

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 member agencies, churches and organisations. We also include prayer requests from churches within our wider network. 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** **ReachAcross**, a mission agency seeking to reach Muslims, are looking to grow their engagement with young adults in UK churches as they search for candidates for mission service. Please pray for wisdom for the UK office on how and where to focus their efforts.
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- 2** Please pray for Ali McLachlan, Barry King, and Ryan King from **Grace Baptist Partnership** as they visit Krakow in early November to meet with prospective students for a training initiative for evangelists and church planters in Poland. Pray the Lord will bless this time and make it fruitful.
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- 3** Malaysia has a vibrant economy. The Malay majority, 62% of the population, are one of the largest unreached peoples. Discrimination against minority groups, sex trafficking and other forms of exploitation are common. There is freedom to follow one's religion, but 'proselytising' Muslims is forbidden and there's pressure for Shari Law to be imposed. **Frontiers** asks for prayer for indigenous minority churches and ex-pat workers. Pray for bold and clear witness.
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- 4** Please pray for prospective **Oak Hill College** students looking at their options for study next September. Pray the Access Bursary – which opens up the opportunity for more people to afford to be able to study for ministry at Oak Hill – will be well funded and appropriately used. Please also pray for their upcoming Equip event on reaching the heart of teenagers in a mental health crisis. Pray that it will be helpful for attendees, especially those involved in bringing up teenagers.
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- 5** Several **BCM UK** Bible Clubs are starting soon. These clubs have been closed for two years due to covid restrictions in the schools. Pray for leaders, pupils and school authorities as they begin again.
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- 6** Pray for the **Edward Connor Solicitors** staff delivering a seminar at the FIEC Leaders Conference this week (7-9 November). Pray that they would be able to effectively resource and equip church leaders with Christ-centred legal advice that they in turn would be able to resource and equip their own churches.
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- 7** More than 950 church leaders are gathering in Blackpool this week (7-9 November) for the **FIEC** annual Leaders' Conference. Please pray for their time together, for partnerships to be strengthened, and for God to be glorified.
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- 8** Pray for the Pastors' Academy at **London Seminary**, giving a range of study days and online study hours this month both in the UK and across Europe. Today (8 November) there is an Online Doctrine Study Day for European leaders, through their partnership with European Mission Fellowship.
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- 9** Last year, more than 8,000 people slept rough in London. And with the cost of living crisis, hundreds more will become homeless this winter. But this month, on 19 November, 100s of **London City Mission** supporters will be making a difference as they take part in The Big Winter Sleepout, sleeping under the stars for one night and raising money for those who are forced to experience this every night. Pray for those who are homeless this winter that they would have a chance to hear the hope of the gospel. Give thanks for this fundraising opportunity and ask God to bless all involved to raise money for the homeless and marginalised.
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- 10** Please join **UFM** as they give thanks for three new long-term appointments in Greece, France and Eastern Europe. Praise God for placing this calling upon their hearts and for the faithfulness of their sending churches. Pray that the Lord will continue to raise up workers for this much-needed mission field.
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- 11** Many of the **SASRA** Scripture Readers will be privileged to lead or partake in military Remembrance services this month. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit, and may God use them to speak a clear, gospel message to those who gather. Over this period of remembrance, pray for opportunities to offer a listening ear and show compassion to anyone bearing the mental, physical, and emotional scars of war.
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- 12** Please pray for the UK government as it has promised to propose new guidance for schools on transgender ideology this autumn. Meanwhile, **Christian Concern** awaits judgment in the case of Rev Dr Bernard Randall who lost his job as a school chaplain for saying that pupils should be free to disagree with LGBT ideology. Pray for justice and vindication.
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- 13** Give thanks for continued encouragement from prison Bible studies run by **Daylight Christian Prison Trust**. Please pray that these will continue to be a blessing to those who are believers and that others will be challenged by the passages that are discussed.
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- 14** Please pray that the Lord will bless, refresh and strengthen **EFCC** pastors at the Ministers Prayer Conference starting today (14-17 November).
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- 15** Please pray for the ministry of **Church Society** Trust, their patronage board meeting today (15 November) in Watford. Pray for wise appointments in all their Trust parishes, as they seek to contend for gospel ministry in the Church of England.
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- 16** Please pray for the **Greater Love Declaration** conference happening today (16 November) in London. Many church leaders will be together to be encouraged to stand firm in the Bible's view on love and sexuality. Pray that it will help equip those who lead and work in churches to understand and explain this challenging, yet wonderfully positive vision of love.
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- 17** Please pray for **Child's Hill Baptist Church** as they again seek to reach out to their local community. Today (17 November) they have a get-together where former professional footballer and pastor Kristian Dimond will be sharing his testimony. Pray for a good attendance, new connections and for conversions.
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- 18** The **Free Church of Scotland** gives thanks for the Lord's provision of a new Finance Manager. Please pray that it will be a smooth transition for Jill Steer who will be joining the team in January.
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- 19** Devastating floods are affecting parts of West Africa after exceptionally heavy rains. In Chad and Cameroon, some of the flooding is in areas where Christians have already suffered violent persecution. Mud houses have been washed away, leaving nothing but their straw roofs floating in the water. **Barnabas Aid** has sent food for the displaced and homeless. Pray for our brothers and sisters that the Lord will strengthen their faith as they 'suffer grief in all kinds of trials' (1 Peter 1:6).
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- 20** **Little Hill Church** has two evangelistic events happening this week, a men's Italian meal on 22 November and a women's Christmas event on 26 November. Please pray for encouraging numbers and that the gospel will impact the lives of those who attend.
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- 21** Please pray for a few elderly members of **Blenheim Free Church, Maidenhead**, who find the physical limitations of old age trying. Pray especially for three saints who are no longer able to join their services on Sundays – may they continue to find comfort and consolation in the Scriptures.
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- 22** Pray that the **Kirkcaldy Free Church** family (part of the Free Church of Scotland) would have many opportunities to share their faith with friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues and strong and healthy relationships with unbelievers would be established. Pray for the ongoing witness at their fortnightly community cafe on Saturday mornings and pray for conversions amongst those who attend. There is a new housing development of 1,000 homes relatively close to the church called 'Kingdom Park'. Pray that as more homes are built there over the next few years, there would be a spiritual harvest.
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- 23** The **Crosslands** Cultivate programme starts in January 2023, please pray for those who are thinking through and having discussions with churches and friends about whether they should apply for the training. Pray also for the upcoming Crosslands Forum courses, that they would help equip those in local churches to engage well with the communities around them with the gospel.
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- 24** Some of the **True Freedom Trust** speaking team are meeting for a retreat today and tomorrow (24-25 November). Give thanks for their willingness to serve in this way, and pray they would go away refreshed and ready to proclaim the beauty of God's design for sex and relationships.
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- 25** Tickets for next year's Theological Study Conference hosted by **Affinity** are now available. Please pray that the Lord will be pressing on the right people's hearts to attend this culturally important event. The theme for this conference is 'A firm foundation: Priorities for the rising generation', and will cover topics such as worldview and identity, genuine conversion and faithfulness amidst persecution.
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- 26** Please pray for **AIM** missionaries who are experiencing problems in applying for work permits in the countries they serve, where delays can continue for several months. Pray against further delays, and that God would work to smooth processes so that permits are received. Pray for missionaries who can't work until they receive their permits, that they will know what God wants them to do while they wait.
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- 27** Please pray for the **London City Mission** (LCM) Operation Forgiveness programme, where they go into schools and share the story of a young boy called Zac who was tragically stabbed to death. LCM share Zac's family's journey to forgiveness and seek to equip young people with the power of forgiveness. In the coming year, LCM will be looking for churches to train and accompany into schools to deliver Operation Forgiveness. Pray that volunteers within churches would commit to the programme, for lasting relationships with schools and that the gospel could be heard by many children through Zac's story.
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- 28** Please continue to pray for all those who **Cornerstone Adoption and Fostering Service** come into contact with. Please pray especially for the families who Cornerstone support, those looking to foster and those who are currently fostering children. Pray that God will act in the unique challenges each family faces.
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- 29** Pray for kingdom work amongst charities and churches, particularly during Advent, Christmas and end-of-year activities. Pray also for **Access Insurance Services** as they help and advise many of these organisations each month.
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- 30** Discipleship is a key part of our walk with God. Pray that the **Free Church of Scotland** will be purposeful about discipleship to help develop a healthy church. Pray also that each member across all the churches in Scotland becomes more intentional in sharing the Gospel. Pray for boldness, an assurance of beliefs and opportunities to share the good news with loved ones, colleagues, neighbours and local communities.
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