 11 August. Please pray for God to save them as they hear the good news of Jesus.

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Pray for the annual **UFM** Family Conference, all week from today, for a refreshing and encouraging time for missionaries and supporters. Give thanks, too, for new missionaries joining in recent weeks for service in Germany & Nicaragua.

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The Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East) say that Pioneer Camp is one of their key Grace Baptist partners. Running from August 14-23, children and young people will have a fun camping holiday in the Suffolk countryside. There is a clear gospel element to this. While many campers are from Christian homes, others are not. Pray for long term spiritual fruit.

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Please pray for **The Good Book Company** as many of the team lead on youth camps over the summer. Please pray that the Lord would equip them for their leadership roles on camp and help them as they teach young people about Jesus. Please also pray for good rest as they take holiday over the summer, asking that the Lord would refresh them all to continue their ministry.

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London Seminary give thanks for some promising students who have accepted places to start in September. Pray that yet more would come. They regularly receive requests from churches who need pastors, and they look to the Lord to raise up more men for pastoral and preaching ministry.

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New Life Church, Middlesbrough ask us to pray for the preparation for and the delivery of the 'Gospel and class' conference at East London Tabernacle on 29 September. More details of this really important event can be found here: <http://www.acts29.com/the-gospel-class/> Pray that the Lord would use it to help churches and church leaders respond to the challenge to go and make disciples in our poor communities.

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Christians in Myanmar/Burma often come from minority ethnic groups that also suffer persecution at the hands of the Burmese army. While the crisis of the Rohingya Muslims has received massive international attention, the years of anti-Christian violence have received scant coverage. Please pray for brothers and sisters in need, and for **Barnabas Fund's** partnerships with different groups providing aid to refugees and displaced people, and particularly to the Christian children orphaned by violence.

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Pray for **All Nations Church**, Ilford (IPC) background administration to get done; setting up charitable status, and moving towards organising a membership.

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Pray for the **Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ireland** Holiday Bible Club in Crosscollyer Church from today for the week ahead.

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Pray for the **Grace Baptist Partnership** Annual Conference, 21-23 August, at Swanwick. Jonathan Armstrong, Brian Croft, Kevin Felix Hollington, Barry King, Ryan King and Ali McLachlan will address the theme of 'Revitalisation: Hope for Dying Churches'.

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From August 24-28th **OSCAR** has exhibition stands with a 'jobs board' at Christian conferences One Event, David's Tent and Bangor Worldwide. Pray for enquirers searching for their next opportunity in mission and ministry.

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Pray for **Crosslinks** office staff continuing to work during a quieter period on tasks that are important but not urgent. Pray also for the Holy Spirit's work in those who have been on camps in Ireland and across Europe.

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Daylight Christian Prison Trust ask for prayer that prisoners who are given Bibles and New Testaments would read them and that the Lord would speak to them through his Word.

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Pray for **Christian Concern** as they handle multiple requests for help from Christians in the workplace or out on the streets.

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Please pray for the work among teenagers at **Grove Chapel**, which has become quite hard going, and pray for strong contacts with children and their families in the community.

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Cuckfield Baptist Church, Sussex, ask us to pray that their attitude together would increasingly be that of the Lord Jesus, who humbled himself, even to death on a cross.

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Pray that the Junior Anglican Evangelical Conference (28-30 August) hosted by **Church Society** will be an encouraging and challenging time as they consider how to do gospel ministry in local parish churches. Pray, too, for students to sign up and preparations to be made for their new women's training course, the Priscilla Programme, launching next month.

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Pray for Paul Daniel as he completes his ministry as an evangelist at Bethel Evangelical Church, Clydach, and prepares for a new ministry in fellowship with **AECW**, encouraging and training churches in south-east Wales in evangelism. Prayer for Paul, his wife Siân, and their three sons as they move to Crickhowell.

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Africa Inland Mission says that Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world, partly due to conversions, but mostly due to high birth rates. According to the Pew Research Center, Muslims will equal the number of Christians for the first time in the next 50 years. Pray that through relationships between Christians and Muslims, there will be more opportunity for the gospel to be shared.

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From tomorrow Tom Brand takes up a new role as General Secretary of the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches** (EFCC). Pray for Tom in this new work and for the church at Binfield Heath, Oxfordshire, where he has been pastor until now.

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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