

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 From today the **Evangelical Movement of Wales** is holding a week of prayer for God's work in Wales. Pray that people would be encouraged to meet to pray and that God would work in power in the land. More prayer information to use can be found at: [www.emw.org.uk/prayforwales](http://www.emw.org.uk/prayforwales)

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  - 2 **ReachAcross** say that their flexible and well-rated internship programme in the Midlands has gone rather quiet. Please pray that more people will take up this great opportunity to experience hands-on mission among Muslims while being mentored in a family-feel environment.

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  - 3 **Grove Chapel** ask us to please pray that the new people who have begun coming to services would make the church their home, stay and contribute to the life of the church.

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  - 4 **Church Society** ask for prayer that their series of Lent blog posts and associated resources will be effective in encouraging and equipping Christians to contend for the gospel in the Church of England.

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  - 5 **SASRA** say that they have still have not been able to recruit more Christian former RAF personnel to serve the Lord through their ministry. Please pray that God would provide the right people to fill vacancies on RAF bases within the UK.

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  - 6 Please pray for the **Grace Baptist Partnership** Prayer and Praise Gathering at Dunstable Baptist Church on Saturday 9 March. Hezron Muwowo will speak on 'Beyond all Measure: Learning to trust God in seemingly hopeless situations'.

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  - 7 Tomorrow the **International Presbyterian Church (IPC)** is holding a Synod at Kingston. Pray for all involved and for all that will be discussed and decided.

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  - 8 **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** give thanks for two prisoners who attended a Christianity Explored course that have professed faith and been baptised. Please pray that they would go on with the Lord and that many more would come to know Christ through these courses.

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  - 9 **Frontiers** asks us to pray for Northeast Africa, including the countries of Chad, Sudan and Somalia. Within this large and dispersed population, there are hundreds of unengaged Muslim people groups who still have no one bringing them the healing hope of Jesus Christ. "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few" (Luke 10:2). More workers are desperately needed to help bring the Good News there. More information: [www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php](http://www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php) with prayer resources from 11 March.

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  - 10 Please pray for the **UFM** European Conference taking place in Italy, 11-14 March. Richard Underwood will be leading the Bible ministry. Please pray for a good time of refreshment for the missionaries who will be coming along.

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  - 11 Felix Ngole will be appealing his case against Sheffield University for expelling him from his course for posting on Facebook criticisms of same-sex marriage. The appeal will be on 12 March. **Christian Concern** ask us to please pray for a successful outcome.
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# 12

**True Freedom Trust** have recently established a new 'Barnabas Group', a monthly support group, in Sheffield. Give thanks for the volunteers hosting and facilitating that group, and pray for flourishing fellowship and encouragement for those who attend. There is also a Barnabas Group restarting in Birmingham. Please pray for the group to get established quickly and that the first meetings will set the tone for helpful, biblical support.

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# 13

Pray for the **Affinity** Theological Study Conference which runs from today until Friday, on the theme of 'The Worshipping Church'. Pray that speakers and attendees will all know the Lord's help as they discuss and consider biblical priorities for our churches' corporate worship.

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# 14

**OSCAR** is involved in a pan-agency mission evening at Bristol University Christian Union today. Pray for good contacts with those who want to seriously consider cross-cultural mission.

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# 15

Pray for the seven **AECW** churches seeking a new pastor. Pray for their congregations to remain united as they do so and for the church leaders carrying extra responsibilities during this time of waiting.

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# 16

**Grace Baptist Church, Ulverston**, would value prayer for their situation at present as one of the elders, Jack Jenner, has had to discontinue close involvement with the church activities due to a breakdown in health. They have been preparing for the time when this would be permanent and he and his wife will be stepping down and moving away. This latest development naturally has focussed minds and prayers on the situation The Lord has provided wonderfully for the church in terms of leadership but it is always a difficult time of transition, especially being a relatively young church (constituted 2005).

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# 17

**Barnabas Fund** requests prayer for Christians in India whose plight often goes unreported in the rest of the world. Since the 2014 election of Prime Minister Modi and the BJP Hindu nationalist party, pressure and persecution of minorities have significantly increased in many parts of the country. Christianity is thought to have arrived in the country with St Thomas nearly 2000 years ago, and India has 30-40 million Christians, mostly in the south and eastern parts of the country.

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# 18

Pray for the **UFM Called to Serve** conference on Saturday 23 March at Heath Church, Cardiff, for those 'gearing up for mission' – whether considering mission for the first time, praying for God's leading or making the final preparations before going. The day will include Bible ministry, talks by serving missionaries and plenty of time for discussion with UFM staff and missionaries.

More information: <https://www.ufm.org.uk/whats-on/ufm-events/called2serve/>

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# 19

Pray for preparations for the *saved2serve* conference of the **Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East)** for young adults at All Nations College. Running from April 5-7 the aim is to encourage young Christians to live a life of service, starting in their home church. They also hope to sow seeds in some for full time ministry at home or abroad. This year Barry King will be speaking on the theme 'Mission Possible - how ordinary Christians serving an extraordinary God can reach out to their ordinary friends and neighbours'.

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# 20

**Edward Connor Solicitors** praise God for their team of experienced, specialist property solicitors. Please pray for them as they strive to help churches and Christian organisations steward their resources well and seek to give the best advice possible. Pray for wisdom for the team as they seek to deal with complex situations with precision and care.

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# 21

**Cuckfield Baptist Church** ask that the families and individuals who have been regularly attending on a Sunday morning would want to deepen their understanding of the Lord and eventually Church life. Pray that this might be so.

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# 22

**Africa Inland Mission** offer this as a prayer we can pray for all our children and one they ask you to pray for AIM and other missionary children in particular: "Lord, may our children retain the innocence of childhood. Give us wisdom to teach them how to recognise danger and flee from it without taking away their simple trust in people. We pray that our preventative efforts to avert the abuse of all children will be fruitful so that our AIM children may thrive on the mission field."

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# 23

This evening **Alun Ebenezer**, headteacher of Fulham Boys' School is speaking at an event in Cardiff to consider the possibility of a new Christian School in South Wales. Pray for all those who attend to have a right sense of whether this is the Lord's will at this time.

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# 24

Pray for **The Good Book Company's** recent publication of 'Can Science Explain Everything?' by John Lennox. Their desire is that this book would be a valuable tool for Christians with friends who have questions about science and that unbelievers would read it and be convinced to investigate Jesus further. Please also pray for all the TGBC staff - that they would walk closely with the Lord, keeping their eyes fixed on him and that the Lord might use their efforts for his glory and the extension of his kingdom.

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# 25

**Jubilee Centre** are advertising their next Social Reformers Summer School, 18-21 July in Cambridge. Pray that they would have a good take-up for the course from those who are keen to be inspired by stories of Christian social reformers from the past, equipped with a biblical strategy and principles for transformation in the present, and help to take steps personally towards becoming a social reformer in the future.

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# 26

Pray for the Trust Board of the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)** as they meet today, for wisdom and unity of mind and purpose in all their decisions.

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# 27

**Peterhead Congregational Church** ask prayer for their new venture with the children of the church as they seek to bring whole families together in special events to help family faith and prayer. Pray for those who willingly have accepted the office of Deacon in the Church. Pray that the Lord will continue to equip them all to do his will.

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# 28

**Christian Safeguarding Services (CSS)** ask us to pray for wisdom as they help churches navigate through difficult situations.

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# 29

Tomorrow Bill James from The London Seminary will be speaking at a Bible & Breakfast event run by **Blenheim Free Church (FIEC)**, Maidenhead, on the theme of 'Preaching, Prayer & Worship'. They hope leaders from other local churches will join them as they consider the connection between worship in church on Sunday and worship in everyday life. Pray for a good time of fellowship and learning.

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# 30

The Gate Church, Birmingham, (**FIEC**) ask for prayer with thanks and petition for a small group of Iranian refugees who they have had contact with over the past year. God is working in their lives, but there are lots of challenges and issues they are encountering: cultural, language, discipleship challenges, etc. They need much wisdom and grace and for the Spirit to move.

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# 31

Pray for the Southern Presbytery of the **Free Church of Scotland (continuing)** which will meet, D.V., tomorrow for Ordinary Business and Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly.

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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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