

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.

1 Pray for the primary school visit to **Peterhead Congregational Church** for Harvest Thanksgiving. Pray that the children, teachers and parents will want to know more about Jesus.

2 **Christian Focus Publications** ask us to pray for the Lord's care and provision for those travelling – this has been a busy time for several different staff members visiting the USA and Europe for several different events. September and October are no exception with visits to the Middle East, the Far East and Frankfurt. They also have staff attending the True Women conference in Indianapolis and The Gospel Coalition. William and Carine Mackenzie are both speaking at a writer's seminar and mission weekend as well as a couple of seminaries in the USA. Please pray as they prepare their talks, one of which is a children's event about the Word of God.

3 Give thanks for the Flourish course at **London Seminary** 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 women in ministry.

4 **Christian Concern** give thanks to God for their 10th birthday celebrations, and pray that they would get new support from people who are interested. Pray, too, for 'Sarah', a young woman rescued from a UK Islamic sex-grooming gang, who the Christian Legal Centre is supporting. Pray that a new call to ban smacking will not impact parental freedoms and result in a damaging invasion of government into family life.

5 Please pray for the four graduates who start the new ten-month SAGE programme at the **Jubilee Centre** in Cambridge this month. They will begin by studying how the Bible should inform our reading of current affairs and then take on a research project into an issue in the news from a biblical perspective. The last part of the programme involves taking their findings out to Christian audiences. The goal of the SAGE programme is to develop leaders who can bring the gospel into public life, and thus raise up a new generation of Christian social reformers.

6 Pray for Mike Frith, leading a 'Serving as Senders' course at Christ Church, Winchester today, to equip and empower churches in their role in sending mission workers. Pray, too, as **OSCAR** hosts the job & opportunities board at the Christian Resources Exhibition from 16-18 October. Pray for divine appointments!

7 The **Evangelical Movement of Wales** Welsh-speaking ministers conference runs from 8-10 October. Pray that this would be a time of encouragement and refreshment for these pastors.

8 The **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches** (EFCC) have a committee meeting today and tomorrow. Pray for wise and godly deliberations and outcomes.

9 **The Association of Grace Baptist Churches South East** serve one another in a variety of ways. While prayer, pastoral care and resourcing for evangelism would be their main concerns, the churches also co-operate in practical matters. They are currently looking for a new Company Secretary to start in the summer of 2019. Pray that the Lord would send them just the right man or woman to serve in this key role.

10 If you would like to pray for churches in the **FIEC** you can download prayer points and watch short films about some churches in the Fellowship at <http://fiec.org.uk/gettoknow>

11 **York Evangelical Church** ask us to pray that the fear of the Lord would replace the fear of man in their hearts so that they witness more boldly about the gospel to the many people who are coming into contact with the church through 60 South Bank Avenue activities and groups.

12 Please pray for the seven women studying on the new Priscilla Programme from **Church Society** and **Union School of Theology**, to be learning from God's word and being better equipped for service in their local churches. Pray for Ros Clarke preparing next term's module.

13 Please pray for new pastors being inducted to **AECW** churches in October. Today Charlie Mackenzie will be inducted as the pastor at Flint Evangelical Church. On 20 October Alan Petersen will be inducted as the pastor at Blaina Evangelical Church. Pray that the Lord will encourage.

14 **ReachAcross** ask for prayer for some recent applications for service. Pray for these individuals, their churches and ReachAcross as they work through the process of how these potential mission workers can be supported and enabled in their call to ministry to Muslims.

15 The **International Presbyterian Church** at Ealing looks forward to being in its new build premises by the end of October and give God thanks for this wonderful provision.

16 The **Grace Baptist** family includes all sorts of Affinity partner organisations and churches. An informal group of pastors have been discussing and praying about making their deeply-held convictions more clearly understood. One of the fruits of this is the new book 'Pure Church'. Written by men in pastoral leadership, they value prayer that it will be widely read and stimulate further interest in Baptist ecclesiology.

17 Give thanks to the Lord for the 100days Prayer Event as it enters its last month leading up to 11 November; for all the churches and individuals that have taken part. Praise God for all the prayers for **SASRA** and their gospel ministry to the military over the period of this event. May these prayers produce much fruit, leading to an abundant harvest for the Kingdom.

18 Please remember the three students who have completed their course at the Reformed Theological College, Belfast (**Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland**). Pray for the future ministries of Peter Dundee (RPCI), John Roger (**Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ireland**) and Isaac Berrocal (RPCI).

19 Suffering Church Action Week will be held from 4-11 November, on the theme 'Love not Hate'. Please pray that many Christians will follow the biblical injunction to focus on brothers and sisters who face persecution, discrimination and disadvantage around the world, and take up the many resources offered by **Barnabas Fund**.

20 **Frontiers** ask us to pray for the many millions of Muslims who are part of "unengaged" groups with no indigenous believers nor missionaries from whom they can hear the wonderful news of Jesus. Pray for ambassadors to go to these peoples who often live in turbulent or

environmentally-inhospitable regions. Pray with the Frontiers UK office for believers to obey Jesus' command and sacrifice career, comfort and perceived safety to go to these peoples – particularly in eastern Sahara, the Gulf and South Asia.

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Daylight Christian Prison Trust gives thanks that good numbers of prisoners have been attending their services recently and that they listen attentively as the gospel is explained. Please pray that the Lord would speak to them through his Word.

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The **Evangelical Movement of Wales** Management Board, chaired by David Norbury, meet today. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as they lead the work of EMW.

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Several people come regularly to outreach events at **Blenheim Free Church**, Maidenhead, (monthly Messy Church, lunch every fortnight and games evenings). On each occasion a gospel message is given. Please pray for a response to the messages by their 'regulars'.

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The Good Book Company ask us to pray for fruit from the recent release of 'Enjoying God' by Tim Chester. As people buy the book and read it please pray that God would use the book to deepen their enjoyment of their relationship with God. Please also pray for new team members who have recently joined them and need to settle in before the busy Christmas season gets up to full speed. Please also pray for wisdom as they seek to appoint a new Senior Editor or Staff Editor.

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Please pray that this new term would result in a good number of new students coming to **Grove Chapel**, Camberwell, London. Already there are some encouragements in this area, for which they thank God, and they are excited about prospects for the future.

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True Freedom Trust are going through a period of change, both within the Board of Trustees and staff team. Please pray for Stuart Parker, settling into his role as Director, and for the ministry to continue to be fruitful under his leadership.

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Gospel for Asia ask prayer for church buildings. Multitudes of congregations in Asia have none. In certain areas it is difficult to begin the process of construction because of opposition, lack of finances and various extreme weather patterns. When church buildings are constructed, they not only provide a safe haven for believers, they also become the central hub of activities where believers can serve and worship the Lord with joy. Many cultures throughout Asia highly value religion and symbolism. Because of this, a permanent place of worship has more credibility and often becomes a source of respect. Individuals who would normally be more apprehensive toward the Good News may become more curious when they see a building set apart for their God. After church buildings are constructed, they often become a positive impact in the communities.

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Brian Edwards will be preaching at Borough Green Baptist Church, Surrey, today. Pray for him and for his ministry to bear fruit in the lives of the people at Borough Green.

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Grace Baptist Partnership ask us to pray for Barry King as he speaks at a special evangelistic event – 'Do all roads lead to God?' tomorrow at Bradford-on-Avon Baptist Church.

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Tomorrow is **Halloween**. Pray for all the churches around the country that will be holding alternative celebrations for local children based on the theme of light. Pray that something of the light of the gospel will be heard and seen by many children and their parents in these days.

Please pray for the upcoming **FIEC** Leaders' Conference in November and for main speakers Don Carson and David Robertson. Pray for the practical arrangements and final preparations.

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