

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 This weekend (1-5 May), the **European Mission Fellowship** staff team will join all the missionaries and families who work in Spain for a weekend in Ciudad Real. Please pray for this weekend, that it would be a rich time of fellowship together. They also hope it will be a good model for gathering together some of their other fields.

 - 2 Please pray for MPs as the third reading of Kim Leadbeater's bill to allow assisted suicide comes up for debate. This will be the last chance for MPs to vote down the bill. **Christian Concern** shares that just 28 MPs who voted for it at the second reading need to change their minds and vote against to stop the bill becoming law. Pray that the dangers and lack of safeguards exposed in the committee stage will persuade MPs to vote against the bill.

 - 3 Please pray for **Peterhead Congregational Church's** new Saturday Midnight Men's Prayer Meeting. Give thanks for the opportunity to focus on the Lord's Day – pray for people and worship. Pray for their Ladies' Conference, that many will attend and that other churches will support them in this venture. Pray for the church deacons as they begin to lead prayer in worship. Pray for Rev. Dustin Black, the church's new minister, his wife Rachael, and their children. Bless them as they settle and lead the congregation. Give thanks for the faithful preaching of the gospel to the saving of souls.

 - 4 Please pray for 'at-risk' and vulnerable individuals going on **Caring For Life's** annual retreat in the Lake District this month. Many will be nervous and afraid, but pray that as they enjoy God's beautiful countryside, conversations will be had about the God who made this wonderful world for us to enjoy. Pray also that they will join in the Bible studies offered on the holiday and that individuals will come to know the Lord Jesus for themselves.

 - 5 Please pray for follow-up after **York Evangelical Church's** Easter services. Plenty of people attended who are not yet Christians. Please pray for the meetings which have already been arranged with them to talk further.

 - 6 Pray for **Church Society** Director Lee Gatiss, speaking on the theme of 'Revive our Church!' at the Bishop of Ebbsfleet's Network Conference at Christ Church, Cambridge today (6 May), on the theme of Revival. Please also pray for the same conferences this month at All Souls, Langham Place (13 and 15 May).

 - 7 The **EFCC** Churches Day Conference is on Saturday (10 May) in Sheffield. They're focusing on their Reformed roots in the 'Savoy Declaration'. Please pray, as they move to a clearer understanding of themselves as a Reformed-facing network of churches, that the Lord will bless the fellowship, particularly by raising up more elders to serve in EFCC churches – Reformed Congregationalism is elder-led Congregationalism. Pray that the Lord will have all the glory.

 - 8 As the country reflects on the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day), give thanks for the promise of the Lord Jesus' return, when he will bring an end to all wars and a peace that lasts. Continue to pray for **SASRA**, who provide the serving personnel of the British Army and Royal Air Force with a practical and constant experience of the Christian faith through living and working alongside them in their units.

 - 9 The **Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ireland (EPCI)** is holding their Annual Presbytery Day Conference in Crumlin Church tomorrow (10 May). Pray for the speaker, Rev. Robert McCollum, and the incoming Moderator, Rev. Robert Beckett.
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- 10** Pray for the **Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales (AECW)** Annual Conference at Newtown happening today (10 May). Christians from all parts of Wales will be there to consider the theme of 'The Next 25 Years'. Pray for a rich time of fellowship and encouragement, and a clear vision for the association.
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- 11** Please remember the five students from the Reformed Theological College (part of the **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland**) who are doing placements in congregations during May and June. Pray that it will be a profitable time for them and the congregations.
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- 12** Please pray for churches starting **Crosslands'** Foundation courses this month. Pray they would be shaped as they learn together and that they would be putting on Christ as they see more of him in the Word.
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- 13** Please pray for the **Free Church of Scotland** commissioners as they prepare for their General Assembly next week (19-22 May). Pray that God would grant them wisdom as they make decisions for the church in the upcoming year.
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- 14** Please pray for the **Evangelical Housing Association** meeting happening tomorrow (15 May), which includes their AGM. Please pray they would make wise decisions which will help to serve their tenants well through the mission of the charity.
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- 15** Pray for the **True Freedom Trust** staff team, who are meeting for an away day today (15 May). As part of the day, they'll be considering how to develop the organisation's support for those struggling with gender-related issues.
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- 16** Please pray for a number of events hosted by **London Seminary** this month for pastors, women's workers, ministry wives, and those considering training for pastoral ministry. Ask the Lord to raise up many workers for the harvest field, as the Seminary's deadline approaches for 2025-26 applications for the Pastoral Training Course.
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- 17** Please pray for **Edward Connor Solicitors** as they seek to hire a new Head of Property. They're looking for a lawyer with significant experience in property work, a real understanding of the needs and challenges facing churches and Christian charities, and a sense of conviction and calling in seeking to serve the gospel of Christ through their work.
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- 18** Pray that **Little Hill Church, Wigston's** Historical Lecture on 'Spurgeon: Warrior of the Cross' will encourage those who attend to be similarly faithful stewards of the truth.
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- 19** This week is 'Dementia Awareness Week'. Please pray for older people living with dementia, the formal and informal carers who support them to flourish, and for **Faith in Later Life**, who are dedicated to inspiring and equipping Christians to reach, serve, and empower older people in every community through the local Church.
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- 20** Please pray for the **FIEC** retreats for women in ministry and ministry wives taking place this week. Pray for refreshment and a renewed vision for their return to church life.
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- 21** Give thanks for God's faithful provision of people, finances, and opportunities in relation to the work of **Lovewise** over the last 22 years. Give thanks also for God's continued protection of the organisation in a society that increasingly rejects God's design for marriage, relationships, and sex. Please pray that they will have discernment as they seek to recruit additional trustees and as they seek to appoint a new director in the near future.
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- 22** Pray for the growing team at **Access Insurance** as they advise many churches and Christian charities on the risks they manage and insurance cover for the Kingdom work they undertake.
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- 23** Pray for the process of merging the ministries of **Africa Inland Mission (AIM)** South Africa with the AIM Southern Region to establish a new region, the AIM Southern Africa Region. Tshepang Basupi is the Director of this newly merged region, which unites the functions of both sending and receiving missionaries. Pray that this strategic consolidation will better reflect the current and future realities of global missions and will greatly enhance efforts to minister to the unreached peoples of Southern Africa.
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- 24 Give thanks for growing numbers of prisoners signing up for **Daylight Christian Prison Trust's** Letter Writing Ministry. Please pray that the Lord will lead more people to sign up as volunteers to meet this demand.
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- 25 This year, **Duke Street Church** is putting a particular focus on equipping the church family for ministry. They've reworked their evening services to focus on doctrinal and practical training, as well as covering topics Christians might otherwise avoid. Pray that their evening services would prove a great help to the church family and that they would be more effective in the Lord's service as a result.
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- 26 **Frontiers** asks that we pray for their 'Awaken' conference happening in July. Awaken is a weekend of worship and prayer for the Muslim world, that many would hear Jesus' call. It is hoped that 60-120 people will attend. Please pray for those planning the weekend, that they would hear from God and that the people God wants to attend will be there.
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- 27 **100fold** is encouraged by a recent report from a partner designing a flow meter and telemetry connections that can be fitted onto wells in remote areas to give real-time reporting on a well's performance – in many areas, only 50% of wells are working. They are also in discussion with a partner requesting 10,000 Bibles for children on micro SD cards in a local language. Praise God!
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- 28 Please pray for those already serving with **UFM Worldwide** in a short-term capacity and those in the process of applying for short-term mission opportunities. Please also pray for UFM's planning of summer teams.
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- 29 Applications for studying at **Oak Hill College** next year close in the next few months. Give thanks for all those who have applied so far and pray for wisdom as they go through the interview process and the life changes any form of study brings. Give thanks for the launch of Oak Hill's new 'MA in Contemporary Christian Leadership' and the good number of students forming part of the first cohort in September. Pray it would be useful for them as they reflect on the challenges of leadership, foster the habits of heart and mind, and develop practices that can sustain them joyfully through ministry in the long term.
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- 30 Please pray for **Solas'** Director Andy Bannister, who is currently on sabbatical with his family. As an evangelist on the road for much of the year, family time is precious and valuable. Please pray also for Simon Wenham and the charity's administrators as they seek to run the affairs well and pay bills. Pray that the Lord would provide all the charity needs to cover increased costs. Lastly, please pray that they will find new, affordable office space soon.
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- 31 Praise God for the successful registration of **Cornerstone UK's** fostering agency, Foundations Matter, in Scotland, and their adoption agency in England. Please pray that God would provide the start-up funds and dedicated staff needed to establish a strong fostering service in Scotland and an adoption service in England. Pray also for the provision of an exceptional manager to lead their fostering service in England, guiding it with wisdom and compassion.
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