

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 Pray for Christian schools, parents, and pupils, supported by **Christian Concern**, who are challenging the government's decision to impose VAT on Christian schools in court this week for a breach of human rights. Pray that their case will be well-made in court and that these schools will be able to continue their valuable work.

 - 2 Pray for **York Evangelical Church** as it holds its quarterly day of prayer. Pray also for the church's upcoming anniversary, weekend away, and Easter outreach plans.

 - 3 **Trinity Road Chapel, Tooting**, is partway through its world mission week. Midweek church meetings are being held with a focus on mission and cross-cultural ministry. Pray that the Holy Spirit will deepen the church's love for Jesus as he grows his church across the world. Pray that there will also be a deepened awareness of the gospel need in the places and countries being prayed for.

 - 4 Give thanks with **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** for the encouragement of three prisoners with clear testimonies of God's grace in their lives who were recently baptised. Pray that they will continue to walk with him and that their testimonies will speak to many others in the prison, including both fellow prisoners and staff.

 - 5 Give thanks for God's faithful provision of people, finances, and opportunities in the work of **Lovewise** over the past 22 years. Give thanks also for God's continued protection of the organisation in a society that increasingly rejects his design for marriage, relationships, and sex. Pray that the team will have discernment as they seek to recruit additional trustees and appoint a new director in the near future.

 - 6 Pray for all prospective students attending **Oak Hill College** open days in April and for those already in the application process. Pray for wisdom as they discern their next steps in study. Join Oak Hill in giving thanks for the Easter season, remembering and celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus. Pray for all at Oak Hill as they prepare and serve their churches, and for good rest over the holidays.

 - 7 Pray for **Solas** director Andy Bannister as he takes a short sabbatical. Pray that this will be a time of great rest and valuable family time. One of the costs of being an evangelist on the road is spending much time away from family, so these sabbatical weeks are precious.

 - 8 Pray for two new **Grace Baptist Partnership** Growing Leaders groups beginning this month in London. Pray that those participating will grow as useful servants in their local churches and beyond.

 - 9 The Borana Christians of Northern Kenya, where **Africa Inland Mission** serve, are evangelising their own people, making disciples, building up one another in the faith, and giving sacrificially. Trained Borana pastors are leading the churches and assisting with evangelism and Bible teaching among Borana Christians in Ethiopia. Long-standing conflict exists between the Borana and Gabbra and other peoples of Northern Kenya, and persistent drought worsens tensions. Pray that the Prince of Peace will intervene, reconciling many to God and to one another.
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- 10** Pray for the **Access Insurance** team at this busy time of year as they support churches and many Christian organisations with their insurance. Give thanks for the impact these churches and charities are having.
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- 11** Pray for gospel partnerships and associations of churches setting up **Crosslands** learning hubs in their regions. Pray that as disciples learn together, they will be changed and encouraged by the gospel.
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- 12** Pray for Paul Daniel as he provides ministry and support to **Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales (AECW)** churches and pastors, as well as to other evangelical churches and pastors in Wales. Pray also for his growing ministry to the Indian diaspora in Britain, the USA, and beyond as an associate mission partner with UFM.
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- 13** **Edward Connor Solicitors (ECS)** is currently seeking to appoint a senior employment lawyer. Pray that the right person, with a passion for helping churches and Christian organisations make wise and informed employment decisions, will take on this role. Give thanks that Richard Howes has recently joined the ECS team of property solicitors. Pray for him as he advises church leaders and assists them in determining the best place for their church family to call home.
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- 14** Pray for the team at **Crossteach** to have wisdom as they pursue opportunities to grow the ministry. Pray for ongoing provision of resources and for the successful recruitment of workers.
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- 15** Pray for the ministry of **Church Society** Trust. Its patronage board meeting takes place today. Pray for wise appointments in all its trust parishes and for gospel growth in these parishes. Pray particularly for Paul Darlington as chairman.
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- 16** The closing service of the Reformed Theological College, part of the **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland**, for the 2024–25 session takes place tomorrow in Loughbrickland. Students will then gain practical experience in local congregations throughout May and June. Pray that the students will be blessed by and be a blessing to the congregations they serve.
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- 17** Pray that **SASRA** Scripture Readers and serving Christians will have opportunities to share about Christ's death and resurrection over the Easter period.
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- 18** Pray for the joint Good Friday service of local evangelical churches in which **Little Hill Church, Wigston**, is participating. Pray that it will be a Christ-exalting and encouraging time of fellowship.
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- 19** Pray for **Emmanuel Church, Canterbury**, as it holds its Easter outreach event, an Easter Bunny Hunt in a local park. Last year, almost 200 children attended and heard a gospel talk. Pray that this year's event will be a fruitful opportunity to share the good news.
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- 20** Give thanks for the approximately 30 new long-term mission partners who have joined the **UFM** family in the 2024–25 financial year. Pray for those already in their countries of service and those preparing to go.
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- 21** The **Free Church of Scotland** is looking forward to its 'Leaders and Cooks Training Day' this Saturday (26 April) in Smithton. Give thanks for each of these volunteers and pray that the event will be a time of equipping, prayer, and idea-sharing.
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- 22** Give thanks with **Caring For Life** for the freedom to share the gospel with all those they work with. Pray for the Bible studies taking place this month, that hearts will be moved and people saved.
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- 23** Join **Cornerstone Fostering and Adoption** in praising the Lord for answered prayers as they receive approval as a fostering agency in Scotland and a voluntary adoption agency in England. Pray for wisdom during this period of transition, for families continuing through assessment, and for the recruitment of new team members. Pray that they will keep their eyes fixed on Jesus, trusting him to meet their every need.
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24 Pray for the planning and preparation of the **FIEC** Leaders' Conference in November. Pray for the programme, for smooth practical arrangements, and that many church leaders will be able to attend.

25 Pray for a new missionary family settling in the Balkans with **ReachAcross**. Pray for their practical needs, language learning, relationships, and gospel impact in a Muslim-majority country. Pray that as they reach out, many will be drawn to Christ. Ask the Lord to raise up more workers to join them in a region where evangelical Christians make up less than 0.5% of the population.

26 Pray for the **True Freedom Trust (TFT)** volunteer teams, who are meeting in London for a training day today. Sessions include a look at theological anthropology, managing accountability relationships, and networking, as well as an ambassador of TFT.

27 Please pray for all Christian educators known to **The Christian Schools' Trust**, who are battling each day to bring God into the lessons and lives of children. In a changed world where Christianity is being eroded, please pray that the tide changes and God brings revival to schools in the UK.

28 Please pray for the planning of the pilot local **Association of Christian Teachers** groups launching in Doncaster, Lancaster, Birmingham and London. Pray that these gatherings would be a source of encouragement, support, and prayer for Christian teachers as they meet in person to strengthen one another in their faith and work.

29 At the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)** churches' day conference at the beginning of May, they'll be talking about the identity of the EFCC with the tagline 'Reformer Facing Gospel Generosity'. Please pray with us that the Lord will bless their desire to understand their Reformed heritage in the Savoy Declaration and that the strengthening of the churches will lead to the salvation of the lost, all to the glory of God.

30 Pray for **London Seminary** Flourish courses continuing in London and Dewsbury today, preparing women for their vital ministry in the churches. Also pray for men applying for the Seminary's Pastoral Training Course starting in September; that the Lord would raise up a new generation of gifted and godly pastors and evangelists to serve the churches in the years to come. Pray for existing students at London Seminary who have been serving on church placements.
