

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 Please join **Faith in Later Life** in praying that many older people would respond to invitations and attend Easter services and events this month. Please pray that each one would come to know God's love for them personally and put their faith in Jesus.
- 2 Join **Trinity Road Chapel** in giving thanks for several visitors over the last month. Pray with them that these are early signs of church growth. Pray also for their plans to run Christianity Explored after Easter: pray for sign ups and that attendees would come to know Jesus.
- 3 Pray for the **Solas Centre**'s engagement with different events across the UK this month. Pray for Gavin Matthews as he speaks at the Good Friday service at Highland International Church today and for Steve Osmond speaking at Loch Leven Church on 12th April.
- 4 Give thanks for Series 2 of the **Affinity** podcast. Praise God for the grace, wisdom and passion he's given to each one of our participants as well as to hosts Graham Nicholls and Lizzie Harewood. Pray the series provides both encouragement and challenge to our listeners.
- 5 Pray for the Lord to provide guidance and clarity for those considering applying to **Crosslands Seminary** this September – and that he would gently prompt those yet to consider it. Do also pray for Jesus-rooted hearts and eager minds for the Basecamp learners starting after Easter.
- 6 Please pray for Rising Lights, the **FIEC**'s new Easter event in Torquay, which starts today with around 2,500 coming for a week to hear God's word, rest, and be refreshed.
- 7 Starting today, **BCM International UK** are running a four-day Christian holiday for around 40 children at the Windmill Centre, Arbroath. Pray for fun, safety and for the staff and children to draw closer to Jesus as they learn about him through the Beatitudes.
- 8 **Release International** is leading the main evening event at Rising Lights tonight. Pray for those contributing on the stage, and that all those in the main hall will find it engaging and will want to respond.
- 9 Join **UFM** in giving thanks for the new long-term mission partners (>30) who have joined them in this last financial year. Pray for the team to serve both new and existing mission partners well. Pray for the new mission partners as they begin the transition to serving with UFM.
- 10 Give thanks for the establishment of the **Free Church of Scotland**'s Centre for Rural Ministry and for those who labour to support and equip ministers, elders and congregations across rural communities. Praise God for the faithful and persevering witness of rural congregations.
- 11 Pray for the **EFCC** as they release a new resource helping churches in calling pastors. Pray that the Lord will use it and the risen and exalted Christ will continue to give the gift of pastors to his churches.
- 12 Pray God to lead and guide the **Christian Schools Trust** through his Spirit as they seek to work together more strategically and collaboratively as a network of schools.
- 13 Pray for **Mount Elim Evangelical Church**, Pontardawe (**AECW**). The church's building is nearing completion but recently thieves stole a lot of copper as well as damaging the electrics. Pray that this sad event ends up drawing people to the church and to the Saviour.

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- 14** Join **A Passion for Life** in praising God for hundreds of churches sharing the gospel last month. Pray that these churches follow up well with their guests. Pray too for courses being run across the country, and for those churches who are running missions later in the year.
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- 15** Praise God for **Caring for Life's** incredibly generous supporters. Pray that the Lord will sustain their ministry both financially and by safeguarding the team's freedom to share the gospel with beneficiaries. Pray too for wisdom for those having gospel conversations.
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- 16** Please pray for the Closing Service of the current academic year at the **Reformed Theological College** (Ireland) today. Give thanks for an encouraging year with their five students.
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- 17** Give thanks with **Christian Concern** for victories in the cases of nurse Jennifer Melle and the Darlington Nurses. Pray for NHS policies to change so that women's spaces are protected and biological men may not change in women's changing rooms or use female toilets.
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- 18** Pray for **Little Hill Church Leicester's** new additional Pastor, Ben Daly, whose induction service is today. Pray for his house move, on-the-job training, and a long and fruitful ministry.
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- 19** Pray for **Cornerstone Adoption and Fostering** as, God willing, their new Foundations Matter and Adoption branches soon begin to approve their first households! Pray for divine sustaining of Cornerstone's staff and for God's blessing on the children and their new households.
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- 20** This is the season when churches often send pastors on sabbaticals, or brief study breaks and study projects. Pray for pastors engaging in study projects at the Pastors' Academy at **London Seminary**, and specifically for those auditing the ThM week with Garry Williams in June.
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- 21** Pray the Lord opens doors for **SASRA** to deepen relationships with their partner churches. Pray for encouraging church visits and that churches will commit to supporting SASRA financially and in prayer as their Scripture Readers take the gospel into Army and RAF bases.
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- 22** Pray with **Sharing Christ Internationally** for a Mongolian couple who use social media to share the gospel with their compatriots. Pray for the Lord to bless their ministry as they continue to advocate against evangelism being a syncretism of Christianity and Buddhism.
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- 23** Pray for Andy Bannister and the team at the **Solas Centre** as they engage with events in Southampton (today), in Cowplain (25th-26th April) and in Aylesbury (30th April). Pray for safety in travel and for talks to be full of faith, hope and love.
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- 24** Give thanks for the voluntary workers of the **True Freedom Trust**, particularly as they meet for a residential training weekend this month (starting today). Pray they would continue to offer compassionate, biblical support to those experiencing same-sex attraction.
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- 25** Please pray for the **Grace Baptist Partnership** Prayer and Praise Gathering today (25th April) at Grace Baptist Church Edinburgh. Please pray especially for Kevin Felix-Hollington as he preaches.
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- 26** Please pray for the ministry of **Church Society Trust** as they hold patronage board meeting today. Pray for good evangelical appointments in all of their patronage churches, and for their Chairman, Revd Paul Darlington.
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- 27** **100Fold's** Open Word app is in the final stages of testing with good feedback. It records English preaching and translates to one of 150 languages or so in both text and audio. Pray for the team as they work on it more readily available following a few weeks of wider use.
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- 28** Give thanks for those applying to study at **Oak Hill** this September. Pray for them as they write application forms, attend interviews and then prepare to study, whether full-time on site or on one of the part-time flexible options. Pray for more applications in the coming months.
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Give thanks for **Affinity**'s staff team – Graham Nicholls, Rachel Land and Fran Kirby – and pray for the Lord to bless and sustain each of them as they balance their part-time roles with Affinity with other commitments.

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Join **Cornerstone Adoption and Fostering** in praying for those going through assessment for adoption or fostering – that applicants would be encouraged and built up during the process. Pray too for wisdom and guidance for those doing the assessments.

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