

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** **Frontiers** praise God for twelve people preparing to work long-term among the unreached across the Muslim world. Pray for them and those involved in training on the Candidates Course, 12-15 March. Also following on from a very successful outreach conference in October, Frontiers has a training day on Saturday 25 April in London for those interested in reaching out to Muslim communities both in the UK & abroad. More details and to register: <http://www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/events/>
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- 2** Pray for the **Evangelical Movement of Wales** as they are struggling to get officers to serve on their Easter camp at Pentrenant Hall, 14-18 April. If you are able to serve, or know someone who is able to serve, please email camps@emw.org.uk
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- 3** Pray for **Church Society's** regional conference in Manchester today, looking at issues to do with episcopacy. Pray for speakers Bishop Rod Thomas, Lee Gatiss, and Rob Munro.
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- 4** Today **OSCAR** is running a Mission Resources Exhibition at Stoneleigh (alongside the Midlands CRE) as well as marking their 20th birthday with a reception on the day. Pray all will go well!
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- 5** Pray for **Good Book Company's** Easter resources - that many would be pointed to Jesus and encouraged to live for him through the books they are releasing during the Easter season.
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- 6** Pray for **Blenheim Free Church (FIEC)**, Maidenhead, as they welcome people from overseas into their church. Many of the new people coming to them are from Colombia, Malaysia, Nigeria and India. Thank God the gospel unites us and trumps all cultural differences.
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- 7** A short but powerful prayer request from **Cuckfield Baptist Church's** pastor, Will Cockram: "Please pray that we would see ten people saved from within our village this year."
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- 8** **Cornerstone Fostering and Adoption Services** will be doing several information events this month, including Camberley (March 10) and various Salt and Light churches in the North. Pray for many people to come and be excited about the ministry of fostering and adoption.
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- 9** Pray for the **International Presbyterian Church's** synod and presbytery, meeting today and tomorrow in Ealing, London.
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- 10** **Christian Concern** ask us to pray for Reza Karkah who is appealing an asylum decision that could see him deported to Iran where his life would be in danger as a convert from Islam.
<https://christianconcern.com/news/christian-convert-faces-deportation-to-iranian-persecution/>
<https://christianconcern.com/news/i-would-be-a-dead-man-but-jesus-has-given-me-hope/>
<https://christianconcern.com/comment/insider-story-how-im-trusting-god-for-my-asylum/>
<https://christianconcern.com/comment/why-is-it-easier-for-islamists-to-claim-asylum-than-persecuted-christians/>
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Please pray for **Little Hill Church** in Wigston, Leicester, as they prepare for a women's evangelistic event this Saturday, 14 March.

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Pray for those on **ReachAcross** internships from the UK, and others from overseas seeking practical ministry experience, who are all mixing in with the UK field in the Midlands. Pray that this time will encourage and strengthen them in their longer-term mission plans. Pray too for relationships within the team. The multicultural team may be the first intense cross-cultural experience for some of these workers – pray that this is navigated well, and equips them for cross-cultural work in the future.

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Faith in Later Life is launching as an independent charity in April. Prayer is appreciated that all the pre-planning and governance work required is completed on time.

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Pray for **True Freedom Trust's** 'Honey from the Rock' conference in Belfast on March 21, exploring ways of holding fast to biblical truths of morality and sexuality despite the attractions and temptations which do not die easily for the same-sex attracted man or woman; how to support other Christians in such struggles; and how to reach out in truth and love to the wider LGBTQ community.

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Daylight Christian Prison Trust ask us to pray for prisoners who will hear the gospel at Sunday services, Bible studies and Christianity & Discipleship Explored courses during March, that the Lord will work in their hearts and lives.

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Please pray for a **Grace Baptist Partnership** sponsored one-day evangelism conference at The Angel Church in London today with Mack and Leeann Stiles.

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Please pray for all the users of **Go Teach** children's materials in church youth work up and down the land, that teachers would grow in their understanding of the Scripture, and that children and young people would come to know and love Jesus Christ.

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Solas are engaged in evangelism and evangelism training all around Scotland and further afield. Please pray for Andy Bannister speaking tomorrow at the Glasgow University CU lunchbar, sharing the gospel and Q&A with non-Christians. Topic: The resurrection of Jesus. Also, on March 21 they host a Confident Christianity conference in Dundee, training large numbers of Christians in everyday evangelism.

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Pray for **Dores Free Church of Scotland (Continuing)** as they hold a day for young people (11-18s) this Saturday. Rev Graeme Craig will speak about geology and will explain what the rocks reveal about our Creator.

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Tomorrow *Theological Foundations for Youth*, a ministry of the **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland** for 16 to 22 year olds, is holding a Study Day. Pray for Prof David McKay as he gives four lectures on 'Biblical Baptism'.

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Pray for the new **London Seminary** ROOTS course designed to equip men and women involved in local church ministries. The course is organised in partnership with East London Tabernacle, and the Pilot Day is today. Pray that the Lord would raise up a new generation of godly and gifted pastors for the churches in the UK and beyond. Pray for London Seminary as they hold their Open Day as well today.

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Please pray for a refreshing, challenging and encouraging time at the Irish **UFM** conference, Saturday 28 March. And give thanks for a lady being interviewed for long-term service in Italy among international students tomorrow.

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Pray for **Christian Safeguarding Services** as they seek funding to sustain the growth of their work. Pray, too, for their trustees in waiting - Colin Berg, Don Horracks, Simon McCrossan, Andy Wyatt and Sue Harrison as they transition to charity status which is currently in the hands of solicitors and Stewardship, who will be helping with charity finance.

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Pray for **Gospel for Asia's** slum ministry where families live in cramped huts; open sewers flow beside homes; parents and children work long hours; malnourished children drink disease-laden water. GFA-supported ministry addresses their physical needs and also shares about the loving Father who invites the weary into his heavenly home.

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Pray for the **FIEC** local conference for church leaders, taking place today in Derby. The theme is 'gospel legacy'. Whose gospel legacy have you benefited from? And what sort of legacy will you leave behind?

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Pray for **Access Insurance** as they continue to grow and develop their teams, building capacity to serve churches, ministries and Christian organisations across the UK.

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Pray for the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)** women's conference today and tomorrow with Helen Thorne, speaking on praying for our nonbelieving family and friends. Pray that this would be an encouraging time for all who attend.

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York Evangelical Church ask us to pray for the Lord's rich blessing on their pastor-in-training Ed Hambleton as he continues his studies and involvement with the church.

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Pray for **Solas** as the whole team have many opportunities to share Christ in the media, via the website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and regular columns in The Scotsman newspaper, and their podcast.

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Union School of Theology is thrilled to announce two scholarships for women to study on their BA programme, and two to study on the MTh programme, starting in September 2020. Many women desire to serve the church and are keen to study theology, but are often hindered by the financial cost. Pray for the women of God's calling to come forward for these places.

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Pray for Rev Angus Macrae as he prepares to take up the pastorate at Free North, Inverness (**Free Church of Scotland**). Pray for him and his family as they move, and for Dingwall and Strathpeffer Free Church, who are losing their minister after almost 20 years' service.

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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