

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 It's the United Nations Day of Older Persons today. Please pray for the dignity and flourishing of older people around the world, and for the decision makers who continue to advocate for this. Pray also for **Faith In Later Life**, who help to support senior saints in their walk with Christ.

 - 2 Please pray for the **Church Society** Council meeting happening today (2 October), for useful discussions and wise decisions, as they seek to contend for gospel ministry in the Church of England. Pray for Revd Dr Jason Ward as Chairman.

 - 3 Please pray for the **Association of Baptist Churches (South East)'s (AGBCSE)** Ministry Residential with guest speaker Conrad Mbewe which started yesterday (2–3 October). Pray for the 20 or so attendees who are currently training or in their early years of ministry. Pray also for the AGBCSE Association Day happening tomorrow (4 October). Lastly, please pray as the Association considers a merger with the **Association of Baptist Churches in East Anglia**.

 - 4 Pray for Sam Pritchard and his wife Jess as Sam is inducted as Associate Pastor at Libanus Church (part of **Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales**) in Morriston, near Swansea, today (4 October). Sam serves alongside John Woolley, the Senior Pastor.

 - 5 **Peterhead Congregational Church** has two Sundays in October (5 and 12 October) when they will baptise eight believers, four each Sunday. Praise God for his goodness and grace. At the end of the month (31 October), the church will host a Canadian Quartet as an outreach event sharing the gospel through music and testimony. Pray for all of these events and for their new Minister, Dustin Black, and his family.

 - 6 **UFM Worldwide** has its week of prayer starting today (6–10 October) and two events in partnership with Oak Hill College next week (15 & 16 October) on 'Sending Church - Defined and Applied.' Pray that both events would encourage churches and individuals to engage with world mission.

 - 7 Give thanks to the Lord for the three seminars taking place across Scotland this week on the topic of 'Biblical Church Revitalisation in Hard Places'. The seminars, organised by the **Free Church of Scotland** in partnership with Practical Shepherding, aim to equip and encourage those serving in challenging ministry contexts, especially where churches are in need of renewal and fresh gospel momentum. Pray for those attending in Glasgow (7 October), Dornoch (10 October) and Portree (11 October).

 - 8 Please pray for Chris Richards and Julie Maxwell as they give **Lovewise** presentations to Christian young people training to be outdoor pursuits instructors with Rock UK tomorrow (9 October), and for Julie Maxwell running workshops at an IFTCC conference in Poland on pastoral support for parents and young people grappling with issues around LGBTQ+ identities later this month (22 – 26 October). Pray that a suitable candidate would apply for the post of Lovewise Director, which is currently being advertised.

 - 9 Please pray for **Shrewsbury Evangelical Church** who will see their long-term Elder stepping down from office from tomorrow (10 October), and that their new Elder will readily step into the work. Please also pray for their Minister, Gareth Evans, that he would be helped in the strength of God to continue in good health and spirit as the church enters into the busy Autumn and Christmas seasons. Please pray for wisdom as they handle a welcomed growth in the church that also brings with it pastoral challenges.

10 Please pray for **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** Chaplains and volunteers as they meet in Northampton this weekend (10–11 October) for Daylight's annual Workers' Weekend, that the times of ministry and fellowship together will be a blessing to them.

11 **Crosslands** praises God for their new Seminary Manager, Chris. Pray that he adjusts well with the team and transitions smoothly into his role. Pray also for him and his family as they move from Edinburgh to Newcastle. Some staff have recently relocated from Crosslands; thank God for their faithful service and pray that they feel his presence as they settle into new communities. This year's 'Basecamp' students have started studies at Crosslands. Thank God for each one, and pray that their learning blesses them and is applied in their churches. Lastly, pray for church leaders preparing for Crosslands' upcoming 'Lifelong' courses. Pray that the courses run smoothly and help shape leaders to be more Christ-like.

12 Pray for a joyful, thankful Harvest Service at **Little Hill Church, Wigston**, and meal with a good number of international student guests to hear and respond to the gospel.

13 Please pray for the team at the **Association of Christian Teachers** following an excellent 'Imago Dei' conference last month (27 September). Pray that those who attended would be strengthened and inspired, that more Christian educators would be drawn into this community, and that the teaching from Mel, Jeremy and John would deepen their vision of mission and purpose in schools. Pray that teachers would see themselves, and their pupils, with a Biblical lens: as humans made in the image of God and comprehend all that this truth entails for their teaching practice in a largely secular context.

14 Pray for Matthew Roberts, giving **London Seminary's** Martyn Lloyd-Jones Memorial Lecture this evening (14 October), on the subject 'Preaching Repentance'. Give thanks for a good number of students starting the Pastoral Training Course at London Seminary this term, and a full complement of women for the Flourish course starting tomorrow (15 October).

15 Yesterday (14 October) the **Affinity** Social Issues Team met to discuss the current cultural issues facing Christians in the UK. Out of this discussion they will put together the next issue of the Social Issues Bulletin which seeks to inform and equip church leaders and Christians about issues relevant to them. Please pray that the Bulletin will be written with care and wisdom and will be used as a tool for encouragement and gospel challenge.

16 Pray for the initiatives that **SASRA** Scripture Readers are currently running to share the gospel 'behind the wire' of Army and RAF bases, and for the interactions between Scripture Readers and serving personnel.

17 Please pray for Sarah, the new Pastoral Team Manager at **True Freedom Trust**, as she continues to settle into her role. Sarah triages all new support requests coming into the organisation. Pray for grace, clarity, and wisdom as she interacts with contacts.

18 Please pray for churches to use and be blessed by the launch of **A Passion for Life's** new Personal Witness Training Modules; that they would help to shape a culture of evangelism in UK churches.

19 Please pray for online social media and other online projects **Sharing Christ Internationally (SCI)** are involved in as they seek to present the gospel to Mongolians, both in Mongolia and across the world, wherever they may be located. Pray that in spite of this being non-personal, Mongolians who have heard the gospel through these means will get in touch with SCI for further support and discipleship.

20 Pray for the **Coalition for Marriage (C4M)** campaigns, requesting clarity, courage, and favour in media and policy settings, and freedom to speak up for man-woman marriage without misrepresentation. Pray for their 'Marriage Refresher' sessions, asking for strong bookings, softened hearts, practical change in homes, and reconciliations where there is strain. Pray for the family conferences C4M runs, requesting smooth logistics, safe travel, reliable technology, and lasting fruit in families and churches. Pray also for provision and partnerships, giving thanks for current supporters and requesting new regular givers to sustain free sessions and conferences. Pray for stronger links with churches and family organisations, opening new towns and regions.

- 21 Independent Christian schools belonging to **The Christian Schools' Trust** need a breakthrough in finances as they tackle the VAT, which the Government has implemented on school fees. This greatly impacts Christian families as well as the students.
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- 22 Please pray for the Darlington Nurses whose case begins in court this week. The nurses are objecting to having to share their female changing room with a biological man who identifies as a woman but has said he is trying to impregnate his partner. Please pray for justice to be done and courage for the nurses and lawyers arguing the case. They are being supported by **Christian Concern**.
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- 23 Please pray for the final preparations for the **FIEC's** 2025 Leaders' Conference taking place in early November, and for those speaking or leading seminars.
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- 24 Pray for all those supported by **Caring For Life** who struggle with various addictions. Pray that Caring For Life's efforts to assist them and secure places for some in rehab would provide strength and courage to address and overcome these damaging and life-restricting issues. Above all, pray that these individuals would run to Jesus and flee from the sin that entangles them.
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- 25 Please pray for **Trinity Road Chapel, Tooting's** current building project. A large part of their premises has been under renovation since April, and it is now just a couple of months from completion. Please pray that it completes smoothly and according to schedule. Pray that the renewed space would open up great opportunities for the gospel and the church's witness to the community.
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- 26 Pray for **Release International**, as it prepares to encourage Christians and churches to engage with this year's International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, in November. Release will be promoting a short film for use in churches, under the title, 'Pastors under Pressure'. They will also be bringing former prisoner-of-faith Andrew Brunson on a speaking tour of the UK. Pray for strong interest and response.
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- 27 Give thanks for the many opportunities **Solas** has to speak at evangelistic events hosted by churches. Please pray for these events across the country (and even Europe!), that God will bless the work and bring many people into saving faith. Please pray for David Hartnett as he works hard to fundraise for Solas. Raising support for gospel work in 2025 is not an easy task, and in faith, Solas have set an ambitious budget to grow their work. Give thanks to God for his faithfulness to Solas. He meets needs and provides many opportunities to serve. Recently the team was blessed with the opportunity to spend a few days together, praying, worshipping, reading scripture and enjoying fellowship.
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- 28 Pray for **Christian Medical Fellowship's** upcoming Christian Doctors conference happening on 7 November, that all who attend will be blessed by times of fellowship and sitting under God's word. Pray that Christian Doctors will see this as an opportunity to be built up in Christ so they can serve others with thankfulness and hope. Pray also particularly for the speaker Paul Coulter as he teaches from Colossians 2.
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- 29 Give thanks with **Wycliffe Bible Translators** as the Dobel people of the Aru Islands, Indonesia, celebrate the launch of their New Testament today (29 October) — after 40 years of work. Pray that many will receive God's Word with joy and that it will transform lives for generations to come.
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- 30 **BCM International UK's** Scottish youth weekend is happening in a couple of weeks (14–16 November). The theme is 'Heroes of the Faith'. Please pray for the teachers, leaders and a great bunch of enthusiastic teens.
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- 31 Please pray for **London City Mission (LCM)** as they reach out to marginalised individuals in London, offering practical support through initiatives like English classes and Bible studies that build confidence and share the gospel. Pray that God would bless LCM's work in equipping local churches to serve with compassion and dignity, empowering people to find hope and freedom in Jesus. Specifically, pray for their upcoming Practical Evangelism Training Day, that it may inspire and equip participants to share Christ's love effectively with those on the margins.
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