

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** A few months ago Dominic Smart recorded a video piece for **Christian Focus Publications** which they released on their social media. It has been viewed thousands of times and with God's power has impacted many who suffer and struggle with cancer as Dominic does, as well as facing other problems. Please pray for the continued reach of this production.
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- 2** Pray for **Cuckfield Baptist Church's** Christianity Explored courses they are running and for those considering joining the course in the future.
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- 3** This month **Blenheim Free Church (FIEC)**, Maidenhead, begin a new series of Messy Church. Several local families come to this event regularly and hear the gospel. Please pray that some will make the transition to regular church.
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- 4** **Church Society** ask us to pray for the annual ReNew conference (Church Society is a partner organisation) meeting 5-6 September in Leeds, that this would be a challenging and encouraging time for evangelical Anglicans as delegates consider multiplying ministries in the light of the eternal future. <https://www.renewconference.org.uk/renew-2019>
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- 5** **BCM (UK)** ask us to please pray for the leaders and teachers of the many Bible clubs and associated children's outreaches as they prepare for the 2019-2020 session.
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- 6** Give thanks for the ten IFES Interaction workers starting out this month for service in Eastern Europe, Italy, Austria and Eurasia. Please pray that the new partnership between **UFM** and IFES to support these young adults would be a blessing to them and their churches.
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- 7** Pray for Christian schools and homeschools connected with **Christian Education Europe**, as they start a new school year. Pray also for Christians working in both state and private education, for God's help through the challenges ahead!
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- 8** Carl Knightly of **Faith in Later Life** has a number of church visits booked for September, presenting the work as well as sharing Scripture. Prayers are appreciated that as churches hear of the work they will be encouraged to value their older members, and seek to reach those older people in the wider community with the good news of the gospel.
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- 9** Please pray for **Christian Concern's** Wilberforce Academy which is happening from today until 13 September. They have a great bunch of delegates, mostly from the UK but also some international folk. Pray for the week to be transformational and inspiring for these young people and for them to be encouraged to bring cultural change for the kingdom in their spheres of influence.
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- 10** **Christian Safeguarding Services** have a daytime event coming up on 16 September in Bristol for church safeguarding co-ordinators (details on the CSS website, www.thecss.co.uk). Pray for those who attend to be better equipped to serve their churches and the needs of the people with whom they work. CSS also give thanks for an initial meeting in July with CSS trustees to set out their vision for the structure and values of the charity.
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The Evangelical Movement of Wales ask for prayer for the evangelistic outreach at the Neath Fair this week, that there may be many opportunities to share the gospel.

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Daylight Christian Prison Trust ask prayer for those who have been converted in prison and face challenges when they have to return to their home areas after release. Pray that they would be kept on the right path and for churches to support them well.

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Edward Connor Solicitors give thanks to God for their growing team of expert solicitors. Pray that God will grant wisdom as they seek to serve his church by giving robust and Christ-centred legal advice. Pray particularly for their employment team as they have new staff joining this month. Praise God for this provision and pray that they would continue to work well together for his glory.

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Today **True Freedom Trust** are having a training day for their voluntary workers. Give thanks for those who give their time to the ministry of TFT, leading their pastoral groups, speaking at churches and other events, or providing one-to-one support across the country.

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Give thanks for Neil Martin joining the **London Seminary** Pastors' Academy in September as part-time tutor in Biblical Studies. Pray for him as he prepares to take study days for pastors across the country, and teach at the Seminary.

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This month, **Frontiers** launched a new prayer initiative called *Pray for Zero*. Its goal is to see some of the largest unreached Muslim people groups around the world receive the good news and the number of such unreached groups go from 179 to zero! Please pray that many churches and prayer teams will sign up to adopt a people group and many will come to know Jesus as a result of these prayers. More information at: <https://www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php> from 16th September.

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Please pray for Alister King - administrative assistant for **Grace Baptist Partnership** - as he marries Abi Kight on 21 September and as he is inducted to the pastorate at Edlesborough on 12 October.

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Please continue to pray for **Barnabas Fund's** Operation Safe Havens and the Christians from the Middle East who have gained refuge away from persecution. Barnabas Fund continues to assist refugees to travel to Australia where the government helps them settle, and local churches and Christian groups give a supportive welcome.

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Pray for **OSCAR**, running a missionary re-entry day course in Gloucester on September 21.

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Please pray for **SASRA's** annual supporters and members event today; that everyone attending would be greatly encouraged and blessed as they gather to praise God and give thanks and to hear reports from Scripture Readers and testimonies from serving personnel. Please pray for safe journeys, especially for those travelling long distances.

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Ealing International Presbyterian Church is today celebrating its jubilee. It was fifty years ago that Francis Schaeffer preached and particularised the first UK congregation. Pray for a great time of gathering together to give thanks for the Lord's faithfulness over all these years and to pray for his blessing on the years to come.

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The **AECW** ask us to pray for Pastor Rhodri Brady at Alfred Place Baptist Church in Aberystwyth as he and the church prepare for the students who will be starting the new academic year. Last year Rhodri had encouraging opportunities with a number of students.

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The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland (RPCI) Ministers' Conference is due to be held from today until Wednesday, with Rev Mark Johnston (Cardiff) as the main speaker. Pray for all involved to know the Lord's blessing on their gathering.

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Pray for the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)** Trust Board Meeting taking place today, that all involved will have wisdom and unity of heart as they decide matters relating to the business of the Trust.

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The committee of **Evangelical Housing Association** is due to meet today. There are ongoing issues under debate and applications to consider at the meeting, so prayer for these matters will be much appreciated.

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Please pray for the **Good Book Company** as they hit the busy autumn season. They had several big launches at the beginning of this month and they would love the Lord to use these books to bless those who read them. Please pray that they would be wise and efficient in their marketing to reach those whom these books will help and encourage.

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ReachAcross ask prayer for the mission task to Muslims. Muslims comprise 1.8 billion of the world's population – of whom 1.6 live in cultures/people groups that have yet to know any significant movement to Christ or native fellowship of Christians ('unreached people groups'). Pray that the UK Church will send more workers to share the Good News to these Muslims – currently only 1 in 30 mission workers go to unreached people groups.

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Brian Edwards asks us to pray for his wife, Rosie, as she takes a session at a Pastors' Wives Conference today on 'Facing serious illness and death in the ministry'.

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Many **Gospel for Asia**-supported workers are in need of a bicycle. Without one, they must spend hours walking to their destinations or pay for public transportation. Bicycles enable them to further their ministry and save money. Pray more will give to the aiding of national missionaries in Asia, providing them with the equipment they need to bring God's love to all.

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York Evangelical Church say that several of their young parents are struggling with chronic illness at this time so please pray for God's deliverance and grace to cope through some very frustrating times.

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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