

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 first week of November is **Barnabas Fund's** Suffering Church Action and Awareness Week. Please pray that the plight of our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ will become better known amongst believers in the UK, and that more will commit to regular intercessory prayer for them. The theme this year is "God's Faithfulness in Times of Suffering" based on Isaiah 40:1-11. For more information and to download resources for use in a Sunday service or other group meeting, go to <http://barnabasfund.org/scaaw>

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**2** Please pray for the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)** Ministers' Prayer Conference this week, that the Lord will refresh those attending with his holy presence and bless their fellowship together as pastors.

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**3** There has been a significant growth in the number of Muslim background believers in the Middle East in the last decade. **Frontiers** ask us to rejoice and pray for even more fruit in this region, particularly Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, Syria and the territories of Gaza and the West Bank. Pray for a change in the spiritual foundation of these places, and that those deeply wounded by the tragedy of war and conflict would know the healing and forgiveness that comes through a relationship with Jesus. Go to [www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php](http://www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php) for more prayer fuel. Finally, thank you for praying for the Candidates Course and a very fruitful North Africa trip last month.

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**4** Please pray for enquirers and applicants to UK **ReachAcross** for service both in the UK and overseas. Muslim populations make up a huge proportion of unreached peoples everywhere, and so they pray for all who hear this to pray sincerely as to how they may reach this group of people with the gospel. Contact <https://uk.reachacross.net> for a chat if you would like to find out more.

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**5** As we approach Remembrance Day, pray that **SASRA** would circulate their resources well and raise the profile of the Association amongst churches. Pray that many would see the urgency of the work and choose to support them.

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**6** On Monday evenings throughout November, **True Freedom Trust** is running a series of workshops for church leaders on good pastoral care for people who experience same-sex attraction. Pray these workshops would help give those who attend confidence in the goodness of the gospel as they hear the testimony of others.

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**7** Pray for **Brian Edwards** as he speaks today at Coldharbour Evangelical Free Church in London on the subject of revival (five churches are meeting together).

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**8** Give thanks that churches can sing together! Pray for **Praise Trust** as they seek to appoint two new trustees, and also recruit a Web and IT administrator in developing their work to serve churches across the UK and beyond.

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**9** Pray for Rev Donnie G MacDonald, past Moderator of the **Free Church of Scotland**, who has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. He has responded well to the first round of chemotherapy.

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# 10

**Little Hill Church**, Leicestershire, ask us to pray for their Remembrance Day event tomorrow: The Story of Two Crosses (Tim Coltman speaking about his great grandfather's Victoria Cross and the Cross of Christ).

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# 11

The government promised to bring out a consultation on banning so-called 'conversion therapy' by the end of October. **Christian Concern** ask us to pray that many Christians and others respond to the consultation and show the government that it would be wrong to go down this route. (The government did drop gender self-id so they may be persuaded to drop this too.)

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# 12

Pray for the **Good Book Company's** new warehouse team members as they head into the busy Autumn period in the run-up to Christmas.

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# 13

*Seeds of Change: Avenues for Action* is a week of free online events by **Jubilee Centre**, to explore practical responses to the issues generated by the Covid-19 pandemic. The five daily sessions (4-5.30pm, 22-26 November) will showcase avenues for action in key areas, from business and finance to agriculture and technology. Subjects will include: "Government deficits, QE forever and the 'magic money tree'". Contact: [m.wilde@jubilee-centre.org](mailto:m.wilde@jubilee-centre.org)

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# 14

As churches plan for Christmas, **Faith in Later Life** ask us to pray for those involved in seniors ministry in churches as they make sure that older people are not forgotten in the planning. Pray for all-age ideas to include the oldest as well as the very youngest: [www.faithinlaterlife.org](http://www.faithinlaterlife.org)

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# 15

Pray for the **AECW** Ministers' Consultation meeting at Hebron Hall today and tomorrow. One of the main focuses will be revitalising their churches post-pandemic in order to reach out to people in our communities who have been traumatised by Covid.

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# 16

**Cornerstone Fostering and Adoption Agency** are continuing their legal fight with Ofsted. Their legal team have asked permission to appeal to the Supreme Court. Please pray for a good outcome and for the body of Christ to take up the challenge to foster and adopt as part of its missional calling.

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# 17

Please pray for the MICEB (Christian Evangelical Mission in Brazil) conference happening in Brazil, 17-20 November. This is a hugely significant gathering as the historic Western mission structures of **UFM**, Crossworld (American) and SAM Global (Swiss) in Brazil are passed to Brazilian leadership. Give thanks for the many years of faithful mission history and pray for more fruit to still come.

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# 18

Pray for new **International Presbyterian Church** plants which have started in Chester and Hammersmith.

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# 19

**Christian Focus Publications** ask us to pray that, as borders open up and restrictions reduce, they might have the Lord's guidance regarding travel for their sales and marketing events.

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# 20

Today the **Free Church of Scotland** is running a conference on rural ministry. Please pray that rural areas will be significant in their prayers and effort.

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# 21

**Daylight Christian Prison Trust** give thanks for prison officers who have been engaging with services and Bible studies and asking good questions about spiritual things. Please pray for the Lord to work in their hearts.

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# 22

Pray for the growing ministry of the Pastors' Academy at **London Seminary**, that study opportunities and pastoral care would be a great help and encouragement to church leaders.

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# 23

Now that schools are back COVID-19 is affecting more and more children. **Blenheim Free Church** (FIEC), Maidenhead ask us to pray that the precautions taken for their Sunday School will be effective in preventing the spread among the children and their families and teachers.

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# 24

Pray for the **Evangelical Movement of Wales** as they prepare to send out copies of their new bilingual evangelistic magazine in time for this Christmas. The Ask/Holi magazine was widely used last year by churches and individuals from all parts of Wales. Pray that copies would be seen and read by many spiritually-needy people in the coming days and that local churches would have many significant gospel opportunities as a result.

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# 25

Pray for the churches of the **Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ireland** who are currently without a minister. Pray that the Lord will provide pastors for the flock in due time.

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# 26

**Africa Inland Mission** have been working on a new resource area of their website to equip and provide resources for churches and individuals exploring what God has to say about mission, including Bible studies, service outlines, videos, podcasts and children's materials ([eu.aimint.org/resources](http://eu.aimint.org/resources)). Please pray that the resources that they provide would be helpful for churches and engage them in God's mission for the world.

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# 27

**Access Insurance** ask us to pray for them as they help and serve churches and charities, and as they seek to give to charities that enable Kingdom work.

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# 28

Please pray for effective and fruitful Christmas outreach at **Iden Green Congregational Church**, Kent.

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# 29

**Grace Baptist Partnership** would value prayer for an initiative to replant a Baptist church in Wimbledon in early 2022. Pray especially regarding the selection of a team leader and the provision of finance for the project.

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# 30

**Sharing Christ Internationally** asks us to pray for Mongolia. Whilst last month there were an amazing 47,000 views of a realistic Bible video on repentance produced by Bible Society of Mongolia, there was a poor response in terms of those asking for help or more information. Pray for a growing interest in the Bible in Mongolia and an understanding of the fear of God.

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***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](http://www.affinity.org.uk).***

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