

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 that many churches will make use of the short film **Release International** has produced for this year's International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. It has as its theme, Pastors under Pressure. Pray that the six-minute film (focusing on Sri Lanka) will be seen by many, who will want to pray for those in pastoral leadership who suffer persecution.

 - 2 Please pray for **York Evangelical Church's** John Newton Conference happening this weekend (1–2 November). Pray (and give thanks for) many new visitors and attendees recently, from a variety of generations. Pray for those being baptised and entering membership imminently to find ways to serve in the church, and that stretched rotas may be alleviated.

 - 3 Today (3 November), the **European Mission Fellowship** executive committee will meet. At this meeting, the committee discusses new missionaries. Please pray that they would know the Lord's help in deciding who should join the Fellowship's missionary family.

 - 4 As winter is on its way, please pray for older people who experience loneliness more keenly during this season. Pray also for **Faith in Later Life's** 'Love My Neighbour' campaign, seeking to raise awareness and encourage neighbourly acts of kindness.

 - 5 Several of the **UFM Worldwide** team are leading seminars at the FIEC leaders' conference happening next week (10–12 November) and at a local church Global Mission event in Leicester (8 Nov). Please pray that they would be useful to those who attend.

 - 6 **Frontiers** are hosting their 'Neighbours and Nations' day in High Wycombe this weekend (Saturday 8 November). Praise God that 250 enquirers, candidates, families, and church leaders and representatives plan to attend. Please pray that attendees will meet with the Lord, for intimacy in worship and prayer, for church leaders to get a sending vision, and for more people to catch the vision to go out into the mission field. Please also pray for those who will be speaking and for the smooth running of the event.

 - 7 Please pray for resident doctors who have called another strike in their pay dispute, and pray for a just settlement and an end to the dispute. **Christian Medical Fellowship's** Resident Doctors' Conference is running this weekend – pray for the 150 Christian residents attending and for the many other trainee doctors who love the Lord. Pray they would be salt and light in difficult situations and testing times.

 - 8 Pray for **Spring Meadow Baptist Church**, which is hosting an outreach bonfire this evening (8 November). Please pray for visitors to hear the gospel and for church members to be emboldened in their gospel witness.

 - 9 **Edward Connor Solicitors (ECS)** are looking forward to attending the FIEC Leaders' Conference this week (10–12 November). Please pray that they would be able to encourage and support more FIEC pastors who are seeking to both follow the law and serve Jesus faithfully. Please also pray for the team as they look to recruit an Employment Lawyer and a Finance Director. Please pray that God would lead the right people to work with ECS.

 - 10 Please pray for the **FIEC** Leaders' Conference this week (10–12 November), where more than 1,000 church leaders from across the country will gather for fellowship, worship, and to explore world mission together.
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11 Pray for the **SASRA** Scripture Readers who are involved in upcoming Remembrance Services across the UK this month. Pray that these engagements ignite a passion in people's hearts to bring the gospel to the military community. And pray that the Lord will heal the hearts and minds of those who struggle with the mental, physical, and emotional scars of conflict.

12 Join **Wycliffe Bible Translators** in praying for the Kusaal team in Burkina Faso as they take part in 'Finishing Your New Testament training' this November – an important step toward publishing the Scriptures in their language. Ask God to give them strength, focus, and joy in this final stretch.

13 **Peterhead Congregational Church** has scheduled baptismal services for this month. The number of candidates continues to grow as more people come forward to publicly proclaim their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ through baptism. Please pray that the Lord will continue to draw many to himself. Additionally, give thanks for a successful Gospel Autumn Outreach Concert featuring Masters Four and a Gospel Quartet from Canada, which took place on October 31. Pray that attendees will respond and seek to learn more about the gospel.

14 Pray for a busy weekend of events at **True Freedom Trust**. Pray for Simon as he lectures on sexual ethics at a Bible school in Lancashire today (14 November), and as he preaches on themes in pastoral care at a church in Merseyside on Sunday (16 November). Pray for an online conference, also happening this weekend to encourage members of the organisation, on Saturday (15 November).

15 Give thanks for the attentive and engaged group of young adults at **Lovewise** presentations for Rock UK in the Scottish Borders last month. Pray for Julie Cumming as she presents 'Growing up...Growing wise' at a Newcastle primary school, and for Julie Maxwell as she speaks to a group of 11–15 year-olds about God's Good Design at a Sunday School in Hampshire (both this month). Please also continue to pray for the appointment of a new Lovewise Director, that the Trustees would have wisdom as they assess applications received.

16 Give thanks for the new phase begun in Maxwell Church, Kilmaurs (part of the **Didasko Fellowship of Churches**) in September, when Andrew Whitmarsh was inducted as minister. Pray for Andrew and Laura as they settle in, and give thanks for encouraging signs of growth in the congregation already. Likewise, give thanks that a new Didasko church, Trinity Church, in north Glasgow, has seen much encouragement in its first year, with some new believers and a congregation giving generously and able to be self-supporting already. Pray for Garry Brotherston as he leads the ministry there, and for continued inroads into the community in Bishopbriggs. Lastly, Grace Church Dundee has finally been able to purchase a former parish church, and is working on a programme of works for improvement and redevelopment. Pray this will be an enhancement to their ministry and a real encouragement to the church.

17 Please pray for the **Grace Baptist Partnership** Plant Conference at London Seminary happening tomorrow (18 November). The theme, 'When Church Revitalisation Doesn't Go to Plan', will be addressed by Dan Steel and Barry King. Ask the Lord to help them speak with clarity and for those attending to be helped in their ministries.

18 Please pray for Rev Dr Bernard Randall as he pursues his case against Derby Diocese for branding him a safeguarding risk for preaching a sermon which was fully in line with Church of England doctrine. His hearing starts today (18 November). He has been cleared of all wrongdoing by DBS services and the TRA, but the CofE continues to bar him from all ministry. Dr Randall is being supported by **Christian Concern**.

19 Please pray for the 20 churches that are part of the Association of Grace Baptist Churches in Suffolk. The group merged with over 80 churches from the Association of Grace Baptist Churches South East to form the new '**Grace Baptist Association**' earlier this October. Please pray for the logistical challenges of this merger, including their rebranding efforts, like developing a new logo and website. Most importantly, pray that the fellowship among these new churches will be a blessing to the entire Association.

20 **Cor Deo** have a 3-day Intensive starting today (20 November). This short course focuses on Bible study, theology, history, and ministry. Please pray that they will all enjoy Jesus as they dig into God's word and church history together.

- 21 Give thanks for the continued encouragement from **Daylight Christian Prison Trust's** Written Studies, with a growing number of prisoners and ex-offenders receiving these fortnightly. This autumn, they are focusing on the book of Jonah. The team was particularly encouraged by an email from a Managing Chaplain at one of the prisons, who shared that they felt called to preach on Jonah the previous Sunday and found the Daylight study helpful for their preparation. Please pray that these study sheets will continue to be a source of blessing for many, providing encouragement to those prisoners who are believers and helping others recognise their need for salvation.
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- 22 Please pray for churches to join **A Passion for Life's** 2026 Mission and to use the training resources to help their churches grow in evangelistic confidence.
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- 23 Please pray for Nelson Atwood, the new Pastor at Bethlehem Evangelical Church, Port Talbot (part of **Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales**), who began his ministry last month (19 October). Nelson was previously a pastor of Nobel Park Evangelical Baptist Church in Melbourne. He and his wife Heather have three sons in their twenties, who have stayed in Australia.
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- 24 **London Seminary** has a week of special lectures on Islam this week (25–28 November) given by Robert Scott. These lectures are open to pastors and others who may be interested. Pray that all who attend would be better equipped to understand and share the Gospel with our Muslim neighbours.
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- 25 Please pray for the **Church Society** Council meeting today (25 November) in Watford. Pray for useful discussions and wise decisions, and for the Chairman, Rev Dr Jason Ward.
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- 26 Please pray for more workers to enter the harvest fields. Recruitment at **ReachAcross** has been slow this year, yet the needs are great. Please pray for candidates for long-term service in all mission fields around the world.
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- 27 Please give thanks to God for the success of the recent Adoption Information evenings hosted by **Cornerstone Fostering & Adoption**. Please pray for Cornerstone's efforts to raise awareness of the organisation. Pray that those whom God has called to fostering and adoption will find Cornerstone and be blessed by the services provided. Please also pray for continued provision towards startup funds for Cornerstone's fledgling Voluntary Adoption Agency and Fostering Agency in Scotland.
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- 28 Praise God for all the **Caring For Life** beneficiaries who have recently started attending their local churches. Please pray that they would settle within God's family. Please pray for men and women who attend Caring For Life's Bible studies, but who have yet to confess Jesus as Lord.
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- 29 **100Fold** mission partners are finding they have far fewer enquiries since AI and chatbots took off, and it has been a hindrance to their work. Many other organisations identified that this digital space was the biggest challenge for overseas gospel missions. Pray for wisdom as to how the 100Fold team can best assist these ministries in this expanding area.
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- 30 Ann works with **Africa Inland Mission** among an unreached people group in northern Chad. Please pray for her interactions with two ladies who previously professed faith but are now less willing to engage with Ann. The first lady, Ruth, is 30 years old and has six children aged between 14 years and 21 months. She is also pregnant again. Ruth's husband is unemployed and refuses to work in others' fields, making their financial situation very difficult. Ann recently met Ruth for the first time in a long while, as she had been busy working in her fields but is now waiting for harvest time. Although Ruth professed faith in Jesus about two years ago, the local community discourages her from talking to Ann, so they must meet indoors to avoid being seen. Please pray for Ann to discern how best to help her. The second lady, Faye, is 28 years old and has six children, three of whom died before Ann met her. Faye was previously Ann's language helper and embraced faith in Jesus three years ago, but she is no longer interested in discussing it. Please pray for wisdom for Ann in connecting with these ladies.
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