

## PRAYER CALENDAR July 2023

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 five days before the end of the month in which you would like it to appear.

- Pray that a good number of unbelievers will hear and respond to the gospel shared at Little Hill Church, Wigston's Senior Citizens' Tea today (1 July)
- Please pray for safe travels for students, staff and lecturers for **Crosslands**' Summer residential programmes which are happening now. Pray for a fruitful time together for everybody. Please also pray for those who still wish to enrol in the Crosslands' seminary programme to do so as soon as possible.
- Please pray for the various **Association of Grace Baptist Churches South East** Committee meetings happening today (3 July) where they will consider various trust, finance and fellowship matters. The Committee also hopes to appoint a new chairman at this meeting.
- Rev Jeff Ballantine and Robert Beckett from the **Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ireland** travel home from Kenya today. Pray for safe travels as they return from teaching students for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan organised by Middle East Reformed Fellowship.
- Pray for Glanrafon Evangelical Church, Llangollen, (part of the **Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales**) in their witness at the International Musical Eisteddfod starting today (5-7 July) which people from many countries attend. Pray the small team will have many good conversations and that many will receive gospel literature in their heart language.
- Please pray for the **Church Society** Council meeting today (6 July) in West Bromwich. Pray for useful discussions and wise decisions and particularly pray for Revd Andrew Towner as Chairman.
- Please pray for Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland Youth Camps during the summer. The Senior Camp is happening now in Armagh and there will be four Junior Camps in various locations at the end of the month (29 July to 5 August). Pray that the Lord will use this ministry powerfully in the lives of many of those involved, both campers and leaders.
- The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ireland summer youth camps have started with the Intermediate Camp and Junior Camp happening currently. The Senior Camp starts today (8 July). Please pray for the health and safety of both campers and leaders. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work to save young people through the morning and evening devotions and that campers will commit their lives to Christ and grow in knowledge and faith in the Saviour.
- Please pray for more applicants for **Reach Across**' Albania and Birmingham missions happening this summer. Pray that the Lord will use this experience to call more people to full-time cross-cultural gospel ministry.
- Please pray for Peterhead Congregational Church's Holiday Club starting today (10-14 July). Pray all the right leaders and helpers will work as one to the glory of God. Pray for the 70+ Children registered, that they may meet with Jesus. During Scottish Week at the end of the month (17-21 July), Peterhead Church will be holding daily services, please pray the message of the gospel will free the lives of many.

- London City Mission missionary Petra will be sharing stories of God working through doorstep evangelism this evening (11 July) at Westminster Chapel during their Online Prayer meeting. Please pray that more members of the church would be inspired to join the LCM team meeting people in the local estates.
- The Association of Christian Teachers asks for prayer for the continuing silence regarding the publication of Guidance for Schools on Gender Identity. Whilst the promise of publication during the Summer Term can still technically be met, this ongoing delay gives schools almost no time to read, digest and plan for the new school year. Even then, rumour has it that what emerges will leave more holes than it will fill, and will allow such a diversity of interpretation that Christian staff, children and parents will continue to be afraid to speak of their dearly-held belief in the teachings of Scripture.
- Do thank the Lord with Caring For Life for the planned summer day trips and activities; to the coast, the countryside and on the farm; for disadvantaged men and women who would not otherwise get a break. Please pray the CFL team can speak about the Lord in those times and point people to Him.
- Tomorrow (15 July) Iden Green Congregational Church will be holding a 'Dads and Kids morning', and a Ladies breakfast. Please pray for these evangelistic events, that people would come, and for the gospel message to bear fruit.
- True Freedom Trust will be exhibiting at the Keswick Convention this week (15-21 July). Pray for volunteers to have good conversations with delegates and that they are able to effectively demonstrate the good news of the gospel for those struggling with sexuality.
- Please thank God for the win last month in the case of former school pastoral assistant Kristie Higgs who was sacked for posting concerns about sex education on her Facebook account. Please pray for full vindication when the case is re-heard in the Employment Tribunal. Kristie Higgs has been supported by Christian Concern since 2019.
- Pray for the youth leaders and volunteers involved in the Free Church of Scotland Youth Camps, that they would be filled with compassion, patience and wisdom as they guide and mentor the young people they are serving, leaving a lasting impact on their lives.
- Several teenagers from Blenheim Free Church, Maidenhead, are going to Christian camps this summer, please pray that each of them will come to repentance and faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Please pray for Lovewise staff currently revising 'Marriage, Sex and Living Wisely', an online resource for secondary schools. Pray for an increased uptake of this and other online resources for schools through publicity on Lovewise's social media.
- Please pray for the **Evangelical Movement of Wales** Summer Camps that start this weekend (22 July). They will hold twelve camps over the summer with over 500 children and young people attending. Pray that the Lord would bless and that young people would be saved and Christians strengthened in their faith.
- Pray for the many summer holiday clubs, church activities, beach missions and other Kingdom work being carried out by **Access Insurance** clients throughout the summer.
- Please pray that God will send workers to work with the Bible Society of Mongolia, who Sharing Christ Internationally support. There is a rich ministry of getting the Bible out to the lost so that they hear and are converted but there is a great need for more Mongolian nationals and workers to join the mission.

- Please pray for the **Evangelical Movement of Wales** Mission at the Royal Welsh Agriculture Show happening this week (24-27 July). Members of the team will be sharing the gospel, providing teas and coffees and encouraging people to talk about their beliefs. Pray that the Lord will use this to draw many to himself.
- Pray for **UFM Worldwide** mission partners and supporters as they gather together for their annual summer conference starting today (24-28 July). Pray that it will be a time of rest, encouragement and fellowship as they share in God's word and all that he is doing to proclaim the Gospel. Pray for UFM mission partners who are unable to attend, that they too would find spiritual refreshment over the summer.
- Give thanks for the continued encouraging responses to written material produced by the Daylight Christian Prison Trust. Please pray that the Lord will use this in the hearts and lives of many prisoners.
- Give thanks to God for the **Apostolic Church** in the UK who will be celebrating one hundred years of overseas mission work. Please pray as the ACUK transition this year into a new strategy, for reaching over the street and over the sea with the Gospel. Pray especially for their national leader Ivan Parker and team, as they lead in a season of significant change across the movement.
- Please pray for teachers and pupils to finish the summer term well and that they will all have a refreshing break. Many schools the **Christian Schools Trust** support are struggling financially, please pray God would continue to provide finances so that Christian schools can flourish. Please pray the Lord would protect and sustain the Christian MPs who are standing up for Christian Education.
- Pray for SASRA Scripture Readers as they get alongside participants of this year's Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo starting today (28 July 4 August). Pray the Holy Spirit would draw them to those who have ears that are ready to hear the gospel. May many gospel seeds be scattered upon good soil.
- Give thanks that Africa Inland Mission workers on the Indian Ocean Islands have received a shipment of Genesis and Exodus, translated into one island's local dialect. For the first time, they have scripture in bound books that look beautiful and like respected holy books, in the local dialect. The translated scripture was brought over from Tanzania by a friend on a boat. Please pray for these first books to be the start for all scripture to be made into such respectable-looking books. Pray for the other copies to arrive without issue. Pray for safe distribution amongst believers and beyond, that hearts would be transformed by God's word.
- Please pray for all Crossteach staff, volunteers and teams across the UK, that they would remain reliant on God for strength and wisdom. Pray that God would increase their faith in what He can do.
- Pray for the Association of Christian Teachers conference happening in London at the end of September (30 September). Pray many teachers would join this event as they consider the teaching style of Jesus as a model. Pray attendees will grow in their own professional proficiency as well as reflect more of our saviour's heart for those who don't yet know him. The conference promises to be a rich time with seminars, a range of exhibitors, and an opportunity to network with other Christians in Education.

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