

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 This Saturday Mike Frith of **OSCAR** is leading a Serving as Senders course at Highfields Church, Cardiff to equip and empower churches in the area for their role in sending mission workers. Pray that many would come and be helped by this course.

2 **Union School of Theology** ask for prayer for Jonathan Thomas their Pastoral Dean in his new role at their campus. His wife has recently had a baby! Pray also for Union students and alumni who are planting churches through Union Mission in the UK, Italy and Greece.

3 **Grace Baptist Church**, Ulverston, ask us to pray for their series of Saturday evening outreach events. The next one is tonight with Luke Jenner (Halifax) speaking on 'Jesus: just another boring dead guy?' Please pray that friends will come and they can build on these meetings next year with other ideas for community relationships and connections to the end that some will be saved.

4 Pray for John Benton and Malcolm Macgregor of the Pastors Academy at **London Seminary**. They are seeking to provide pastoral support and pastoral study days for men in ministry.

5 The **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches** (EFCC) hold their annual Ministers' Prayer Conference over the next four days. Pray for a spirit of prayer and intercession to mark their gatherings.

6 Please pray for **ReachAcross** to find key mission staff for some openings in one of their fields in East Africa in the Red Sea region. Two couples in team leadership are returning in the space of a year and it is important to find a mature couple preferably with mission experience who could come for at least one year to lead the field team. They also need an administrator. Lastly, there are always places for TEFL teachers for lessons for Muslim adults from September to May each year. Their priority is always evangelism, discipleship of new believers, and church planting. Pray for workers to go into the harvest fields!

7 **The Association of Grace Baptist Churches South East** are hoping to appoint a new Company Secretary who deals with a wide variety of governance and legal matters for member churches. Pray for the Lord's wisdom and provision in this matter.

8 **Africa Inland Mission** ask us to pray for the remaining 30 people groups in Tanzania that don't yet know about Jesus' saving grace. Many of these people groups follow Folk Islam. Pray that they would be set free from the bonds of these ideas and begin to seek true freedom in Christ. Pray for the AIM and other missionaries seeking to go and share the gospel with them.

9 Please pray for the **Good Book Company's** new customer service team members who are learning the ropes during the busiest season of the year. Please also pray for their India website as they try to reach out to the millions of English-speaking Christians in India who have little access to Bible-centred resources.

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Pray for **Brian Edwards**, preaching and teaching tomorrow at both services of Stockwell Baptist Church, London.

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Give thanks to God for the great response to **SASRA's** 100days prayer event which finishes on Armistice Day, today. They intend to follow up this renewed prayer commitment for the work with a call to prayer and fasting on the 11th day of each month throughout 2019, starting in January. Please pray for the planning of this initiative and that many would be encouraged to pledge to join with them.

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Pray for the annual Leaders' Conference for the **FIEC** which starts in Torquay today, for the 900 people attending and the speakers including Don Carson and David Robertson.

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Frontiers, together with other agencies, will visit Christian Unions during world mission nights this autumn/spring. Pray students will catch hold of and respond to God's plan to bring salvation to every people – including Muslims. Hold up the Indonesian island of Sulawesi after the earthquake. Though there are growing churches there, Sulawesi has over one million people in over a dozen Muslim people groups and no one has gone to reach them with the gospel message. More information: www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php

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Eleven **Free Church of Scotland** ministers have signed up to a revitalisation training track run by the denomination. They have a night away in Aviemore to begin this track today. Ask the Lord that this would help to encourage the ministers and congregations by giving support and new ideas.

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Pray for the **Grace Baptist Partnership** Leadership Lunch today at Dunstable Baptist Church, where Rico Tice will speak about effective evangelism in modern Britain.

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Pray for the official opening service for **International Presbyterian Church Ealing's** new chapel, tomorrow at 11.00am with Sinclair Ferguson preaching. There will be a light lunch to follow and all are welcome.

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The work of demolishing the old block at the **Evangelical Movement of Wales** Conference Centre, Bryn-y-groes in Bala, started in September. Please pray for their negotiations with architects and builders, and that the planned work will be completed in time for the start of their busy season in 2019.

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Christian Focus Publications ask prayer for all those involved in generating the printed word. Pray in particular for authors and editors who are responsible for the clear presentation of the gospel and biblical truth through the printed page.

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Pray for the **AECW** Ministers' Consultation being held at Hebron Hall today and tomorrow, for relationship building and fellowship as they discuss the contemporary challenges facing evangelical churches in Wales.

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Christian Concern ask us to pray for Pastor Paul Song, who was previously suspended as a prison chaplain after the imam head chaplain reported him as 'extremist'. Pray for a fair and positive outcome as they talk with the Ministry of Justice, and that despite opposition, Paul would continue to boldly preach the good news to prisoners. Pray also that the government would recognise and act upon the growth of radical Islam within our prisons.

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Daylight Christian Prison Trust ask prayer for prisoners studying Mark's Gospel on their Christianity Explored courses as they think about who Jesus is, why he came and what that means for them today.

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Despite often extreme persecution, the Iranian Church has seen huge growth in numbers in recent decades. The politics of the Islamic Republic, conflict in the Middle East, and tensions between Iran and the USA, all add to the pressures on believers. **Barnabas Fund** requests our special prayers for Iranian believers at this difficult time.

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Pray for **Gospel for Asia**-supported Bridge of Hope centres, where thousands of children from impoverished backgrounds gain a new sense of hope as they dream of becoming doctors, teachers, government workers or computer specialists.

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Blenheim Free Church (FIEC), Maidenhead, give thanks that the recent sermon series on the gospel's answer to pride, greed, lust, falsehood and image have been most helpful to young and old alike. Pray for ongoing fruitfulness.

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Tots2teens are looking for opportunities to share their work with churches and support/train volunteers, or help set up new youth and children's works. They also have some financial concerns – currently there is more money going out than coming in. Pray that more churches and individuals will support the work in this way, as they seek to support churches to get outside their building and into the community.

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Peterhead Congregational Church ask us to pray for those who are to become deacons in the church. Pray that the Lord will make clear his calling on their lives. Pray also for an opportunity to welcome single young people who need help with cooking and support that this outreach will assist them to grow closer to God.

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Please pray for the Training Fund Grants Committee meeting of the **FIEC** today as they consider applications for funding for those training for gospel ministry. Pray for wisdom as decisions are made.

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Pray for Richard Page, a Christian magistrate who was disciplined by a Cabinet Minister and England's highest judge for saying that a child's best interests lie in being raised by a mother and father. **Christian Concern** give thanks that Richard has been granted permission to appeal. Please pray for a fair and just outcome.

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York Evangelical Church ask for prayer that the Holy Spirit would bring unbelievers under conviction of sin and show them the Crucified and Risen Lord.

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The Free Church of Scotland have committed their congregations to a Day of Prayer today. Ask that God would give a spirit of prayer and supplication.

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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