

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** On 8-9 February Open Doors and **Frontiers** will be gathering a large group of young adults to intercede for the Muslim World in twenty four one-hour sessions. They will be focusing on the unreached Muslim countries on the Open Doors world watch list. Pray that many will attend and that these young adults will develop a passion to continue praying for the unreached:  
<https://jesushopeforthenations.eventbrite.co.uk>
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- 2** **Cuckfield Baptist Church** have begun a second 'lockdown' Christianity Explored course over Zoom. Please pray all those on the course would come to faith.
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- 3** **Cornerstone Adoption and Fostering Service** report that Christmas and the aftermath are always tricky for their children. The Covid landscape and when children are able to return to school will be challenging, so please pray for peace and safety for all their children and families. And please continue to pray for the Court of Appeal case later this year.
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- 4** Please pray for the many **OSCAR** users engaged in mission around the world who, because of the present uncertainties, face tough choices about their ministries and plans for the days ahead.
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- 5** A key prayer point for **Christian Concern** is the Scottish churches challenging the continued criminalisation of gathered worship in Scotland. <https://christianconcern.com/ccpressreleases/scottish-church-leaders-urge-snp-to-re-open-churches-after-launching-pre-action-letter/>
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- 6** **York Evangelical Church** ask us to pray for conversions in the midst of the pandemic, and for the man being put forward as the new pastor might be recognised by the whole church body.
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- 7** **Sharing Christ Internationally** asks us to pray for the tens of thousands of Mongolians who listen to video talks on YouTube by the Bible Society of Mongolia. People who mix Buddhist concepts with the Bible are trying to undermine the message. Pray that the sheep will heed only the voice of the Shepherd speaking through his word.
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- 8** Please pray for the next committee meeting of **Evangelical Housing Association**, scheduled for tomorrow, that members will seek to serve their tenants well and use their resources wisely. It will be their second meeting via Zoom.
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- 9** Thank God with **Blenheim Free Church** (FIEC), Maidenhead, for a great sense of love and unity even though they have not been able to meet face to face. Please pray that the elderly members who are unable to leave home will be encouraged and comforted.
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- 10** **BCM (UK)** report that their weekly online club continues to the end of March. They need wisdom as to what to do in place of their cancelled spring children's holiday camp. Do they try to replace it, and if so with what? They are mindful that others have the same dilemma. Pray for all who plan to minister to children over the spring break. Under safeguarding rules they cannot contact them directly online, so reaching even their regulars is difficult.
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**11** **Barnabas Fund** asks for prayer for Christians in the Sahel area, as they face growing violence from heavily armed jihadi groups. In 2020, the U.N. Special Representative acknowledged, "The region has experienced a devastating surge in terrorist attacks." Over 35 million Christians live in Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Northern Nigeria, Chad and Cameroon, and many experience violence and persecution.

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**12** **Shrewsbury Evangelical Church** ask for prayer for their pastor, Gareth Evans, for the continuing strength and equipping of the Lord to stand firm on preaching the full counsel of God's word.

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**13** Pray for the Elders and Deacons at **Little Hill Church**, Leicestershire, to be strengthened for service as they continue with recently reduced numbers.

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**14** Pray for pastors and church officers in smaller **AECW** churches, such as those in the South Wales valleys, as they face the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. Some have not met physically since March 2020 and may need help and encouragement to reopen when the present restrictions are eased.

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**15** Pray for the staff and directors of **Go Teach** as they continue to struggle with very low sales, that they might have wisdom as to how to use the furlough scheme wisely, and how to continue producing materials for what they hope will be better days ahead.

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**16** The **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches** (EFCC) Trust Board meets today. Pray for its members to have wisdom and unity in their deliberations and decisions.

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**17** Pray for **Gospel for Asia's** Medical Ministry, bringing new life to many men, women and children in South Asia who suffer from unnecessary illnesses. Pray for wisdom and discernment, to know how to best help their communities, and that the Lord will keep GFA workers and their families free of COVID and other diseases, so they can continue to minister.

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**18** **Grace Baptist Partnership** ask us to please pray for Grace Church Walthamstow - presently under the sponsorship of The Angel Church - as they consider the possibility of formally constituting as an autonomous church later this year.

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**19** **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** ask us to pray for those being released from prison with the challenges they face, many of which are made harder by the current restrictions. Pray that there will be local churches willing to support and encourage them.

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**20** Pray for the **Good Book Company** production department as they cope with the logistical issues of getting books printed and shipped when distribution around the world is challenging during the pandemic.

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**21** Please pray for the ministry of **Church Society** Trust, as their patronage board meets tomorrow, and for wise appointments in all their Trust parishes.

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**22** Give thanks for the **UFM Worldwide** workers recently accepted for long term service in S Asia and for interviews coming up for a couple to serve in Eurasia. Please join us in praying daily for God to raise up workers for the harvest fields.

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**23** The **Free Church of Scotland (Continuing)** Presbytery of the Outer Hebrides will meet (D.V.) in Stornoway Free Church (Continuing) today at 6.00pm for Examination of Congregational Records and at 7.00pm for Ordinary Business. Please pray for them as they meet this evening.

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# 24

Pray for new staff members of the Pastors' Academy at **London Seminary**. Steven Bowers and Phil Raine have joined the Pastoral Support team led by John Benton, serving pastors in the North of England and the Midlands respectively. Pray that they would get established quickly in their new roles, and be of great help and encouragement to pastors.

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# 25

The **Evangelical Movement of Wales** have an Online Meeting for Pastors' Wives this evening at which Linda Lewis will be speaking. Please pray for Linda and for there to be a really good turnout to encourage and support one another in their lives and ministry.

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# 26

Tomorrow, **True Freedom Trust** is holding an online conference entitled "Honey from The Rock". The conference will explore ways of holding fast to biblical truths of morality and sexuality despite attractions and temptations which do not die easily for the same-sex attracted man or woman. Pray for an encouraging day of both biblical truth and practical wisdom.

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# 27

**ReachAcross** are thankful for a new applicant for long term service in a country bordering the Red Sea. They continue to pray for more labourers to hear the Lord's call and be obedient to him sending them out into the field. Please pray for this new applicant will make it to the mission field without delay, in good health, and equipped for serving the Lord.

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# 28

The **Free Church of Scotland** have announced that Rev. Andy Pearson is set to become the new minister of St Peter's Free Church, Dundee. Andy is married to Catherine and they have three children - Colin (11), Ellie-Rose (9), and Juliette (7). Please pray for them as they prepare to leave their current church in London and move to Dundee.

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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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