

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 Pray with **Christian Concern** for Bread of Life Community Church in Essex which is appealing a Community Protection Notice (CPN) that would prevent them from doing outreach in Colchester town centre. The appeal against the CPN is set to be heard today.

 - 2 Give thanks that **Lovewise** can take part in Bible by the Beach (1st-4th May). Pray for wisdom for Julie Maxwell as she shares our resources and takes part in a Q&A panel. Pray that God uses her to equip Christians thinking through issues around relationships, marriage and sex.

 - 3 Pray with **Little Hill Church** in Leicester for the two people being baptised today and for others considering baptism.

 - 4 Please pray for the **FIEC's** retreats for women this month: Thrive (women in ministry) and Ministry Wives Retreat (for women married to men in ministry). Pray that the women who attend would be refreshed, encouraged and spurred on to serve in their local church.

 - 5 5 May is the International Day of the Midwife and 12 May is International Nurses' Day. Join **Christian Medical Fellowship** in praying for Christians working in nursing and midwifery to be salt and light as they care for new mothers, their babies, and the sick and dying.

 - 6 Pray with **A Passion for Life** for churches as they follow-up after a period of mission, that those who encountered the Lord at events and services would find themselves drawn in to the company of God's people and find their fascination turn to faith.

 - 7 7-10 May is the **Christian Medical Fellowship's** national conference. 400 people are gathering for three days of fellowship and exploring how the gospel shapes our work as medics and nurses. Pray for speakers Piyush Jani and Sharon Dirckx.

 - 8 This month, **Cornerstone's** Scottish Fostering Panel will meet for the first time, as will our Adoption Panel! Pray for unity, wisdom and discernment for all of our Panel members, and also that the families attending will know God's blessing throughout this Panel process.

 - 9 Pray for the **AECW** Annual Conference today at Newtown Evangelical Church. The theme for the day is "Keeping the heart" and the main speaker is Phil Heaps. Mark Newham of UFM will speak at the World Mission session.

 - 10 Join **Wycliffe Bible Translators** in praying for Jim*, serving the Fini people in Eurasia. He's checking Luke's Gospel with community members. In this hostile environment, pray for God's protection over Jim's team and their work to bring Christ's light to shine on those in darkness.

 - 11 During Mental Health Awareness Week pray for those in the military struggling with mental health difficulties. Pray that God guards and guides **SASRA's** Scripture Readers as they support military personnel with mental health struggles and as they seek to share the gospel.

 - 12 Pray for **UFM's** webinar (all welcome) happening tomorrow (13th May) called "The Cutting Edge of the Great Commission" which looks at reaching diaspora communities in the UK. See <https://www.ufm.org.uk/about/events/church-leaders-webinars/> for more details.

 - 13 Please do pray for teachers as they help to prepare their students for exams (and for Scottish students who have already started their highers), and for **ACT** as it seeks to develop the Living for Jesus in Education resource.
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- 14** Please pray today for the **Church Society** Council meeting today, for useful discussions and wise decisions as they seek to contend for gospel ministry in the Church of England. Pray for Jason Ward as Chairman.
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- 15** Praise God with **AIM** that, among North Africa's 25-36 million Amazigh, new believers want to share their faith with their communities and many women have come to Christ. Pray believers remain courageous in their gospel witness. Pray the Lord brings many more to faith.
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- 16** Pray for the energy, wisdom and joy for the team at **Solas CPC** as they host and speak at their Confident Christianity Conferences in Inverness and Salford today (16th May). Pray for Gavin Matthews as he speaks in Salford at Elmwood Church tomorrow.
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- 17** Join the **Christian Schools Trust** in praying for all Christian schools, whether established, embryonic or new. Pray for those in leadership to hold fast to the vision that God has given them and to stand firm through this unstable season.
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- 18** Please pray for the students at the **Reformed Theological College** as they preach for the College Committee today, tomorrow and 26 May, and later receive feedback on their sermons.
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- 19** Pray for **London Seminary** as they seek to train and encourage women engaged in ministry. Flourish Plus (for those who have completed two years of the Flourish course) is today. The Flourish course takes place tomorrow and the Seminary women's day is Saturday 30 May.
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- 20** Pray that the Lord provides the right person to join the **Free Church of Scotland's** finance team, in the Central Office, as a finance officer / accountant. Please pray that this role would bless the wider denomination as the finance team seeks to manage church finances well.
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- 21** Praise God for 25 years of **crossteach** teaching about the Christian faith in schools. Please pray for the preparation of their local celebrations in Kent, Warwickshire, London, Cambridgeshire and Nottingham.
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- 22** Pray with **Faith in Later Life** for seniors ministries in rural areas: for encouragement and strong local support; for wisdom and creativity among churches serving scattered communities; and for older people to know friendship and God's concern for them.
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- 23** Pray for **Release International** CEO Paul Robinson and a team of supporters who are preparing to walk up Scafell Pike in the dark with a large wooden cross next month. Pray that their climb succeeds in raising awareness of the persecution of Christians.
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- 24** It's Pentecost Sunday! Join **Wycliffe Bible Translators** in praying for the day when all people will be able to experience the Holy Spirit working through God's word in the language they understand best. 20% of the world's population still don't have the Bible in their own language.
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- 25** Give thanks to the Lord for **Caring For Life's** ministry to take the gospel to hurting and isolated individuals in Leeds. Pray for all the staff and volunteers who serve there, that they don't lose heart or grow weary but are spurred on to share the gospel in all they do.
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- 26** Mongolia's 3.3 million people are strongly interconnected. That means that Mongolians have seen the strong tensions between evangelical missions for over 30 years. Pray with **Sharing Christ Internationally** for every attempt to address these tensions and move towards unity.
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- 27** Please pray with **Edward Connor** for a senior employment lawyer to join them. They want to better serve churches and charities and are missing this vital cog to give Christian legal expertise where it is most needed.
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- 28** Pray with **Oak Hill College** for the Lord to raise up additional men and women to serve on their College Council. Give thanks for those who serve in this way currently and pray that they would have wisdom and discernment in all they do.
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29 Pray for **Grace Baptist Association**'s Jamie Southcombe and Andrew King who are taking 16 men to a ten-day intensive conference at Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Washington DC. Pray for safe travels, deep learning and warm fellowship and connections.

30 Pray with **Peterhead Congregational Church** for their outreach event with Cairns Ministry today. Pray too for those who got baptised at the beginning of the month – give thanks for Jesus' work in their lives and pray that he would help them to delight in him every day.

31 Give thanks for Max who has recently begun to use **Daylight**'s letter writing ministry. He has been in prison for a few years and does not have much contact with the outside world. He says, "Having someone to write to means more than you can possibly ever realise".

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