

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** Give thanks with **UFM Worldwide** for the opportunity to stream 'Cross', a young adult missions conference from 4-8 January (<https://www.ufm.org.uk/about/events/cross-conference/>). Please pray that hearts will be moved by God's word. Please pray, too, for interviews on 11 January for a couple looking to serve in South Asia.

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**2** Last month **Latimer Congregational Church, Beverley**, distributed copies of Luke's gospel to every household in the town with a local photo on the cover. Pray that the gospels would be read and that the Lord would use them to bring lost souls to himself.

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**3** **Peterhead Congregational Church** give thanks for six new members joining the fellowship this month. Pray for their online weekly services, and give thanks with them for the goodness and greatness of our God, for his mercies are new every morning.

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**4** Join with **Blenheim Free Church (FIEC)**, Maidenhead, in thanking the Lord for granting them a gifted and faithful pastor, Peter, and pray for his renewal after the extra work in providing Christmas and New Year ministry.

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**5** In the autumn, **True Freedom Trust** launched their "Back to Church" campaign to raise funds to appoint a part-time Speaking Team Manager. Give thanks for the many gifts/pledges that have already been received, and pray for ongoing provision so they can continue to teach faithfully on the topic of sexuality in UK churches well into the future.

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**6** **York Evangelical Church** praise God for being able to remain connected and united over the last nine months during the pandemic and also being without a full-time pastor/elder. Give thanks, too, for many non-church folk who have attended Christmas events. Pray that the brother put forward to be the next full-time elder/pastor might be recognised by the whole church body as the one God has called. Pray for conversions! Thank God for their Zoom team and pray for them as many have had stressful times recently, beyond their church activities.

Please also pray for the **Good Book Company's** New Year Bible Reading Campaign - that they would be able to encourage many of their customers in their walk with the Lord at the beginning of a new year.

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**7** Please pray for wisdom in the planning of **SASRA** events for 2021, in light of the uncertainty of the pandemic restrictions. Pray also for the new members of staff, and also those workers suffering with ill health or struggling through difficult circumstances. Give thanks for the Lord's goodness and faithfulness throughout the challenges of 2020.

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**8** **ReachAcross** ask us to pray for one of their missionary couples who are looking to go to South Asia, but feel their way is blocked for various reasons. The UK Office is in ongoing discussions with them and their church, to find the way forward: pray for clarity and understanding and that a suitable date will be found soon.

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**9** Give thanks with **Union School of Theology** for a great intake of students in spite of the pandemic. Please pray that their leadership team, including the new Provost, Dustin Bengé, would lead with wisdom and diligence as they enter a new season of mission. Praise God for the growth of Union's publishing ministry with a new book series coming out in January.

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# 10

In Asia, **Gospel for Asia** workers give out Christmas gifts all year round to bless those shackled by poverty. Their Christmas gift programme provides the needy and impoverished with income-generating or quality-of-life gifts such as farm animals, sewing machines and BioSand water filters. These bring recipients joy and hope, along with the knowledge that God loves and cares for them. Pray this month for these gifts and the people who will receive them.

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# 11

Pray for **OSCAR** as they run a series of four evening sessions, starting tomorrow, entitled 'Crossing Cultures' for those planning to move soon to another culture or those who support them.

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**Frontiers** long to see raised up more intercessors committed to praying through their weekly prayer guides, praying for people across the Muslim world to come into a relationship with Jesus, for their workers serving in countries where the gospel is not known and for more workers to go with the good news to the least-reached Muslim peoples. More information: <https://www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php>

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# 12

Last year was unprecedented for the challenges Covid-19 brought to so many parts of the world. Praise the Lord for the Christian solidarity of people who gave so generously for projects to assist brothers & sisters in great need, through **Barnabas Fund** and other Christian agencies. Christians face persecution, discrimination or disadvantage in many countries but the additional burdens of the pandemic were traumatic until aid arrived. Thank you. Pray for ongoing help and support for people in such need.

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# 13

Pray for **Church Society** Regional Directors, George Crowder, Tony Cannon and Chris Moore, to be effective in supporting gospel ministry across the country, and to work well with local and regional networks.

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# 14

Pray for **Christian Safeguarding Services**, that they might see continued growth and expansion in 2021 to be able to support, empower and reach more churches across the UK.

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# 15

Pray for the release of **Go Teach's** new 'Jonah' Holiday Club material this month. While churches may not be able to use it yet, please pray that many would buy it in advance for future use, as Go Teach aim for the resumption of their regular syllabus publishing at Easter.

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# 16

Pray for **Cornerstone Adoption and Fostering Service**, as they need more staff to deal with the growth they are experiencing and to allow Director Pam Birtle to be freed up to progress the work in Scotland in 2021 and Northern Ireland in 2022 before she heads towards retirement. They have just applied to OSCR and started an application to the Care Inspectorate in Scotland so please pray for the Lord's grace and favour on both of these.

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# 17

Please pray for **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** people carrying out chaplaincy work, as they have opportunities to share the gospel with individual prisoners on their wings and to give out literature.

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# 18

Pray for **Edward Connor Solicitors**, for the strategic planning process in January and budget preparations that they will be working on and taking to the Board - for wisdom about getting work levels right so they can offer the best possible service to their clients.

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The Pastors' Academy at **London Seminary** has developed an excellent programme of study days; pray that many pastors would benefit from these, either in person or over Zoom, and be encouraged and equipped for ministry.

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# 20

Today is Presidential Inauguration Day in the USA. Pray that **President Biden** would lead America with integrity, honesty and decency and that he would have godly counsellors among his staff.

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# 21

Pray for **Cuckfield Baptist Church**, that they would continue to be faithful amidst the restrictions, and the frustration and fatigue that comes with it. Pray for faithful and godly lives that make the most of every opportunity – faithful in prayer, passionate for Christ.

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# 22

Please pray for **Dunstable Baptist Church** as they come alongside Langdale Church for a church revitalisation project, beginning this month.

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# 23

**BCM** in Scotland are producing an Online Bible Club for the children they normally reach at their face to face clubs. Sessions continue this month and will be available until the end of March. Pray they will reach the children intended and be a blessing to them.

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# 24

**Christian Concern** ask us to pray for the permission hearing for the judicial review of the government's decision to criminalise gathered Christian worship. It will be heard tomorrow.

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# 25

Thank God with **Little Hill Church**, Leicestershire, for so many gifted members who serve the church so diligently. Pray that this good work ethic will continue to be practised at so that all can find useful avenues for service to spread out the workload.

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# 26

Pray that **Crossteach** would have an increasing amount of contact with young people in schools during 2021. They would love to get back to the level of work they were doing pre-Covid-19. Pray that schools would make use of their new digital resource library when they are unable to deliver activities onsite. Pray, too, for wisdom as they review their strategy for growth and development.

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# 27

**Time For Change Ministries** will be sending 3000 copies of a new book, *The Promised Saviour*, to prisons this month. Please pray that this job is done efficiently and that the books arrive in prisons in time for the first chapter to be read on Mothering Sunday. Please also continue to pray for Gillian, TFCM leader, that she would have wisdom and discernment in every situation and be salt and light to all those she meets.

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# 28

Pray for Paul Daniel, evangelist with **AECW**, as he encourages pastors and churches in Wales to proclaim the gospel during the pandemic. Pray especially for some churches, small and larger, who have not met physically since March 2020 and who will find reopening very challenging.

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# 29

Pray for the **International Presbyterian Church** as they plan church plants in Chester, Hammersmith and Uxbridge this year.

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# 30

Pray for **Access Insurance** as they help churches with advice on how best to manage risk and insurance considerations for everything they plan to do for the coming year.

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# 31

As we look forward to churches being able to return to some semblance of congregational singing before too long, pray for the work of **Praise Trust** who have been working through the pandemic on a curated collection of contemporary songs, many of which are now published on their website. Pray that as churches return to singing, our praises will glorify God and fill our souls with joy.

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***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](http://www.affinity.org.uk).***

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