

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** **Hardwick Baptist Church**, Stockton-on-Tees, will re-open their building for Sunday morning services tomorrow and for Wednesday evening prayer meetings. Pray for wisdom from the Lord as they seek to care for the church family and plan for restarting and re-shaping the ministries of the church over the coming months.

 - 2** Some of the members at **York Evangelical Church** met in the flesh for the first time last Sunday. Please pray that the unity they have enjoyed will be maintained when some are gathered at their rented venue whilst others participate at home.

 - 3** Please pray for the **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland** Junior youth camps taking place in virtual format, 25 July to 11 August.

 - 4** **Little Hill Church**, Leicester, ask for prayer for their plans to begin services again in their church building this month.

 - 5** Please pray for the **SASRA** staff who will be returning to work over the next few weeks after being on furlough; may they settle back quickly into their roles and workplace. Pray for the ministry, along with any new challenges they may encounter.

 - 6** During August, **OSCAR** will be assisting Stewardship in putting together some podcasts about raising personal support for ministry. Pray that it will all come together.

 - 7** Pray for **BCM (UK)** as they run a full camp programme (8 weeks) online over the summer for Northern Ireland. They also plan an August outreach programme reaching children in their own homes.

 - 8** The **Evangelical Movement of Wales** Aberystwyth Conference takes place online this year, from 10-14 August. The focus of the conference will be the three main preaching meetings on Tuesday to Thursday evenings, each released at 7pm on YouTube, Facebook, Vimeo or the EMW website (free for all to watch online). Pray for the preachers: Phil Swann (Llanelli), Stephen Clark (Bridgend) and Ian Parry (Cardiff) and that the Lord will be pleased to meet with all who attend and to save those who, as yet, have not turned to Christ for salvation.

 - 9** Pray for **Church Society's** two events in August: their AGM on the 11th, which is being held online. Pray that the meeting would go well as they elect their Council, and for the reports and discussions on various issues. Please also pray for the online Junior Anglican Evangelical Conference (JAEC), to equip delegates well for a lifetime of faithful gospel service in the Church of England. At this year's conference they will explore the essentials of Anglican ecclesiology, liturgy and spirituality.

 - 10** **Frontiers** asks that we praise the Lord for a number of new enquirers and continued growth in the number of MomentumYes courses. More workers are needed for Yemen now suffering from a huge humanitarian crisis as the result of the civil war and the devastating impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Seventeen million are at risk of malnutrition. More information:
www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php
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Pray for **Christian Concern** staff as many of them will take well-earned holiday breaks this month, for them to be spiritually and physically refreshed over this time.

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Pray for all the **Good Book Company's** staff taking leave during August, that the Lord would refresh and strengthen them after a stressful and exhausting few months, and for the Lord's wisdom as they try to discern how best to encourage churches and individual Christians through these particularly difficult and challenging times.

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Cuckfield Baptist Church ask for prayer for unity as some of their family gather together in the open air for worship while many remain at home and listen online. Pray for wisdom and direction in knowing how to reopen their building safely (hopefully in September) for church groups/events as well as to support those who rely on them as a venue to run their businesses.

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Pray for Grace Church Larbert (**International Presbyterian Church**) to have their building planning application approved after the local council have failed thus far to rule on it.

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Christian Safeguarding Services have just launched their new website. Pray for its effectiveness. They have really missed delivering training, serving & supporting churches in person so pray that they can get back to this as soon as its safe and wise to do so.

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New Pastoral Dean Paul Spear is joining **Union School of Theology** this month. Pray for him settling in and for their new Learning Communities launching in September in London, Frankfurt, Winchester and South Holland.

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Peterhead Congregational Church give thanks for a faithful people trusting our faithful God. Pray that as schools open in Scotland in mid-August that the doors will remain open to teaching the children the truth of Jesus Christ. Pray for all that all may know the Lord.

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True Freedom Trust is a pastoral ministry that seeks to provide compassionate support and guidance to individuals and churches who are in some way affected by same-sex attraction while seeking to live in accordance with biblical teaching. Pray for their many pastoral support workers as they use their own lived experience to encourage and support those who make contact. Pray also for their speaking team, who travel the UK to equip and resource the church to respond to this issue in a way that both embodies grace and speaks truth.

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Please pray for Christians affected by jihadi violence in North West African countries including Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Mali, Nigeria and Niger, where on-going militant attacks are killing hundreds and causing thousands to flee. Pray that **Barnabas Fund's** aid will bring a measure of relief to victims of violence, and those displaced, along with the comfort of knowing they are cared for by their global Christian family.

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Time for Change Ministries is working on the distribution of the book, 'The Promised Child', to prisons for Christmas 2020. These books are free when given to a prisoner. Copies will need to be sent in early November, so they are currently working on getting orders from prisons and arranging printing of the books and funding for the project. Please pray that the books will be well received again and that chaplains will prioritise putting in an order, even though it is summer!

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Blenheim Free Church (FIEC) Maidenhead ask us to pray for a small group of special needs people who, with their carers, normally join them on a Sunday but have been locked down throughout the current crisis and are unable to access the online service. They long to be able to see them again and demonstrate their love and concern.

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Pray for new trustees to come forward for **Cornerstone Adoption and Fostering Service**, both in England and in Scotland. Pray for families who are waiting for placements are matched with children who are also waiting.

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Daylight Christian Prison Trust give thanks that prisoners have been particularly appreciating their letter writing ministry and literature sent to them during the time of lockdown. Please pray that this will continue to be an encouragement to them.

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Please pray for the **Access Insurance** team as they advise many churches and Christian organisations this summer on insurance and covid-19 related issues.

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Christian Focus Publications thank the Lord for the gift of technology that he has given us and enabled us with at this time. Pray for Christian businesses, missions and churches as we prepare to re-enter a non-lockdown world. May we have learned from this time and be closer to our God than we were before.

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Pray for **Brian Edwards** as he works on a companion volume to *Evidence for the Bible* under the working title: *Background to the Bible*, with Clive Anderson and Chris Sinkinson (Moorlands College).

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Pray for something good to come from something bad: **Gospel for Asia** are confident of God's promises, including his promise to work all things for good for those who love him. Pray God brings good out of the chaos of this global pandemic. Pray for many hearts to be open to the eternal hope found in Jesus during this time of uncertainty and fear. Pray that those in Asia who do not yet know that God loves them will experience his love through food distributions, clean water and a word of prayer.

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Pray for the **Evangelical Housing Association's** tenants, all of whom are elderly at this time of ongoing crisis and virus concerns.

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Pray for the development of the very popular Flourish course in women's ministry at **London Seminary**. It currently runs once a month in London and Leeds/Manchester. They are planning to open a new centre in the Midlands in September, and also offer a second year of the course.

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Pray for the trustees of **Praise Trust** as they seek to grow a larger team of volunteers to develop their work. Pray that a new policy of publishing a curated collection of the best recently published hymns and songs will serve both churches and musicians better for God's glory.

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Join with **Africa Inland Mission** in giving thanks to God as they celebrate 125 years of ministry and all that God has done across the continent of Africa, and the abundant gospel harvest there. Due to Covid-19, the celebrations will now take place online on 26 September 2020 - please pray that as we hear stories and testimonies from their International Director, as well as their African partners, that God would raise up new workers to go to the places they are needed most. If you would like to sign up to join the celebration, visit: eu.aimint.org/125

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