

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** The Easter Sunday bomb attacks on churches and hotels in Sri Lanka left hundreds dead and injured. The news cycle moves on, but **Barnabas Fund** requests prayer for the victims and for their local partner organisations who continue to assist the injured and the families of victims.

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  - 2** Pray for **BCM (UK)** as they hold their Anchor Trust (national council) today, and also a 'Prayer and information day' in Scotland on 11 May.

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  - 3** Please pray for the **Good Book Company's** US office as they move from Virginia to Charlotte at the beginning of May. This month is also a very busy time for launching new titles so please pray they would be able to effectively reach the people who would benefit from these books and that God would use the resources to bless his church.

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  - 4** In May, as interviews take place for next year, **London Seminary** ask for prayer especially for those who will be moving to London for their studies, for all the practical details of accommodation, leaving churches, finding new schools for children etc.

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  - 5** Pray for **York Evangelical Church** as they seek the Lord's blessing and guidance on a new initiative which will seek to support men wanting to go into the ministry.

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  - 6** The **Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East)**, working together as Grace Baptist churches both within their association and beyond, are talking, praying and planning about resources and training for healthy local churches. Give thanks with them for the success of their first project - the book "Pure Church". Pray for them as they seek to encourage local churches to implement biblical fellowship, community, discipleship and discipline.

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  - 7** Tomorrow **Christian Education Europe** are holding an event in Rochester discussing the Christian response to the government's proposed changes to relationships and sex education. Please pray for Christian teachers in independent and state schools who are on the frontline of these issues.

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  - 8** Please remember the students from the Reformed Theological College (**Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland**) - Paul Wallace, John Coulter and Paul Flynn - who are on placement in local congregations in May and June to gain practical experience.

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  - 9** Pray for Kristie Higgs who was sacked from her school for sharing a petition about relationships and sex education on Facebook. Her story has attracted a lot of attention and **Christian Concern** hope that it will raise the profile of questions around free speech for Christians in the UK. <https://www.christianconcern.com/our-issues/education/christian-school-worker-fired-for-raising-concerns-about-sex-education>

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  - 10** The **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)** hold their Annual General Meeting tomorrow at Stony Stratford near Milton Keynes. Pray for a good day of reports, discussion, fellowship and prayer.
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# 11

Pray for the **AECW** Annual Conference at Newtown today. Christians and church leaders from AECW churches in every part of Wales will gather to consider the theme “Spirit-filled Churches - learning from Acts”. The main speaker is Pete Campbell from Capel Fron, Penrhyndeudraeth.

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# 12

**ReachAcross** praise God for three candidates for long-term service who will have their orientation training in May and June. Pray that the programme works out smoothly around the children of two candidates and for ongoing preparation as they all look to be on the field by the end of the year.

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# 13

Pray for Thrive, the **FIEC** conference for women’s ministry workers (13-15 May) and the Ministry Wives’ Retreat (15-17 May). Pray especially for Elinor Magowan and Johnny Prime who will be speaking at both events.

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# 14

Pray for **Union School of Theology’s** end of year commissioning service on May 17 as students graduate. Pray for those going to plant churches and become pastors and missionaries. Pray for the work of Union Mission as they help their church partners access funding for church planting.

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# 15

Please pray for **Grace Baptist Partnership** leader Barry King as he speaks in special meetings at Grace Life Church in Vienna, Austria, 16-18 May.

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# 16

Pray for the **Evangelical Housing Association** as it holds its Annual General Meeting today, to be followed by a management committee meeting. Prayer for these meetings will be appreciated, particularly regarding policy issues which are currently under discussion.

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# 17

Pray for the annual **Church Society** Conference and AGM tomorrow: ‘Redeeming Love and Faith’. Pray for Keith Sinclair, Iain Baker, Ros Clarke and Lee Gatiss to be bold and clear on biblical teaching on sexuality, pastoral application and the contemporary context in the Church of England.

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# 18

Pray for the **Ealing International Presbyterian Church’s** Saturday bookstall in Greenford and especially for contacts with local Muslims and plans for meetings for mutual understanding in their mosque and the IPC church.

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# 19

**Daylight Christian Prison Trust** give thanks for a few prisoners who have recently been baptised, all giving good clear testimonies. Please pray that they will go on with the Lord and will be a witness to other prisoners and prison staff.

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# 20

Pray for the **Evangelical Movement of Wales** Spring Break, a retreat for adults taking place all this week, hosted by Gwynne and Shirley Evans. May it be a refreshing time for all who attend.

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# 21

Pray for Planting Collective taking place tomorrow – the biennial gathering for church planters hosted by CoMission, **FIEC** and Acts29. Pray the conference would connect, unite and encourage pastors and planters.

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# 22

The 5th edition of *Through the British Museum with the Bible* has been through a few reprints but now needs updating. Pray for **Brian Edwards** and Clive Anderson who are working on the 6th edition, which will be enlarged with a final chapter on ‘Christianity in Roman Britain’. It will be ready later in the year.

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# 23

Pray that the **Christian Safeguarding Services** ‘Safe and Sound’ regional training events will be well attended. Also, that they will find the right people as they seek trustees to add to the expertise they already have to enable CSS to move forward.

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# 24

Health and hygiene are among the many concerns and issues of the world today. Disease affects millions and kills just as many. Some of the hardest-hit communities are in Asia, where poverty and destitution provide illnesses a way in. Unable to afford medical care or proper food, many people find themselves afflicted with a myriad of diseases. **Gospel for Asia**-supported health initiatives seek to minister to these people and bring them hope amidst their troubles. Pray for GFA-supported workers who organise medical camps in an effort to curb disease rates and care for those already sick. Pray for more medical camps to be organised and for the resources and people needed. Pray also that these camps would be a blessing and that many would discover the Great Physician through them.

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# 25

Pray for **OSCAR** as they will be exhibiting at the Big Church Day Out, profiling mission and ministry opportunities to attendees.

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# 26

Thank God for his faithfulness & care as the **Edward Connor Solicitors** team of employment specialists have taken on contentious work. Pray that justice would be done in the cases which they are working on. Pray that they would continue to trust him as they strive to serve churches and charities as they care for their employees.

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# 27

The **Tots2eens** half term and Easter specials went well with over 90 children attending over the two weeks, and around 60 coming each day. Please pray for more mature Christian volunteers for the work, more people to make regular financial donations, and for the children that they work with, that God with work in their hearts and minds, that they will be saved and grow into the young people God wants them to be.

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# 28

Please pray for **UFM** missionaries serving to support mission movements from the majority world in places like East Asia, Brazil & Kenya.

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# 29

Join with **Blenheim Free Church** (FIEC), Maidenhead, in giving thanks for the eager and positive response of the children in their Sunday School to the weekly Bible teaching.

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# 30

Please pray for **Grove Chapel**, Camberwell, London, that the Lord would raise up more people to serve him energetically in fulfilling various ministry demands.

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# 31

Pray for the **Jubilee Centre** Social Reformers Summer School: 18-21 July. The gospel shouldn't just lead to the transformation of individuals, it can also have a lasting impact on wider culture. But how can we see that happen today? This year's theme is food, relationships & the environment.

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