

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.

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- 1 Please pray as the issue of abortion decriminalisation continues to be spoken about in the public square. Pray for wisdom in knowing how to respond and pray there will be a willingness to engage with the arguments against making it even easier to obtain an abortion. Pray for wisdom as **CARE** speak with both truth and grace into this highly charged and sensitive area. Above all, pray for women going through a crisis pregnancy that they will receive appropriate help and support in their pregnancy.

 - 2 Please pray for the 'Relationships Conference' happening today (2 March) at **Newlife Church, Erdington**. Pray for good attendance and for stronger, Christ-centred relationships as a result of the teaching.

 - 3 Please pray for the two **Evangelical Movement of Wales** camp training days that will be taking place this month. These training days are vital for camp personnel. Not only do they give practical and important training for the volunteers who care for the children, but they're also important spiritually in setting the tone of the work.

 - 4 Please pray for **Kingdom Bank** as new people join the team, that they would settle quickly and feel warmly welcomed. Please pray particularly for Pod Bhogal, who joins the Leadership Team today as their new Chief Market Officer.

 - 5 Pray for the new children placed with **Cornerstone UK** foster families, that they will settle in well and experience the love of Christ through their carers. Pray for new carers to join the charity so that they can provide more loving homes to vulnerable children. Please ask the Lord to provide Cornerstone UK with fantastic applicants for their current social worker vacancy.

 - 6 Please pray for **Little Hill Church, Wigston's** women's outreach French Evening happening tonight (6 March). Pray especially for Karima who will be sharing her testimony.

 - 7 Pray for **Praise Trust** as they complete a rebuild/upgrade of their website, which is central to their ministry to churches in publishing psalms, hymns, songs and carols. Please also pray that the charity will be able to appoint two new trustees this year.

 - 8 Please pray for the **Lovewise** Annual Conference happening tomorrow (9 March), that it will be helpful to parents and churches seeking to uphold God's design for marriage. Pray for many Christians to respond to the government consultation on draft guidance for schools regarding Gender Questioning Children (closes 12 March) and that this would lead to better protection for our young people in the face of radical gender ideology.

 - 9 Give thanks to the Lord with **EFCC** for his goodness to Stanwell Congregational Church. They have called Mark Pratt as their new minister. Mark is being ordained and inducted today (9 March). Please pray that the Lord will mightily bless the church and that it will grow and see many people savingly converted.

 - 10 Please pray for **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** as they put together gift boxes with resources for each prison in the UK to mark their 20th Anniversary, and that these will be a blessing to each of the prison chaplaincy teams who receive them.
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- 11** Ben and Christelle Simonin serve with **Africa Inland Mission** working to make disciples among the unreached of Mayotte. Pray that the political situation in Mayotte will settle and roadblocks will be removed so that Ben and Christelle can get to their workplaces and that peaceful freedom of movement can be given to Mayotte's people again. Pray that God will be with Ben and Christelle and the team as they plan the upcoming gospel youth camp, focusing on the theme of 'making the right choice.' Pray that planning and running the camp will be smooth and pray God will open the hearts and minds of the young people to receive Jesus as their saviour.
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- 12** Pray for **Crossteach** as they host Easter Experiences over the next couple of weeks. Pray that the Lord will warm young people's hearts to the good news of the gospel as they hear about the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Pray for God's protection and for good organisation so that staff and volunteers are able to boldly proclaim the gospel in UK schools.
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- 13** Please pray for the **Church Society** Council residential meeting in Staffordshire today and tomorrow (13-14 March), for useful discussions and wise decisions, as they seek to contend for gospel ministry in the Church of England. Pray particularly for Andrew Towner as Chairman.
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- 14** Give thanks for godly women workers who are so vital to evangelistic and pastoral ministry in our churches. Pray for the women training on the **London Seminary** 'Flourish' course this month in Nottingham (14 Mar) and London (20 Mar). Also pray that pastors would be helped and encouraged by Pastors' Academy study opportunities this month, especially a Pastoral Day happening today (14 Mar) and a Doctrine Day on 22 March.
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- 15** Pray for the **Free Church of Scotland** Youth Conference taking place this weekend (15 - 17 March). Rev. Thomas Davis from Carlway Free Church will be speaking on the theme, 'Idolatry Today: Keep Yourselves from Idols.' Pray that the young people attending will be encouraged and spurred on in their faith. Please pray also for the Enspire event for ministers' wives taking place next weekend (23 March). Pray for the speaker Cathy Steed who will speak on the topic of encouragement based on 1 Thessalonians 5:11. Pray for all those attending that they will be able to spend time together, to be equipped and energised.
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- 16** Please pray for **ReachAcross** in the UK. They are thankful for some missionary applications, but recruitment has been very slow this past two years. Please pray for more workers to go into the harvest fields – ReachAcross are especially keen to find Bible-college trained men, with experience in church leadership, for church-planting in Muslim-majority lands, whether in Africa, the Middle East, the Balkans or elsewhere.
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- 17** Please pray for 'Hannah' (name anonymised) who lost her job as a teacher after raising safeguarding concerns about an 8-year-old pupil being allowed to socially transition. Hannah is being supported by **Christian Concern** and the Employment Tribunal hearing starts tomorrow (18 March) where she will claim unfair dismissal under whistleblowing legislation.
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- 18** Please pray for Dave Brennan, Director of Brepfos, as he speaks at a 'Life Lunch' for church leaders at Wimbledon Baptist Church, part of the **Grace Baptist Partnership**, today (18 March).
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- 19** **Barnabas Aid** draw our attention to the people of Tigray, a strongly Christian area of northern Ethiopia. Hundreds have already starved to death in a renewed food crisis there. Predictions are that by the middle of this year it will have become a near-nationwide emergency that could result in half a million deaths across Ethiopia. The basic cause is drought, which is affecting many parts of Ethiopia, but Tigray has not recovered from a two-year war (2020-2022) that ravaged its infrastructure, making it particularly vulnerable. Pray that food aid will be safely delivered (from Barnabas and from others), that rain will fall in the right amounts and the right places, and that our Christian brothers and sisters will not lose hope but will continue to look in faith to the Lord Jesus.
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- 20** A new book by **Solas** 'Have You Ever Wondered?' launches next month (early April). Please pray that Christians buy it, read it, and then pass it to a friend. And, for those already interested in the Christian faith, to buy it directly, and find answers they are looking for. Please pray as Solas seeks to get multiple copies into the hands of university and college Christian Unions for their mission season in early 2025.
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- 21** 700 years ago, a man was born who changed history by translating the Bible into English for the first time. That man was John Wycliffe. This year, **Wycliffe Bible Translators** celebrate his legacy. Praise God for John Wycliffe's life-changing work, and pray for protection and perseverance for the thousands of modern-day John Wycliffes around the world working to ensure that everyone can have access to the Bible in the language that they understand best.
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- 22** Give thanks for new mission partners who have joined the **UFM** family recently. Please pray for their orientation before going to different parts of the world. Please continue to pray for more long term cross-cultural workers to join UFM.
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- 23** Pray that the students preparing to leave **Oak Hill College** this summer will hold firmly to the gospel and love Christ above all else. Please also pray that the Lord will work through those who teach at Oak Hill to deepen students' thinking and to shape them further in the image of Christ.
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- 24** Please pray for **Caring For Life's** benefits team as they come alongside and support vulnerable people through the benefits process. Please pray that they may be able to bring some hope to anyone who may be feeling hopeless in the confusion and stress that applying for benefits can cause and that as they do this, they may have opportunities to share the hope that we have in Christ.
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- 25** Please pray the various articles, resources, and podcasts produced by the **True Freedom Trust** would be a blessing to those contending for orthodoxy in the areas of sexuality and gender.
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- 26** The **BCM** Scotland's Annual Ladies weekend will be happening in Perth next week (1-3 April) on the theme of 'Redeeming Love'. Please pray for the 60+ ladies expected to be attending and for Debbie Orr who is the main speaker.
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- 27** As **Faith in Later Life's** 'Love My Neighbour' winter campaign draws to a close, please continue to pray for older people who are living with loneliness. Pray the Lord Jesus will bring them comfort and purpose, community and friendship, and a relationship with him, who will never leave or forsake us.
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- 28** Please pray for a new programme **Crosslands** will be running from Autumn 2024 to help train those wanting to church plant or revitalise. Pray that a cohort of people wanting to grow in character would form.
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- 29** Over Easter, pray God would open doors for **SASRA** Scripture Readers to proclaim Christ crucified to those they come in contact with. Pray that many more men and women of the Armed Forces will come to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
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- 30** Please pray for **FIEC's** 2024 Leaders' Conference in November – tickets were released for booking this month. Pray that many church leaders would book and look forward to time together later in the year.
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- 31** As **Edward Connor Solicitors** enters their new financial year, please pray for God's provision as they seek to grow sustainably, and for their leadership teams to be blessed with godly wisdom and understanding as they steer the organisation through the next period.
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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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