

Prayer points are provided each month by Affinity's members to encourage us to pray for another. We also include prayer requests from churches within our wider network. Please send requests to office@affinity.org.uk at least seven days before the start of the month in which you would like it to appear.

- 1 As we begin a new year, praise God for his faithfulness to **EFCC** churches. Please pray for churches that are seeking to join the EFCC and a strengthening of EFCC's desire to preach Christ and Him crucified.
- 2 Please pray for **Church Society's** Fellowship of Word and Spirit conference over the next three days on the theme of 'The God who doesn't give up'. Pray for clear, bold and edifying talks by speakers James Hughes, Aled Seago, Jason Ward, and Dave Walker.
- 3 Pray for Graham Nicholls, Director of **Affinity** as well as Pastor of Christ Church Haywards Heath. Pray for wisdom for him as he balances these two roles and that the Lord would bless both Affinity and Christ Church through Graham's leadership.
- 4 Pray for the crucial case of Felix Ngole (supported by **Christian Concern**), whose appeal is awaiting judgment. The initial ruling sets a dangerous precedent, effectively barring those who hold traditional views on marriage from working in professions that serve LGBTQI+ individuals.
- 5 Give thanks to the Lord for the team of staff he has brought together to serve at **Caring For Life**. Pray for their annual thanksgiving service this month that, as they rededicate themselves to the Lord and this work, they are inspired all the more to speak of Jesus.
- 6 Pray for **Free Church of Scotland's** Engage 2026, which is a prayer initiative calling 10,000 believers to commit to praying for ten people each to come to know Christ, bringing 100,000 lives across our nation before God in intentional, sustained prayer.
- 7 Give thanks that **Lovewise** can exhibit at the Northern Women's Convention in Stockton today. Pray for Julie Maxwell as she leads a seminar on 'Truth and Love', exploring how we speak the truth in love to children and young people on the subject of gender and identity.
- 8 Please pray for those seeking believers' baptism at **Peterhead Congregational Church**. Pray for the church as they enter a new year of outreach and as they hold their women's conference and welcome a guest preacher in late March.
- 9 Please pray for **Solas Centre's** Steve Osmond who is leading CU missions at two universities: Aberdeen (today until 13th February) and Strathclyde (16th-20th February). Please pray for increased financial support to enable Solas to be able to continue this ministry.
- 10 Pray for **Affinity's** Social Issues Bulletin team, meeting in London today. Pray for wisdom as they decide the content and assigns authors for the Bulletin's next edition. You can read the latest edition of the Bulletin at affinity.org.uk/app/uploads/2026/01/SIB-Winter-2026.pdf.
- 11 Pray for the 1,140,000 Tanala of Madagascar who live in hard-to-reach areas. **AIM** workers recently showed the *Jesus* film in the villages of Midongy and Befotaka. The reactions were incredible! Please pray for strength and courage for the new brothers and sisters in Christ.
- 12 **Little Hill Church** (Leicester) are hosting a Christian Institute meeting today and Dr Lesley Rowe is giving a Church History Lecture on Isaac Watts on 23rd. Pray that both events will be informative and spiritually helpful.
- 13 Pray for **Lovewise's** Chris Richards today as he gives a talk on 'Purity' at a local ministry event in Newcastle for men aged 16+.

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- 14** Give thanks for the relationships between **SASRA**'s Scripture Readers and Chaplains. Pray that the Lord would continue to build, sustain, guide and protect relationships between the Scripture Readers and Chaplains as they work together to share the gospel with the military.
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- 15** This is the time of year when potential ministers consider training for ministry in September. Pray for the UK's theological colleges, especially for **London Seminary** and its programme of Visit Days for those who are making decisions about the future.
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- 16** **Affinity** is about to relaunch its podcast. Give thanks for all the contributors, particularly our own Graham Nicholls and ACT's Lizzie Harewood. Pray that the podcast's focus on the heart of gospel ministry and church unity will be a blessing to participants and listeners alike.
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- 17** Pray with the **Christian Schools' Trust** that the outcome from the VAT case is recognised as unfair and that their Christian Schools will be successful in turning the tide on this issue.
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- 18** **Solas Centre**'s Andy Bannister and Gavin Matthews have been asked to write a new evangelistic resource by 10ofThose. As they begin drafting this, please pray that God helps them produce something which is pleasing to him and helpful for those who will use it.
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- 19** Pray with **Faith in Later Life** for people who are living with dementia, and for family members and friends who support them day to day. Please pray that they would experience God's love through his word, by his Spirit, and through his church.
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- 20** Pray for the inaugural **Didasko Churches Conference** on 21st March in Stirling with Paul Levy (IPC Ealing) and Isaac Shaw (Delhi Bible Institute) as the main speakers. Pray for long-lasting fruit from this key time of shared fellowship for the seven churches in the presbytery.
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- 21** Pray for the women of the **True Freedom Trust** as they gather for their annual conference today with BCUK's Helen Thorne-Allenson speaking on the theme of 'Suffering & Sanctification'. Pray for two other speaking engagements which TFT is running this month.
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- 22** Pray for Affinity's member organisations **Christian Focus Publications**, **Day One Christian Ministries**, **Grace Publications Trust** and **Praise Trust**. Pray for growing faith, wisdom and creativity for their writers, and for their resources to bear fruit where it's most needed.
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- 23** Please pray for Ryan King who was recently appointed Ministry Coordinator of **Grace Baptist Partnership**. Pray for him as he settles into this new role and as he balances it with his pastoral responsibilities at Grace Baptist Church Wood Green.
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- 24** **Release International** will be appearing at the FIEC's inaugural Rising Lights event in April. Pray for all the preparation for this – particularly for those overseas speakers who will be sharing their stories, that they will have a lasting impact on all who hear.
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- 25** In Bhutan, it's common for the Bible to be confused with Christian teaching. Pray for volunteers from **Sharing Christ Internationally** who are working with a translator to produce a Bible for Bhutan which clarifies the distinctions between Christianity and Buddhism.
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- 26** Give thanks with **crossteach** for open doors for the gospel and the good relationships they have with schools in Kent, Warwickshire, London, Nottingham and Cambridgeshire! Give thanks for crossteach's 25th anniversary this year and pray for their celebrations in May.
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- 27** **Iden Green Congregational Church** will be running a Passion for Life mission in early March. Pray for many visitors to and for lasting fruit from each event. Pray too for their "Rewind to Easter" event for their local primary school the following week.
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- 28** Give thanks for Affinity's many member organisations whose staff, volunteers and supporters are working hard to share the gospel overseas. Pray particularly for courage, protection and resilience for those working in isolated and/or dangerous places.
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