

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** Please pray for all those affected by the severe earthquake that hit south-eastern Turkey and northern Syria last month (6 February). Many Christians live in these particular parts of Turkey and Syria, so **Barnabas Aid** encourages us to pray especially for our brothers and sisters, that they may be strong in the Lord and may radiate his peace, hope and joy to all around them. As a minority community, Christians have endured so much already, on top of all the other suffering of recent years. Praise God for enabling Barnabas Aid to get food to northern Syria just three days after the earthquakes.
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- 2** The second of two **BCM International** ladies' weekends is starting tomorrow (3-5 March), they will be joined by guest speaker Debbie Orr. Please pray this will be an encouraging and refreshing time for all who attend. Please also pray for the UK spring break 'camp' happening next month (3-6 April), pray for the team as they prepare.
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- 3** There are **Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ireland** Junior and Inters Camp reunions happening tomorrow (Saturday 4 March). Please pray for a good time of renewed fellowship and fun at both events.
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- 4** Today **London City Mission** are running a training day helping church members across London explore ways to effectively and authentically share their faith with family, friends and neighbours. Pray for a good turnout and that all who attend would be inspired, equipped and enthused to bring the gospel to their communities.
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- 5** Pray for those affected by the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey and for the mission organisations and charities **Access Insurance** work with who are working to provide aid and support.
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- 6** Please pray for staff changes at **Lovewise** this month. Dr Julie Maxwell took over from Dr Liz Jones as Deputy Director on 1 March, please pray for Julie's protection and for her to be given godly wisdom in all her decisions and discussions as she takes on this role.
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- 7** Today is the first of 27 day conferences **FIEC** is holding across the country to help local church leaders connect, support one another, and work together. Please pray for these: that relationships would grow and the gospel would be furthered.
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- 8** Please pray for the **Affinity** Theological Study Conference happening over the next three days (8-10 March). Pray that all those who attend will be encouraged to stand firm in the gospel and will be equipped through discussion to know how to respond to the challenges our current culture throws at us. Pray for the speakers to have wisdom and for God to be glorified in all that is spoken and shared.
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- 9** **Frontiers** asks us to pray for the Middle East. As the birthplace of Islam, the region is the spiritual heartland for Muslims across the globe and it's the theological centre, wielding significant influence throughout the Muslim world. Spiritual transformations within this region carry the potential to ripple into Muslim communities across the globe. Praise God that this stronghold is now home to several growing movements of faith in Christ. May these churches grow and multiply.
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- 10** Praise God that two churches new to **ReachAcross** invited them to 'go' and speak (online), having met with members of the team at the Keswick Convention last summer. Pray also for Alicia, who has started serving with the UK office in recruitment and mobilisation.
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- 11** Pray for the **Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales** and **Evangelical Movement of Wales** Ladies' half-day conference happening today (Saturday 11 March) at Libanus Church, Morriston. The speaker will be Becca Thomas from Cornerstone Church, Abergavenny.
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- 12** Please pray for **UFM Worldwide** as they seek to develop various strategic mission strands. In particular, please pray for the development of a volunteer base to help in supporting churches to engage with cross-cultural mission.
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- 13** Please pray for Christian teachers to have wisdom and grace as they negotiate the ongoing strike action called for by unions. Pray for the **Association of Christian Teachers (ACT)** as they seek to support them. Pray also for the ACT membership to grow and for networks for Further Education, Early Career Teachers and Leaders to be strengthened. Unfortunately ACT's annual conference had to be postponed due to train strikes and disruption to rail services. Please pray that speakers, contributors and delegates would be able to attend an alternate date in the Autumn (date tbc).
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- 14** Please pray for the formal constitution of Wimbledon Baptist Church (part of the **Grace Baptist Partnership**) on 15 April at 3pm. Pray especially for Andrew Roycroft as he preaches on the occasion.
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- 15** Please pray for the **Church Society** Council residential meeting today and tomorrow (15-16 March), for useful discussions and wise decisions, especially in light of recent developments in the Church of England. For Andrew Towner as Chairman.
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- 16** **Blenheim Free Church** has recently appointed a Women's and Family Worker, Vivian Lee. Please pray for her as she starts a new job and develops in the role and that it will result in kingdom growth.
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- 17** Please pray for former Kristie Higgs who lost her job as a school pastoral assistant after sharing concerns about a controversial sex education programme on Facebook. Her case will be held by the Employment Appeal Tribunal today. Kristie is being supported by **Christian Concern**.
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- 18** Next week **Affinity** will be hosting a day conference in Cardiff on 'Creating a healthy church culture'. This conference will raise awareness of the issue of pastoral malpractice and provide attendees with the theological and practical knowledge to return to their churches equipped to create healthy cultures. Please pray for a good number of people to come and engage with this important topic. For more information or to book to attend visit: events.challengingleaders.uk
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- 19** The **True Freedom Trust** quarterly magazine, Ascend, will land on doormats this month. The theme this month is 'Single Leaders'. Pray it is a source of encouragement and wisdom for those who read it.
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- 20** Today the **Affinity** advisory council and trustees meet to discuss the work of Affinity and make important financial and strategic decisions. Please pray for God to guide the discussions and that all decisions made will honour and bring glory to our Father in heaven.
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- 21** Over the next two days, around 80 church leaders from the **Association of Grace Baptist Churches South East** churches will be gathering for a two-day residential conference on the theme of 'raising up men'. Please pray for the speakers as they prepare and speak, and for all the men as they gather. May the Lord further equip these men for their works of ministry. Please also pray for the Association Saved2Serve day conference for 15 to 25-year-olds on Saturday 25 March when the theme will be 'scripture and mission'.
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- 22** Pray for **Little Hill Church, Wigston's** Women to Women evangelistic curry evening happening today (22 March). Pray that there would be a good number of seekers in attendance and that God would draw them to himself through this event.
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- 23** **Sharing Christ Internationally** asks us to pray for missionaries in Mongolia where there are reports of a schism between Christian evangelicals. Mongolia is largely a Buddhist country and there are differing opinions about how to best reach natives with the gospel. Please pray for wisdom and unity across the mission agencies seeking to share the good news of Jesus with Mongolian Buddhists.
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- 24** Please pray for unity, wisdom and dependence on the Lord as **Duke Street Church** begin the process of identifying a new Senior Minister, with their current minister John Samuel retiring this Summer. Pray that the church family would grow in godliness and prayerfulness over this period and that John would be helped to finish his time at Duke Street well. Please also pray for many to come to faith as a result of the 'Mark Drama' happening at the church this weekend (25-26 March).
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- 25** Please pray for the series of Saturday morning lectures entitled 'Equipped to lead, trained to teach' organised by the Reformed Theological College (part of the **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland**) in Belfast. One happened earlier this month (4 March) with the second happening today (25 March) followed by two more dates (22 April and 13 May).
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- 26** February marked the first anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. We give thanks for opportunities that **Soldiers' & Airmen's Scripture Readers Association's (SASRA)** Scripture Readers have been able to minister to Ukrainian troops and for professions of faith they have witnessed. Pray there would be more openings for SASRA Readers to witness Christ to British and Ukrainian troops.
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- 27** **Edward Connor Solicitors** give thanks to God for how he has led them through the challenges of recent years, and for what he has enabled them to achieve over the last year. Pray that they would continue to seek God's will and wisdom as they look towards the next period for the firm.
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- 28** This month **AsiaLink** asks us to pray for Myanmar. where there is an internal war which continues to take the lives of innocent people who have been fleeing conflict for many years. Children are still being orphaned and the elderly and sick are left to die as the various groups fight for territory. AsiaLink partners are tirelessly working to help these unfortunate people, to bring them the aid they need and always to share the message of salvation with them. Pray for peace in this troubled land so that ordinary men and women would once again be able to live without fear. Pray for those who perpetrate the evil, that their hearts would be softened towards their fellow human beings.
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- 29** Please pray for those who are facing medical problems and who **Caring For Life (CfL)** supports through their ministry – many have suffered neglect, abuse and homelessness. Please pray for prompt treatment and good outcomes and especially that through these times, their eyes and hearts will be turned to Jesus. Please also praise God for the young man who was recently baptised and for the others who are regularly attending CfL bible studies.
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- 30** Pray for all **Crossteach** workers as they communicate with schools and churches in the build-up to Easter. Pray that there are high levels of engagement and lots of bookings for Easter assemblies and the Easter experience. Please pray for Crossteach teams as they prepare for our supporter events. Please pray that supporters would sign up for the events, which will be lots of fun and an opportunity to hear more about the work of Crossteach.
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- 31** A number of prisons, where **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** work, have special events and bible studies leading up to Easter. Please pray that these will reach some who might not normally come along to regular chaplaincy activities and that the Lord will use this contact in their hearts and lives.
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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.

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