

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 Partners, Associates and Churches. If you wish information for prayer to be included in the Prayer Calendar please send it to us at least 10 days before the end of the month in which you would like it to appear.

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- 1** The **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland (RPCI)** will be holding 4 week-long Junior Camps at the beginning of August, with a mixture of online content and in-person meet-ups. Pray for the leaders and for all who take part.
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- 2** The decades-old conflict and dispute over land and borders continues between Israel and Palestine. A solution seems a long way off. **Frontiers** ask us to pray for more workers who are needed to bring the good news of reconciliation, repentance and the forgiveness of sins (2 Cor 5:15). For more prayer fuel go to <https://www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php>
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- 3** The **Evangelical Movement of Wales** ask prayer for their Summer Conferences. They are thrilled to be able to run conferences this summer, as they seek to bring Christians together for fellowship and worship under the Word. Please pray for Sinclair Ferguson and Derrick Adams who are the main speakers.
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- 4** Pray for **BCM (UK)** as they remain uncertain as to what will be the position regarding their school clubs for the new academic year. Pray that they might have favour with the authorities and wisdom in requesting that these clubs will reopen for the new term.
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- 5** **Oak Hill Theological College** ask us to pray for their final year students, as they move to new churches, homes, communities and schools. Please pray they would settle quickly into new roles and serve the Lord faithfully. Pray also for those who attended their season of Summer Intensives, their School of Theology and Refresher events. Please pray for them as they apply what they have learned to their ministry.
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- 6** **Christian Concern** ask us to pray for staff to be refreshed spiritually and physically as many of them take time out this month. Pray, too, for the organisation and preparation for the Wilberforce Academy in early September.
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- 7** **OSCAR** has two exhibitions planned for August: one at Bangor Worldwide in Northern Ireland and one at David's Tent in West Sussex. Pray that both will go safely under the circumstances.
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- 8** Please pray for gospel fruit from the many summer camps and missions that are still able to go ahead across the **UFM Worldwide** family. As restrictions ease across the UK, many are facing the worst period of the pandemic in other parts of the world. Please pray for God's sustaining grace and for open doors of opportunity for the gospel.
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- 9** After a very demanding few months, Peter Cranch, pastor of **Blenheim Free Church (FIEC)**, Maidenhead, will take some holiday with his family. Please pray for him, for refreshment, renewal and a well-earned rest.
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- 10** **Little Hill Church**, Leicester, ask us to pray for a significant number to return to worship in their building and great joy as they meet and sing together. Pray also for patience with those who are still struggling to return due to Covid anxieties.
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Please pray for Tony Merida's timely book '*Love your Church*'. **The Good Book Company's** prayer is that the Lord would use this book and the free resources around it to help pastors to encourage their congregations to come back to meet in person together again after months of disruption.

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Please pray for **Cornerstone Adoption & Fostering Agency's** ongoing court case to be resolved in their favour. Pray, too, for the Cornerstone holiday at the Jonas Centre in Wensleydale this month, for peace and safety and a good time to be had by all. Finally, school holidays are always a challenge for the children being out of routine etc., so please pray that they and their carers survive and thrive over the holidays.

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Pray that **Christian Safeguarding Services'** charity status will come through over the summer. And give thanks that they have recently seen a huge growth in churches coming to them for all their safeguarding needs.

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Pray for our **Union School of Theology's** new ministry called Newton House focusing on doctrinal research. Also, thank God for Union's new faculty member, Gary McKee, joining them this month.

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Praise Trust give thanks that we can sing again! Give thanks that the revamp to their website has been completed. Pray that this will be an important resource for churches in the coming months.

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Give thanks for the team of writers and contributors at **True Freedom Trust** who regularly produce resources for the website and quarterly magazine. Pray that the content produced would help to equip the church to speak sensitively in the areas of sexuality and gender, while sharing the good news the gospel has for all.

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Time for Change Ministries ask us to pray that Prison Chaplains will order copies of *The Promised Child* book ready to give to prisoners in December. Gillian will be printing and distributing the books during August and September. Please pray for inspiration and guidance for Gillian as she writes new material for use in prisons, including a series of Bible studies from John's gospel and some booklets.

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Sharing Christ Internationally asks us to give thanks to God for the tens of thousands of unsaved Mongolians who keenly view evangelistic video Bibles talks, and asks for prayer that God will bring many to repentance of the heart before a holy God and saving faith in Jesus Christ.

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Edward Connor Solicitors give thanks to God for the provision of new staff. Please pray for them as they settle in. Please also pray for their recruitment of a property lawyer/conveyancer.

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Give thanks that **Daylight Christian Prison Trust's** chaplains continue to have encouraging conversations with individual prisoners who are keen to know more about spiritual things. Please pray that this contact will be used to speak to them.

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ReachAcross ask prayer that applications from potential candidates will come in as they consider serving the Lord overseas. Pray that the ongoing pandemic overseas and travel restrictions will not put a barrier in people's minds and spirits to serving overseas.

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Please pray for the **Grace Baptist Partnership** Conference, 24-26 August, at Swanwick as more than 200 persons attend to listen to ministry from Ali McLachlan, Barry King, Chola Mukanga, Hezron Muwowo, Jonathan Armstrong, Kevin Felix-Hollington and Steve Burton. The conference theme is 'We Shall But Die: Clear thinking in calamitous times'.

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Pray that **Crossteach** would prepare well for September, including their national 'Back to School' training days, and that they will end their financial year with the money needed to be able to start 2021/22 in a healthy financial position.

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Pray for the families who receive *Connect Junior*, **AIM's** magazine for children. Pray that the stories, facts, activities & information to help them pray for Africa's people & missionaries would inspire a new generation for mission. (<https://eu.aimint.org/getinvolved/publications/connectjunior/>)

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Pray for the **London Seminary Pastors' Academy** pastoral support team, led by John Benton, providing support for pastors who are struggling in ministry.

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Give thanks for a very encouraging response from the community to evangelistic events organised by **AECW** churches in South Wales as Covid-19 restrictions have eased. Pray for the follow-up with the new contacts.

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Barnabas Fund encourages prayer for the ongoing work to reach people who have not yet heard the gospel. Translations of the Bible are continuing into rarer languages, and Bibles/New Testaments are being distributed to more unreached people groups.

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Please pray for the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)** church at Ruiton. They have had significant issues with Arianism, which has, by God's grace, been completely removed. The church has now called Grant Lawley as their new pastor, the first in twenty-five years. Praise God for his kindness, and pray with them that the Lord will pour out blessing.

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Please pray for the **Access Insurance** team as they continue to grow, build new relationships, and serve thousands of churches and Christian ministries across the UK.

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The Jubilee Centre ask us to pray for wisdom and discernment for those serving in the public arena – for decision makers to seek the common good and allow their decisions to be shaped by integrity.

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SASRA ask us to pray on for the ministry of their Scripture Readers. Give thanks that they can circulate round their camps more freely since restrictions have eased. Ask that the Lord would guide them to the right people at the right times and that he would provide good soil for the seed to be sown.

If you would like more information about the Affinity Partners and Associates mentioned in the Prayer Calendar, you will find their website addresses on the Affinity website – www.affinity.org.uk.

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