

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** **Frontiers** asks that we join with hundreds of thousands of Christians praying daily during March for God to reveal himself to Muslims during their fasting month of Ramadan. Increasing numbers have already bowed the knee to Christ, including a Tuareg who studied the Scriptures with a worker and came to realise that Jesus was his sacrificial ram, and a Gazan family who, having never met a Christian, were buried in the rubble of their home for five days, reporting that they had been fed by Jesus the Messiah. Pray that many tens of thousands of Muslims respond, feel their need for repentance, and find the joy of freedom in Christ.
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- 2** Give thanks for recent opportunities **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** has had to share the gospel with prisoners, both through chaplaincy work and Bible studies, as well as through their regular written material. Please pray that, having heard the gospel, each of these prisoners will come to know and trust in Christ for themselves.
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- 3** Pray for the ongoing work of **True Freedom Trust** as they produce a range of articles, podcasts, and other resources to inform a biblical pastoral response for those wrestling with questions around sexuality and gender identity.
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- 4** Please pray for 'Hannah', who lost her job as a primary school teacher after raising safeguarding concerns over a child who was socially 'transitioning' gender at her school. Hannah is being supported by **Christian Concern**, and her Employment Tribunal hearing resumes today (4 March).
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- 5** Please pray for the **Affinity** Theological Study Conference happening over the next two days. Five papers have been written covering key doctrinal themes, including God's power and personhood, the limitations of theistic proofs, the doctrine of divine impassibility, Christ's human weaknesses and faith, and the necessity of recovering classical Trinitarian theology in contemporary Protestantism. Please pray that the group discussions will be hugely fruitful for the UK church.
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- 6** Please pray for the first cohort of the 'Faithful Foundations' course run by the **Association of Christian Teachers**. Pray that it would be an encouragement to the two groups and that it would help embed a biblical understanding of the nature of work in education. Pray that the participants would be better equipped to influence workplace culture for the glory of God in schools.
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- 7** Please pray for the team at **Solas** as they travel across the country this month, speaking at various churches, universities, and other events. In each place they visit, they are involved in sharing the gospel and equipping the church for effective evangelism. Alongside these events, they have meetings with some key ministry partners this month, and they remain committed to producing digital resources – especially films and reels for non-Christians, as well as their PEPTalk podcast to encourage believers.
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- 8** Give thanks for an encouraging mini Holiday Bible Club at **Duke Street Church, Richmond**, during February half-term. Pray for spiritual fruit among the children and growing connections with local families.
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- 9** Please pray for **Childs Hill Baptist Church**, who are hoping to see two or three people baptised as believers in the next couple of months, including two Kurdish Iranians. Pray for these new believers as they grow in their faith and for the church as they seek to disciple them.
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- 10** Pray that the annual **SASRA** workers' conference, which starts today (10–13 March), would be a time of encouragement, teaching, and refreshment for all who attend and participate.
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- 11** Please pray for the **FIEC's** Local Conferences, which take place in 30 locations across the UK over the next few months. Pray for good fellowship between churches and for an encouraging time looking at the book of Proverbs together.
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- 12** Pray for a good response to the gospel shared at **Little Hill Church, Wigston's** women's Portuguese meal evening.
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- 13** Please pray for the **Church Society** Council residential meeting in Staffordshire today and tomorrow (13–14 March). Pray for useful discussions and wise decisions as they seek to contend for gospel ministry in the Church of England. Pray also for Andrew Towner as Chairman.
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- 14** Please join **Christ Church Hemel** in praising God for three baptisms happening this month, and please pray for more conversions this academic year. The church is also beginning to think about planting – please pray for wisdom and guidance as they consider location, people, and local need.
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- 15** Please pray for the **Grace Baptist Partnership** Prayer and Praise Gathering at Dunstable Baptist Church happening today at 3pm (15 March). Pray especially for Ali McLachlan as he preaches from God's word on this occasion.
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- 16** Pray that God will break down every barrier among the Mongolian people to his truth, open spiritually blind eyes, and help them see where they stand before him, genuinely converting them. Pray for the **Sharing Christ Internationally** team, who preach by every means, sowing God's truth like seed, watering it through teaching, and trusting that only God can make it grow in individuals, producing fruit that lasts eternally.
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- 17** **Trinity Road Church, Tooting**, is resuming the second phase of a major renovation. God willing, work will begin soon and conclude in December. Please pray that the project runs smoothly and on schedule, and that any disruption to the building does not affect the fellowship or unity in Christ. The church's door-to-door evangelism team visits the community one Saturday a month, longing for men, women, and children to come to know the gospel of Jesus. Pray that the team would be a wise and loving witness, strengthened by God rather than relying on themselves. Finally, please pray for the church to grow in love for Jesus and for one another. Ask that God would shape them into Christ's likeness, protecting them from sin and the attacks of the evil one.
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- 18** The **Affinity** Advisory Council is meeting today (18 March) on Zoom. Please pray for wisdom and unity as they reflect on God's work through Affinity and make key decisions about its future, particularly in finalising the financial budget. Give thanks for God's provision and guidance, and pray that their discussions would be fruitful in shaping how Affinity serves Christ's church in the UK and Ireland.
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- 19** Please pray for a good attendance at **UFM Worldwide's** 'Called to Serve' event happening this Saturday (22 March). The day conference is for anyone thinking about cross-cultural mission. Pray that it would be a real help to those who come.
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- 20** Give thanks for a recent ruling at the UK Court of Appeal that dismissal for the expression or manifestation of a Christian belief is illegal. Please pray that this will give encouragement to Christian teachers as they seek to stand for biblical sexual ethics. Please also continue to pray for the **Lovewise** Annual Conference happening this weekend (22 March), that it will be helpful to parents and churches seeking to navigate the cultural challenges for young people around issues of relationships, sex, and identity.
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- 21** Please pray for the annual **Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ireland's** Ministers and Office Bearers' conference happening over the next couple of days (21–22 March). Pray for speaker Prof. Warren Peel as he seeks to encourage church leaders from across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland from God's word.
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**22** Join **Wycliffe Bible Translators** in prayer for opportunities to translate the Bible into the languages of people in places where sharing the gospel openly is not possible.

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**23** Pray for the **Free Church of Scotland's** newly launched Centre for Rural Ministry and its Director, Rev. Ivor Macdonald. Ask God to bless this vital work as it seeks to support and equip rural churches and communities. Pray for wisdom and vision for Ivor as he leads this initiative, and for God's provision of resources and partnerships to sustain the Centre's mission. May the work of the Centre strengthen rural congregations, encourage pastors and leaders, and bring the hope of the gospel to even the most remote areas.

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**24** **Oak Hill College** has over 50 prospective students attending an in-person Open Day and others exploring online. Pray for wisdom as they and their families consider where the Lord is leading them. Give thanks for over 100 students who have taken Oak Hill's short courses this year. This term, nearly 50 are studying Old Testament Books with Eric Ortlund, while others are taking intensive courses on evangelism and word ministry. Pray that their studies would be fruitful and equip them for ministry. Finally, please pray for the faculty who serve the students day by day through their teaching, mentoring, and discipling. Pray for them to be delighting in the Lord and energised as they teach

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**25** The Antandroy people of southern Madagascar, where **Africa Inland Mission** serves, believe life's blessings and curses come from their ancestors, whom they seek to appease. Though they acknowledge God, they see him as distant and inactive. The New Testament translation into the Antandroy language is about 85% complete. All four gospels are available in print and audio and are shared through daily radio readings. Pray for the translation team as they complete the remaining books. Ask that more Antandroy people would hear God's word in their language and recognise that the message of salvation is for them.

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**26** **Cornerstone Fostering and Adoption** give thanks for the recent approval of new foster carers and for more families exploring this calling. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the team as they assess applicants, and that prospective carers would have clarity in God's leading. Pray for the protection and wellbeing – both physical and spiritual – of children across the country, including those Cornerstone UK can support and those beyond their reach.

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**27** Please pray for our new cohort of Cultivate students at **Crosslands**, who are being mentored and trained to be compelling Christian thought leaders in a hostile and changing world.

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**28** **London Seminary** is eager to serve diverse and diaspora communities across London, the UK, and the world. Please ask the Lord to provide both the people and the funding needed to train members of these communities for faithful and fruitful ministry.

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**29** Pray that the Lord would give us all compassion for the broken-hearted and a spirit that weeps for the needs of others. Pray that God would heal the hurting through **Caring For Life's** various projects and help them to minister to those who are in trouble.

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**30** Please pray for churches and Christian organisations navigating new company rules and reporting requirements. Pray for wisdom for those considering changes to their governance structures and for **Edward Connor Solicitors (ECS)** as they support them. Give thanks for two new staff members who have joined ECS's Legal Support Team. Pray that they settle in quickly and provide valuable support to clients. ECS is seeking more solicitors to join their growing team. In particular, pray that God would lead the right Employment Lawyer to them – someone with the necessary experience and a Christ-centred approach.

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**31** Pray for all the churches **Access Insurance** advises this year, as they faithfully carry out Christ's Kingdom work.

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