

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** From today (1 September), **Christian Safeguarding Services (CSS)** will begin migrating memberships and DBS services to their charitable entity. This process has not been without its challenges, so please give thanks for the trustees and team at CSS who have worked hard to ensure that churches have a biblically faithful, high-quality, flexible, and responsive professional safeguarding support service for the future. Please also pray for the ongoing work of CSS as they seek to support and empower churches with their safeguarding needs.
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- 2** **Edward Connor Solicitors** are currently recruiting for a Communications & Projects Manager and an IT Manager. These positions are considered key to propelling the organisation forward in its mission. Please pray that God would reveal the right people to fill these roles.
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- 3** Please pray for inspirational conversations this week (2–6 September) as students from across the UK meet with the **Wycliffe Bible Translators** Church Relations team at the UCCF Forum in Shropshire.
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- 4** Please pray for the Wilberforce Academy, which runs this week (2–6 September). This is an intensive course on a Christian perspective on culture hosted by **Christian Concern**. Dozens of young people are attending. Please pray for transformed minds and hearts and a passion to live fully committed lives for Christ.
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- 5** Please pray for the 2,500 MicroSD cards (called 'Mustard Seeds') produced by **100Fold**, which contain pastor training materials. These have arrived and will be used in a South Asian country where it is becoming increasingly hazardous to be a Christian.
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- 6** Please pray as **Llanelli Free Evangelical Church** undertakes a feasibility study into developing their new building site and begins to connect with the wider community around them. Pray too that the Lord would meet their need for an Assistant Pastor.
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- 7** Pray as plans move ahead for a new **Free Church of Scotland** Centre for Rural Ministry. It will be launched and supported by the Skye and Wester Ross Presbytery, but its impact will extend into the wider church. Pray that the vision will come to fruition, that those involved in rural communities will be encouraged through the work of the centre, and that the gospel will be shared in communities around Scotland. Also, give thanks to the Lord for people's generous giving towards the Free Church of Scotland's Women for Mission's 2023/24 project, 'Breaking Barriers'.
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- 8** Please pray for the start of another school year. Join **Crossteach** in praying for a year in which God uses their work for his glory, and that young people will develop spiritually as they understand, engage with, and respond to the Christian faith.
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- 9** This week (9–13 September), **UFM** will be hosting an online Week of Prayer. They will be thinking about and praying for gospel progress in the many areas of ministry in which UFM partners serve around the world. Please pray that they would be guided by the Holy Spirit as they petition the Lord for more workers and opportunities in cross-cultural mission.
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- 10** Please pray that **Faith in Later Life** would find the right Executive Assistant to support their work in helping more people to find faith in later life. Pray that God would make clear the right candidate for this role.
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- 11 Give thanks that, as part of **Daylight Christian Prison Trust's** 20th anniversary celebrations, they were able to secure Stefan Smart to deliver 'I AM MARK' in a number of prisons during August. Give thanks for the good response to these performances, and please pray that the Lord will use the message Stefan delivered from Mark's Gospel to transform the lives of many, both prisoners and prison staff.
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- 12 Following evangelism training at **Blenheim Free Church, Maidenhead**, given by James Tredgett of the London City Mission, regular door-to-door visits on the local estate will start this month. Please pray that good contacts will be made and that some will come to faith and want to join the church.
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- 13 Please pray for **Sharing Christ Internationally's** Bible book stall at the state-run Book Fair in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, this week (13–15 September). Around 200,000 people attended the Fair in May this year. The Bible stall will advertise the Bible, explaining that it is about God who created all from nothing, about his laws, sin, and the work of Christ. This is done using videos with sound, which thousands see. Pray that God will work in drawing people to himself.
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- 14 Please pray for fruitful response to the gospel message shared at **Little Hill Church, Wigston's** Senior Citizens' Tea this month. Pray that God will use this vital ministry to the senior members of the local community for his glory.
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- 15 Please pray for **BCM UK** staff and volunteers as they prepare for the new term at the various Bible clubs across the country.
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- 16 Please pray for all the students starting the **Crosslands'** Basecamp programme today (16 September). Pray that through this programme they would learn to follow Jesus more each day, and be equipped theologically for life and ministry.
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- 17 Please pray for the **Church Society** Trust Patronage Board meeting today (17 September). Pray for continued opportunities to appoint evangelical ministers in all the parishes for which they are patrons. Please also pray for Paul Darlington as Chairman of the Board.
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- 18 **Africa Inland Mission's** Autumn Conference takes place in Derbyshire this week (18–20 September). The conference aims to build relationships with churches and supporters and give insights into how God is working through AIM today. Pray for John Gillespie as he prepares to bring God's word, and for each missionary attending as they prepare to share about their life and ministry.
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- 19 Please pray for the **Evangelical Housing Association** meeting happening today (19 Sept). Pray that the organisation would make wise decisions that will serve their tenants well.
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- 20 Please pray for a small **ReachAcross** team currently exploring missionary service opportunities in Albania. Please also pray for long-term labourers for this harvest field. A family is already planning to serve long-term, but there is still a need for God to raise up a team whose members will serve alongside different evangelical churches in locations across Albania and, in the future, in other Muslim-majority countries in the Balkans.
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- 21 As a new academic year at **Oak Hill College** starts, please pray for new students, that as they begin their time at college they will establish good rhythms of study and rest, settle into churches quickly, and that their children will settle into new schools. Pray also for existing students in their placements and continued study, for guidance in their future plans, and for the faculty in all their preparation for their classes, that they would be fully equipped to complete their duties with excellence and for God's glory.
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- 22 **Lovewise** are planning a series of articles for their resource website on the topic of dating. Please pray that they will be able to apply biblical wisdom helpfully to the challenges that young people face in this area. Pray also for spiritual fruit from a recent Lovewise talk at the Truth in Science conference for young people in Staffordshire, on how to understand and engage with LGBTQ+ issues as Christians.
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- 23** Church leaders from across London are coming together for the **FIEC** London Gathering this Thursday (26 September). Please pray for an encouraging time together as they hear from God's word, worship him, and pray together.
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- 24** Pray for the **London Seminary** term starting today (24 September). This term Flourish (a course which encourages and prepares those engaged in ministry to women) is starting in Huddersfield, and Flourish 2 in London, as well as a full programme of Pastors' Academy study days, including remote studies across Europe with our partners EMF.
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- 25** Please pray for the ongoing work of **Solas**, as they seek to plan ahead, grow their board, raise funds for supporting evangelists in the field, and serve the church. Pray for all the non-Christians who have been given copies of Solas' pre-evangelistic book, 'Have You Ever Wondered?'. Pray that it will stir up in them a hunger to find out about Jesus. Please pray also for the continued production and reception of Solas' digital resources – aimed to help Christians and reach non-Christians.
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- 26** Please pray for the believers connected to **Africa Inland Mission** on the Indian Ocean Islands. Recently they made plans to meet bi-monthly; pray that they will follow through on their commitments. Pray too that each one who truly claims the name of Jesus will be transformed by the Good News in such a way that other islanders will see the difference and be drawn to the Lord.
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- 27** Members of **True Freedom Trust** are gathering together for their annual National Conference this weekend (27–29 September). Pray that the teaching will encourage them to persevere in Christ, and for a good time of fellowship with each other.
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- 28** Please pray for the induction service for the new Pastor of **Spring Meadow Baptist Church**, Gordon Robbins, and his wife, Jane, happening today (28 September). Please pray for their future ministry at SMBC, and give thanks to the Lord for his goodness to the church.
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- 29** Join **Radcliffe Road Baptist Church** in giving thanks to God for three recently baptised members. Please pray as the church integrates newcomers from all sorts of backgrounds into membership and church life, and continues to reach out to the wider community.
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- 30** Praise God for the new ministers and assistant pastors starting in **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)** churches. Please pray that the Lord would raise up more godly men for ministry.
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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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