

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** **Barnabas Fund** requests prayer and support for the emergency flood relief aid work being undertaken in Kerala, South-West India. Hundreds have been killed and thousands made homeless after catastrophic flooding caused by torrential monsoon rains, which have been significantly heavier this season. Partners are distributing food, clothes, medicines and hygiene/toiletry items. Christians make up nearly 20% of the population in the region, and trace their history back to New Testament times. They are often persecuted.

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**2** **Christian Concern** ask us to pray for their Wilberforce Academy which runs from 3-8 September. They have around sixty delegates who receive an intensive programme about a Christian worldview and its relevance to contemporary society. It is a major feature of their year and one of the most important ministries of Christian Concern as they seek to raise up the next generation.

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**3** People at the **Evangelical Movement of Wales** conference centre at Bryn y Groes are busy preparing for building work that will start today. Pray for the team as they juggle an incredibly busy summer with the ongoing plans to demolish the annexe and build the new block.

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**4** Give thanks for the provision of John McLernon who started as Mission Director of **Crosslinks** yesterday. Please pray for the provision of a successor for him in his previous role and pray for John, Maggie, Ruthie and Rachel as they take up this new role.

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**5** **Union School of Theology** ask prayer for the Union Conference next Tuesday marking the start of their new academic year. Pray for their new Pastoral Dean, Jonathan Thomas, starting this month. Pray also for those studying on their new course with the Church Society focussing on equipping women for ministry.

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**6** Please pray for the **FIEC** National Recognition Team meeting today as they consider applications from churches to join the Fellowship and men to be accredited for ministry by the Pastors' Network. Pray for wisdom for the members of the team in their discussions.

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**7** **Sharing Christ Internationally** asks us to pray for believers in Mongolia who are struggling to find a place to rent for public meetings. Bible leaflet distribution has shown just the odd person somewhat interested, and the majority with no fear of God, satisfied with life and quite strong resistance to the Bible and Christianity. God alone can open the heart to the Gospel.

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**8** Pray for the first module of **Church Society's** Priscilla Programme to open women's eyes to the Old Testament and to help them teach it more effectively in their local churches.

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**9** Pray for **Larbert International Presbyterian Church** that they might be able to complete the purchase of a site in a new housing development.

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**10** **Time For Change Ministries** ask prayer for the next Christianity Explored course which started in HMP Cardiff on 28 August. please pray for those on the course that they will be able to attend regularly and that the group will gel well. Pray that they will be good soil for the truth.

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# 11

**Peterhead Congregational Church** ask prayer for their 195th Anniversary Celebration from 11-16 September. The church will be open all week for a Flower Festival, Photographic Display, midweek lunchtime and evening services. Pray that many will be attracted to the gospel and want to know more about Jesus.

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# 12

The government has publicly stated its intention to ban 'conversion therapy.' **True Freedom Trust** does not advocate this therapy, however, as this term has not been adequately defined, there is a concern that sensible Christian teaching on same-sex temptations and biblical transformation could come under attack. Please pray for Christians who are talking about these topics in the public square, that TFT does not get wrongly tarnished with false claims about what we promote and practice. Pray that the reputation of the ministry would be protected and for wisdom for those in authority.

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# 13

**Blenheim Free Church (FIEC)**, Maidenhead, asks prayer that the great promises of God will continue to sustain those of their elderly members who struggle with weakness and pain.

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# 14

**The Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East)** say that like many organisations the beginning of the autumn term gets quite busy. They have committee meetings in September and their AGM on the first weekend of October. There are lots of projects in the planning stages as well as many others which are ongoing. The opportunities are many in the South East of England. Pray for wisdom as churches decide on every plan prompted by faith.

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# 15

This weekend, **Hardwick Baptist Church**, Stockton-on-Tees, will celebrate its sixty-year anniversary. Pray for them as they reflect on God's faithfulness and seek to move forward in his grace with Ian Williamson teaching from Scripture.

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# 16

The **Affinity council** meets on Monday and Tuesday this week. Pray for good times of prayer and discussion, especially as they consider the need for gospel churches in some of the more economically and socially deprived areas of the UK.

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# 17

**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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# 18

Pray for the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches** Trust Board meeting today and for Tom Brand who this month has taken up a new role as the EFCC General Secretary.

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# 19

**Gospel for Asia** ask us to pray for strong families in Asia. Through various ministries, GFA helps nurture family units. Strong families impact communities as they shape generations and form worldviews. Through education, income-generating gifts, hygiene, basic medical training and care, Jesus Wells and, most of all, the love of Christ, many families are experiencing change today. Healthy families are important to the Lord's heart and society as a whole. This month, we can take part in building up healthy families in Asia through prayer. Together we get to ask our Father in heaven to strengthen family units in this generation so the generations to come may be impacted for good.

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# 20

**The Evangelical Housing Association** has a committee meeting today and would value prayer for all their discussions and deliberations.

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# 21

Pray for the continuing success of **SASRA's** "100days", their WW1 centenary commemoration prayer event throughout this month. Pray also for their annual supporters event, "Our Day", tomorrow; for the planning and presentation, and for the Lord's blessing upon the day.

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# 22

Pray for Mike Frith of **OSCAR** as he leads a re-entry day in Gloucester for returning mission workers today.

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# 23

Pray for the **Jubilee Centre's** research work, as they prepare to publish two major papers on Artificial Intelligence and Executive Remuneration.

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**Daylight Christian Prison Trust** ask for prayer for their staff and volunteers running Sunday services, Bible studies and courses in prisons each week and for the large number of prisoners who hear the gospel through these.

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# 25

Please pray for **Grove Chapel** as it seeks to contact students coming to South London, that many of them would find a home in the church.

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# 26

**ReachAcross** are so excited to be able to send a family to begin long-term service in Central Asia – the first to go to this field (seconded to another agency already established in this region) and thank God for his provision as they have worked hard to raise support over the last year. Please pray for their transition and adaptation to the climate and culture, especially with their young family. Pray that they settle in well with the team and continue to make progress with their language learning.

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# 27

**Frontiers** ask us to join them in praising God that Muslims are coming to know Jesus at a rate unknown throughout the rest of history. Thousands of churches are forming each year: in refugee camps, in war torn areas, in slums, in villages, in rich towns, amongst nomads; from West Africa to Southeast Asia. The rate of church planting is still small when we consider there are 1.8 billion Muslims. Pray that churches would be established and multiply at an accelerating rate.

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# 28

**Grace Baptist Church, Ulverston**, have planned various evangelistic meals later in the year. They trust that with serious prayer backing this will begin to make some impact on their community with lasting conversions for the glory of God. Please join them in prayer to this end.

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# 29

**London Seminary** give thanks for their Flourish course for pastors' wives and women workers. The first year has been very well received, and they are already fully booked for next year in London. They are also now offering the course in Manchester, and Bradford-on-Avon. Please pray that once again this course would be helpful to these women in ministry.

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# 30

Pray for **Brian Edwards** as he preaches this morning at Tuckingmill Reformed Baptist Church, Cornwall, and this evening at Scorrier Christian Fellowship, Redruth, Cornwall.

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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).*