

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 for the Wilberforce Academy, run by **Christian Concern**, which kicks off this week with around 75 young adults at the start of their careers. Pray for an inspiring and life-changing week with lots of new friendships and relationships.
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- 2** Pray for a fruitful prayer week this week at **Little Hill Church, Wigston**. Several key church plans will be prayed over and reflected on.
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- 3** Please pray for the **Free Church of Scotland** as they seek a new Finance Manager to work in their Central Office in Edinburgh. Pray that the Lord would provide the right person for this important role.
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- 4** As the new school term begins, please pray for the team at **Lovewise** as they work to inform parents about what their children are being taught throughout the curriculum, especially in relationships and sex education. The new guidance promotes greater transparency and reminds schools that copyright should not hinder them from sharing resources with parents.
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- 5** Please pray for the many students arriving or returning to York throughout September. **York Evangelical Church (YEC)** seeks to help them join good, Bible-teaching churches. Pray also for the elderly church members at YEC, as a few have been ill, had falls, etc., recently.
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- 6** As the new academic year begins, **Crosslands** would deeply value your prayers. Please pray for their staff as they start the new year of work, and for their incoming students, both Seminary and Lifelong, that they would start well and grow in wisdom and faith. Pray also for churches and regional training programmes making use of our short courses resources, that these would bear fruit.
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- 7** Give thanks for continued encouraging responses from prisoners to **Daylight Christian Prison Trust's** regular Bible study sheets, with many of them telling the team that these studies have helped them to grow in their faith. Please pray that these sheets will continue to be a blessing to many.
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- 8** Give thanks that **Edward Connor Solicitors** are now able to offer a fixed price product to set up new charities and churches. Pray that many new church plants would be able to benefit from this offering, and start their ministries on the best legal footing.
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- 9** Please pray, as **Cornerstone Adoption & Fostering** hold their first 'Adoption Information Evening' this month. Pray those in attendance would be blessed by what is shared, and that those whom God is calling to adopt through Cornerstone would be prompted to seek them out. Please also pray for Cornerstone's foster children as they return to schooling and different routines, that this transition would be eased, and that Cornerstone carers would continue to be sustained and strengthened as things return to normal after summer.
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- 10 Pray for the military community today on World Suicide Prevention Day. Pray for them as they face challenges and stressful situations 'behind the wire', especially for those who are struggling with mental health and those at risk of suicide. May the Lord bring comfort to all those affected by suicide. May the Lord equip **SASRA** Scripture Readers as they share the saving power of the gospel with military personnel and their families, especially as they provide gospel-based support and spiritual comfort to those struggling with mental health.
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- 11 The **Evangelical Housing Association** have a committee meeting today (11 Sept). Please pray that they would make wise decisions and serve their tenants well.
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- 12 Join the **Didasko Fellowship of Churches** in giving thanks, and please pray for the new ministry beginning in Maxwell Church, Kilmaurs, with Andrew Whitmarsh being inducted today (12 Sept). The church has been in good heart during the ten-month vacancy, but is greatly encouraged at the prospect of having a pastor to lead them on in their life and witness in this growing area of Ayrshire.
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- 13 Please pray for **Spring Meadow Baptist Church, Cradley Heath's** week of prayer happening this week (15 - 19 September). Pray that the Lord would guide their prayers and that they would reflect his purpose for the church.
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- 14 **European Mission Fellowship** are interviewing for three roles this week. They give thanks that the Lord is expanding their team. Please pray he would lead the right people to be part of the team.
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- 15 Please pray for the **Affinity** Council meeting happening over the next 24 hours (15-16 Sept). Pray that there would be good fellowship amongst the Council and that they would be united in decision making. Pray also for the Affinity AGM happening tomorrow (16 Sept) and for Andrew Ollerton visiting from the Bible Society to speak about 'The Quiet Revival'.
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- 16 Pray for staff and volunteers at **True Freedom Trust** as they prepare for their annual three-day conference at the end of September. Members will hear teaching on Jesus' letters in Revelation, pray they would be encouraged to remain faithful to him in tough times.
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- 17 Please pray for a major speaker tour in the UK this autumn being organised by **Release International**. Andrew Brunson is an American missionary who spent two years in a Turkish prison, falsely accused of terrorism. He will be challenging and encouraging Christians to stand firm in difficult times.
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- 18 Pray for the **Access Insurance** team as it grows and as they support churches and mission organisations across the UK in managing their risks.
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- 19 As the new academic term begins, please pray for student ministry across Europe. Pray for **UFM's** mission partners as they engage students with the gospel, for believers on campus to be courageous in their witness, and for many to grow in faith and stand firm for Christ.
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- 20 Please thank the Lord with **Caring For Life**, for their 'Time For Jesus' young adult volunteers, May and Phoebe, who have served so faithfully over this past year and brought so much joy. Please pray that they will know the Lord's blessing and guidance as they move on. Please also pray that the Lord will sustain and equip those who will be joining Caring For Life from September for the coming year.
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- 21 This month, **A Passion for Life** have launched 29 new video resources to help train Christians for personal witness. Please pray that these will be a blessing to churches, small groups and individuals as they seek to tell many people about Jesus.
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22 Please pray for a gathering hosted by **Affinity** of approximately 40 men and women convening for 24 hours (23–24 Sept) to advance the establishment of The Gospel Coalition in the UK through focused discussion, reflection, and prayer. Pray that the Lord's purpose will be clear during their discussions, that he will guide their decision-making, and that there will be good fellowship among this diverse group of individuals.

23 Pray for the new **London Seminary** year starting today (23 September); that the new students would quickly settle into the course and build strong fellowship and friendship as they prepare together for future ministry.

24 Please pray for **London City Mission** as they host their annual Thanksgiving Service tomorrow (25 Sept), celebrating 190 years of gospel service in London. It will be an evening of joy, worship, and gratitude as people from all over the country come together to celebrate the incredible things God is doing in London today.

25 Please pray for the **FIEC** London Gathering happening today (25 Sept) with 100 church leaders from across the capital gathering to hear from God's word and encourage one another.

26 **Wycliffe Bible Translators** requests prayer for a breakthrough with the Mark Road cluster programme in Nigeria. They are launching Bible translation in 16 languages, some of which have few, or no, known Christians. The team urgently needs more translation advisers with the right skills and experience to help guide the work. Pray that God would raise up people with the training and vision to serve as translation advisers, and that he would lead them to this work at the right time.

27 **Africa Inland Mission (AIM)** ask us to pray for the 183,000 M* people of Tanzania who live in the South-eastern coastal delta area. Praise the Lord for Maki*, a young man who has fully committed his life to Christ in the last year and is now public about his faith. He has suffered some persecution from his extended family (all Muslim) but has remained strong. He is married and it has been very difficult with his wife who is also a Muslim. He has spent a lot of time praying with the team for his wife and every time he weeps for her, begging God to save her.

28 Pray for great encouragement for those who work on the **Sharing Christ Internationally** team, whether in the UK, USA, or in Eastern or Inner Asia, that God will give them fruit and lift them up – God alone can do that. Their work is far from easy in those hard places.

29 Please pray for **Church Society's** involvement in the ReNew conference over the next two days (29-30 Sept), on the theme of 'Growing Leaders'. Pray for Church Society Director Lee Gatiss speaking on Growing Leaders: A Historical Perspective.

30 **Praise Trust** requests prayer for church musicians as they begin to plan for what their church will be doing musically this Christmas. Pray that God's glory will be uppermost and that Christmas outreach opportunities will connect with many people.
