

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** Many people of other religions believe that the Western New Year on 1 January is a Christian festival. Therefore it can be a time of increased violence against Christian minorities, often by people who sincerely believe that their religion requires them to attack Christians. **Barnabas Aid** encourages us to pray that vulnerable believers in such situations will hold unwaveringly to the Christian hope, remembering that He who promised is faithful and will continue to spur one another on to love and good deeds, in the knowledge that the Day of the Lord is approaching (Hebrews 10:23-25).
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- 2** Pray for the **Africa Inland Mission Europe** team as they return to work this week after the Christmas holidays. Give thanks for rest and restoration and for time to focus and reflect on Christ as the centre of Christmas. Give thanks also for all God's blessings on the team and missionaries they have worked with in 2022. Pray for fruitful ministry in 2023 and for more workers with a heart to reach the lost in Africa.
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- 3** Please pray for the students at the **Reformed Theological College** (part of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland) who will be preaching at a midweek service today (3 January) attended by the College Committee of Superintendence, who will provide constructive assessments of their preaching. Pray this will be a wonderful opportunity for preaching skills to grow.
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- 4** Please pray for the **BCM International** leaders as clubs restart after the holidays. Pray for the missionaries as BCM plans two 'Breakout Kids Days' in January. Pray the Lord will bless these events and that many young people will hear the good news of Jesus.
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- 5** Give thanks for all that God has provided and done through **UFM** mission partners worldwide in 2022. Looking forward to 2023, the UFM team will be joined by Tim Howlett as their new Head of Partnerships. As UFM continues to support churches in mission sending, pray that Tim will settle into the role of building new relationships with churches and that God may raise up new workers for the harvest in 2023.
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- 6** Give thanks for the rest that **SASRA** Scripture Readers could enjoy over the Christmas period. As they return to work and plan for the year ahead, pray they would trust the Lord as He establishes their steps. Through Bible studies, moral development workshops or their day-to-day conversations, Scripture Readers challenge military personnel to consider where they find true and lasting hope. This month, ASR Josh Fortune plans to run an outreach event on 'Real Hope' at Hyde Park Barracks having had to postpone it in December. Pray that God would bring many along to this event who have ears that are ready to hear.
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- 7** Give thanks for the many prisoners who attended **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** services and received written material over the Christmas period. Please pray that the Lord will use His Word to speak to them and that they will continue to engage with the ministry of Daylight in 2023.
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- 8** Please pray for **Peterhead Congregational Church's** Warm Space venture starting tomorrow (9 January), pray that as Peterhead works with five other churches they will be able to cover six days of the week offering lunch and Christian fellowship with all who come. Pray that the Lord will use this time to bring glory to his name.
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- 9** Pray **Little Hill Church, Wigston's** Prayer 'Week' (10 - 12 January) will be a blessed time of intercession giving the church a lasting prayer focus for the year ahead.
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- 10** Pray for students joining both **Crosslands'** Seminary and Cultivate programmes this month, from a range of different contexts. Please pray that those who attend will grow in love for Christ and be faithful servants in their local churches, workplaces and beyond.
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- 11** Give thanks for togetherness as a new ministry at **Stirling Free Church** (part of the Free Church of Scotland) has begun. While the church is thankful for the venue they have for Sunday services they are praying the Lord will make a way for them to get a building of their own from which to reach out to the city of Stirling, please join them in praying for the right building to come available in God's timing.
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- 12** Pray for the team at **True Freedom Trust** as they consider applications for the position of Pastoral Team Manager. Pray they would appoint the right person to oversee pastoral work for those experiencing same-sex attraction/gender incongruence.
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- 13** The **FIEC** Hub conference takes place this weekend (13 - 15 January). It aims to help men and women who are considering a role in church ministry. Please pray for the people attending, the team of gospel counsellors and Andy Rees and Trevor Archer who are speaking.
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- 14** Please pray for **Oak Hill's** online Open Evening happening on 19 January, that it will be engaging and will encourage people to apply for study in September 2023. Pray also for their upcoming Equip event on 'Suffering Wisely and Well' (2 & 4 February), pray that it will be a helpful session reflecting on the spiritual purposes for suffering, and considering how to pastor and encourage one another. Give thanks for the Oak Hill Access Bursary, which opens up the opportunity for more people to be able to train for ministry at Oak Hill. Pray it will be well used.
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- 15** Join **Christian Safeguarding Services** in giving praise for the new consultants and trainers who will be helping to expand the organisation. Please pray for the team as they onboard the new consultants and trainers and start to undertake work. Give thanks that God sustains this specific ministry which supports churches.
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- 16** Please pray for the congregation at **Blenheim Free Church, Maidenhead**, as they go through the Gospel of Mark this month. Pray they will grow in their understanding of how high and long and deep is the love of Christ and will grow in maturity and usefulness.
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- 17** Please pray for the ministry of **Church Society Trust**, especially for their patronage board meeting happening today (17 January). Pray for wise appointments to be made in all their Trust parishes, and for Revd Paul Darlington who chairs the board.
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- 18** Pray for risk managers, safeguards, church officers, leaders, workers and volunteers this year in their work to start and continue faithful kingdom work in their churches and organisations. Pray for **Access Insurance** staff as they support them in risk management and advise on insurance.
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- 19** Pray for the **Crossteach** team nationally, that they will be encouraged and sustained by God's word as they work. Pray that God will bless and favour their work within each school they're involved in. Pray that Crossteach starts to develop new partnerships that can enhance and support their work across the UK. Pray for all their staff to feel energised and full of joy as they carry out their vital work in schools.
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- 20** Every six months **Affinity** publishes its journal of evangelical theology, Foundations. This month Issue 83 has been released. Please pray that readers will be enriched by the content and challenged to think deeper about the theological issues covered. Praise God that this important journal has persisted for 44 years.
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- 21** Please pray for an exciting new chapter in **Cornerstone's** journey with the retirement of their founder Pam Birtle and the coming of their new CEO, Josh MacDonald. They have other staff moving on and new ones arriving so lots of changes to manage. Pray also for their application to register as a fostering service in Scotland, trading as Foundations Matter, and for the work of their new staff and Panel members in Scotland to be blessed and multiplied.
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**22** Please pray for the very first **Christian Concern** run Wilberforce Academy South Africa which starts tomorrow (23 January). This has been birthed out of the Wilberforce Academy in the UK which has now run for over 10 years and has seen the lives of many young professionals transformed for Jesus.

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**23** Next week, **London City Mission** are running their Winter Conference where they'll be helping anyone who longs to meaningfully connect with young people in the community – especially outside of the church. Pray attendees would be inspired and confident to share the gospel with young people. Pray also for the preparation in the run-up and for lots of sign-ups.

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**24** Join the **Free Church of Scotland** in giving thanks that there are congregations throughout Scotland, and pray especially for those churches in remote areas. Pray for all Free Church ministers, that they will always have a passion to know Christ more intimately and minister humbly and in God's spirit. Pray for the protection of their families.

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**25** Pray for Paul Daniel, the **Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales (AECW)** Evangelist, as he trains and encourages churches in evangelism. Pray, too, for his ministry of encouragement to pastors.

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**26** **Caring For Life** care for people who have known abuse and neglect in childhood. Please pray for all those who suffer so terribly from mental and physical health issues as a result. Please pray they can help these precious people in practical ways; and that through their conversations with them, they shall seek the Lord who is the Prince of Peace.

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**27** Pray for the conversation cafe run by **Grace Church Leith** (part of the Free Church of Scotland) and all those who attend. It is an opportunity for international students to get to know others and practise their English skills with native English speakers. Pray that it will be an opportunity to build good relationships and that those involved will be a witness to the gospel.

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**28** Please pray for **Frontiers'** enquirers exploring a possible call to serve in the Muslim world. Thank God for a November Peak District weekend where 30 enquirers and staff met together to encourage and envision each other. Pray for more to begin a journey to discover God's heart for Muslims as Frontiers engages with University CUs and responds to website submissions. Pray as Frontiers staff, church leaders and members coach who mentor these precious people. Pray for enquirers as they go on short-term teams and share their journey with friends and church.

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**29** Like many organisations, 2022 was a tough year financially for **Affinity** as we faced a deficit of over £10k. Please pray that God will continue to supply the funds required to run Affinity and that in 2023 we will see increased generosity from members and Affiliates to close the deficit.

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**30** Please pray for **Iden Green Congregational Church's** missions week starting today (30 January). They will be supported by a Cornhill missions team, reaching out to their village, the local school and care homes. Pray for the power of the gospel to break into people's lives, for the church to make meaningful contact with their village, and for the Cornhill team to be blessed and encouraged.

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**31** Please pray for a response from believers to come to serve the Lord long-term with **ReachAcross**. Pray especially for a couple to come forward to serve as Field Leaders in Albania, which is a new region for ReachAcross.

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If you would like more information about the Affinity Members 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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