

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 to submit a prayer request to Affinity's Prayer Calendar, please send it to office@affinity.org.uk at least five days before the end of the month in which you would like it to appear.

1 Please pray for agriculturalists and English teachers to join **ReachAcross**'s team in a country adjacent to the Red Sea, for kindergarten teachers for NE Africa, for evangelists, youth workers, medics and church planters who are willing to join small teams or pioneer new works.

2 As 2026 begins, join **Wycliffe Bible Translators** in praying for God's protection and provision as many translation teams aim to reach the finishing line of their translations this year, so that nothing stops people from accessing God's word.

3 As we head into a new year, please pray that **True Freedom Trust** would be able to prioritise well, have the wisdom to know how to love their beneficiaries well in the messiness of life, and that they would stand firm in holding out grace-filled truth and hope-filled realism.

4 In Scotland, leaders of Bible clubs who registered under the old police checking scheme must register to be checked again. Some of the clubs have been stopped till the process is complete. Please pray with **BCM International** that these formalities will be sorted quickly.

5 Pray for **Kingdom Bank** as they advertise for two new roles in their team: an HR Administrator and a Business Development Manager. Pray that the right people are found for these jobs, and that they will help the team serve more UK churches and Christian organisations.

6 Pray with **Christian Concern** for the Darlington nurses who were made to get changed in front of a sexually active biological male who claimed to be female. Following an Employment Tribunal, the judge's decision is expected early 2026. Pray for justice to be done.

7 Please pray that many Christians in the UK will read **Release International**'s annual 'Persecution Trends Report' report and that it will fuel informed prayer for those who suffer for Christ and the gospel.

8 Pray for **Christ Church Hemel**'s Christianity Explored course which starts today and will be running on Thursdays during January. They have a number of people signed up who are keen to explore the Christian faith. Pray that they would all come to faith in Jesus!

9 Thank God for the hundreds of students who have prepared for ministry at **Oak Hill College**. Pray for our programmes which serve those who are now in leadership. Pray that these programmes would serve the church in ongoing reflection on Christlike leadership.

10 In 2026, **Grove Chapel Camberwell** is beginning to pray through their 2030 Vision and Plan, which aims to see more 20s and 30s joining the church, contributing and leading enthusiastically by the year 2030. May the Lord make this happen in 2026!

11 Pray for many churches to sign up for the Life '26 mission and to use **A Passion for Life**'s training resources to help encourage Christians in evangelism.

12 Pray for wisdom and godly dependence for those **Affinity** members who are involved in establishing **The Gospel Coalition UK**.

13 Rejoice with **Little Hill Church** (Leicester) for the provision of an additional pastor and pray that all the necessary arrangements will be in place for him to start with them in April.

14 Please pray for one of **UFM Worldwide**'s 'local church, global mission days', which takes place in Chippenham on 24 January. Pray too for wisdom, creativity and Christlikeness for UFM staff as they run seminars at other events in January as well.

15 Give thanks for the provision of people with the skills to update **Lovewise**'s website and to produce videos for use with church youth groups. Pray that they would soon be in a position to launch the new website and to pilot some of their new resources with youth group leaders.

16 Give thanks for good numbers coming along to **Daylight Christian Prison Trust**'s Bible Study groups in prisons, and for excellent engagement, with prisoners keen to learn more from the Bible and discuss it together.

17 Praise God for visits from school children and others to various Christmas services and events run by **Iden Green Congregational Church**. Pray that gospel seeds will bear fruit, and that there would be real hunger for truth, especially as the church gears up for Passion for Life.

18 With the low January temperatures, please pray for older people who are staying at home more than usual. Pray also for **Faith in Later Life**'s Love My Neighbour campaign, seeking to raise awareness and encourage neighbourly acts of kindness.

19 On 20 and 21 January 2026, the Court of Appeal in London will hear the appeal case of the Government's VAT policy on private school fees, which impacts the **Christian Schools Trust**'s schools. Pray for wisdom for the lawyers as they prepare.

20 Please pray for **Upton Baptist Church** (Chester) as they seek to reach out more into their local area with the gospel. Pray too that their planned building extension will benefit both church members and the local community.

21 The Pastors' Academy at **London Seminary** provides study opportunities and support to those in ministry. Pray for Matthew Mason delivering a study day in Belfast today and as he meets with pastors for individual study projects. Pray his efforts would edify those attending.

22 2026 marks **Crosslands**' 10th anniversary! Praise God for the many ways he has blessed and sustained them. Pray for wisdom as they seek to develop new and sustainable sources of funding for the future. Pray for their Winter Conference starting on 26 January.

23 **AIM**'s Cees and Mirjam Molenaar minister in Kotido, Uganda. Pray that God would make their ministry fruitful and help them both to grow in joyful dependence on the Lord. Pray too that the Lord of the harvest would send out more workers to serve among the Karimojong people.

24 Pray for those whom **Caring for Life** serves, who struggle with extremely poor mental health and/or various addictions. Pray that Caring For Life's support and care would help them overcome some of the struggles being faced; and that above all, the Holy Spirit would break in to bring peace and hope.

25 Pray for **Solas CPC**'s Andy Bannister as he delivers training at Above Bar Church in Southampton (27 Jan) and at St Andrew's Kirk Ella (29 Jan). Pray that he would honour Christ in all he does and inspire those present to share the gospel with those around them.

26 Join **Christian Concern** in praying for peers as they debate the amendment to decriminalise abortion up to birth in the House of Lords. Pray that peers who are speaking in opposition to the amendment will have courage and conviction and that their arguments will be persuasive.

27 Please pray for the **Church Society** Council meeting today, for useful discussions and wise decisions as they seek to contend for the gospel in the Church of England. Pray for Jason Ward as Chairman.

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Join **Sharing Christ Internationally** in praying for Mongolia, where real interest in the gospel is rare. SCI is making evangelistic videos, distributing Bibles and teaching the few to whom they have access. Pray God opens more hearts and brings them into contact with SCI's work.

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Pray for **SASRA**'s Scripture Readers, headquarters staff and supporters. Pray they seek the Lord in all that they do to help bring the gospel to Army and RAF personnel this year. Pray that serving personnel would respond in repentance and faith to the gospel they hear.

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Pray for the launch of the **Association of Christian Teachers**' second cohort of the 'Faithful Foundations' course this month. This course is for teachers/educators who want to think more seriously about a Biblical foundation to their work in schools.

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Pray that the Lord will bless the preaching of his word at **Trinity Road Chapel** and bring about a fruitful harvest for Jesus. Pray specifically that meeting visitors from the community may kickstart deeper relationships and further visibility as a church in our community.

