

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** Following COVID shutting down much of its speaking work over the spring and summer, **True Freedom Trust** has two speaking engagements in the diary this month on the 3rd and 6th. In normal times, TFT regularly speaks at churches, Bible colleges and other Christian events across the UK. Pray those hearing the teaching are better equipped to respond with truth, grace and confidence on issues of sexuality and gender.

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**2** **Frontiers** report that Lebanon has seen great tension and hardship for decades, most recently with the explosion in Beirut and the Prime Minister resigning after protests against political corruption. For centuries churches have existed alongside Muslim communities, but outreach had been minimal. Today, in the despair, the gospel spreads through the internet and as churches reach out practically to Syrian refugees. Pray many Muslims will turn to Christ for hope and confidence, both individually and nationally. Pray more workers will go - few Muslims have heard the good news. More information: <https://www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php>

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**3** **Christian Concern** requests prayer for the case of Richard Page which will be heard at the Royal Courts of Justice from today. Richard was struck off as a magistrate for saying that a child would do better with a mother and father than with two men. <https://christianconcern.com/comment/magistrate-dismissed-for-trying-to-protect-children/>

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**4** **Llanelli Free Evangelical Church** say that although they are facing a greater lockdown in Llanelli, they ask prayer for those positive relationships they are developing with those watching their online ministry and who are requesting literature. Also please pray for their Christmas evangelism preparation.

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**5** Rejoice with **Childs Hill Baptist Church** in the baptism that took place last month. E is someone they have only come to know since the pandemic began to make its presence felt. This is now their second member who grew up under Koranic teaching.

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**6** **Blenheim Free Church (FIEC)**, Maidenhead, give thanks that no one has been infected with COVID-19. They ask for wisdom as they plan Christmas services and outreach in difficult circumstances.

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**7** **Union School of Theology** praises God for the 94 new students they have welcomed to their academic community this year. Please pray that they would come to delight in God, grow in Christ and be equipped to serve the Church as they begin their studies.

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**8** As Remembrance Sunday commemorates the great sacrifices made in past conflicts, **Barnabas Fund** encourages prayer for persecuted Christians at the forefront of spiritual battles in present times. Please pray for the work providing spiritual sustenance for hard-pressed believers through Bibles and Christian literature as well as training courses for Christian leaders.

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**9** Pray for the **Jubilee Centre** as they hold a week of online, free events from November 16-20. The *Seeds of Change* conference is a series of free online events over five days from 4.00pm - 5.30pm (GMT) each day, which bring together thinkers, commentators and practitioners to consider what kind of institutional reforms should be pursued following the huge turmoil and disruption of Covid-19. For more information: <https://www.jubilee-centre.org/seeds-of-change>

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# 10

Pray for Andy Pitt who starts his new ministry at **Emmanuel Evangelical Church, Newport**, this month following the retirement of Bernard Lewis. Pray for Andy and his wife as they settle into the church and begin to build relationships in the multicultural community in which the church is set.

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# 11

Pray for the staff of **Go Teach** as they return to full time working from this month. During the course of the pandemic sales have been very low indeed and there is a hard road ahead to enable them to continue serving the churches. Pray for the directors of the company, who all have other jobs and responsibilities, as they make decisions regarding the future.

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# 12

Over the next few weeks, many committees of the **Evangelical Movement of Wales** will be meeting to discuss the work going into the next year. They need wisdom, especially for the ministries that are so dependent on bringing people together, such as conferences and camps. Please pray that God would help them to respond to people's needs in the best way possible.

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# 13

Please pray for a number of **UFM** mission workers who are 'stuck' in the UK because of complicated visa situations relating to the pandemic. Give thanks for a couple being interviewed for service in Senegal and for new long-term applicants for Eurasia and South Asia. Please pray that the online Irish bite-size conference (16-21 November) would be a blessing to churches and supporters in Northern Ireland.

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# 14

Pray for **Church Society's** new Regional Directors, Tony Cannon, and Chris Moore who begin their work this month, that the Lord would bless them in seeking to encourage and equip fellow evangelicals in the Church of England.

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# 15

Please pray for the **Good Book Company** directors as they seek to manage the ever-changing work situation and grapple with continuing to serve the church with a team potentially split between home and office working.

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# 16

Short days, dark nights, cold weather and everything cancelled. **Cornerstone Adoption and Fostering Service** social workers, foster carers and adopters are doing a very hard job in these very hard times. Please pray for all Christians - not just those in Cornerstone - who are devoting themselves to the welcoming of stranger's children which is of course an inherently risky activity at any time but particularly now.

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# 17

Many children in South Asia find their futures on a cliff edge. The pandemic has brought fear and uncertainty about the future. **Gospel for Asia** workers are bringing Christ's love to children and their families with encouraging visits and gifts of food. Please pray the pandemic will end and that Holiday Bible Clubs, Sunday Schools and Youth Fellowships can resume soon.

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# 18

Please pray for Barry King as he speaks on Church Planting from Scratch at a **Grace Baptist Partnership** Leadership Lunch today at Dunstable Baptist Church.

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# 19

Give thanks with **London Seminary** for a good group of students this term preparing for pastoral ministry - the great majority are coming to the Seminary for teaching in person. Pray that they would grow not only in understanding, but wisdom and godliness.

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# 20

**Edward Connor Solicitors** give thanks for Claire Thompson who has joined their Charities Team. Pray for Claire to settle in well.

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# 21

Along with many other care providers, **Mission Care** continues to face very challenging and uncertain circumstances due to Covid. Although the situation generally is difficult, they offer praise and thanks to the Lord for his guidance and care throughout this year. Please especially pray for their residents who are missing out on such a big part of their lives now due to quite severe visiting restrictions. Above all, they long to see the Lord glorified in all that they do.

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# 22

**OSCAR** asks for prayer for everyone in the Christian jobs, mission and ministry market, both recruiters and job seekers, as the employment world changes dramatically. Pray that OSCAR might serve both groups to the best of its ability.

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# 23

The great need is for the Lord to send people into the harvest fields. The harvest is ripe; who will go? **ReachAcross** ask us to pray for people to respond to the call in his Word to go and make disciples of all nations and not to forget this at the current time.

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# 24

Please pray for **SASRA** to maintain good communication with supporting churches and supporters, giving thanks for church presentations via Zoom, and online content for serving personnel. Pray for opportunities to support the chaplains and for gospel conversations, despite the difficulties of the pandemic. Pray for the good health of their Scripture Readers, all of whom are now back at work.

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# 25

**Sharing Christ Internationally** asks prayer for the ministry of reaching the lost as of first priority, which was why Paul in Romans 15 tells it ranked in importance before visiting believers in Rome. Pray for those reaching lost Mongolians for Christ.

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# 26

Thank you for all your prayers for **Time for Change's** ministry. Over 3000 copies of The Promised Child book have been sent to prisons ready for Christmas. Please give thanks to the Lord for his provision of the money to print and post these books. Please ask that each copy reaches the hands of someone who will read it and hear the true message of Christmas. Please also continue to pray for Gillian, that she would have wisdom and discernment in every situation and be salt and light to all those she meets.

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# 27

**Little Hill Church**, Leicester ask us to pray for their women's outreach they call 'Women to Women' via Zoom tomorrow. Pray for technical efficiency, good numbers and conviction from the gospel shared.

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# 28

**Daylight Christian Prison Trust** give thanks for encouraging conversations with prisoners who want to learn more about the Bible and are keen to accept literature. Please pray that the Lord will work in their hearts.

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# 29

Please pray for **Access Insurance** as they support and advise many churches this winter who are seeking to worship God and share the gospel while navigating difficult circumstances with ongoing Covid restrictions.

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# 30

Pray for **New Life Church, Middlesbrough**, as they continue to seek a building of their own to meet in and use for ministry to the community. They have identified one possibility. Pray for ongoing negotiations with the current owners and for the funding to be able to purchase it if this is of the Lord. Pray also for Nathan Young as he begins as Associate Pastor, and pray for the funding to be able to support him full-time from January 2021.

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