

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 **Reach Across** encourages us to pray for Muslims in this month of April. Pray for the Lord to reveal himself to Muslims during the month of Ramadan which runs from 2 April to 2 May and show them the salvation of Jesus. Pray that Christians will be bold to befriend, show love toward, and engage in conversation with, Muslims who are in their local area and near to their daily life. Pray for ReachAcross workers who are engaged in evangelism to Muslims, especially at this spiritually heavy time.

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  - 2 Pray for **Caergwrle Evangelical Church**, near Wrexham, as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Gwilym Roberts, their founding pastor, was one of the "Clwyd Five". Pray also for Stuart Olyott who is providing ministry and oversight for the church as they seek a new pastor.

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  - 3 Please pray for **Little Hill Church's** International Student Service this morning (3 April). Pray that a good number will hear the gospel and for opportunities to follow up in conversations over lunch.

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  - 4 **BCM's** Spring Breakout will be happening over the next few days (4 - 7 April), please pray for this residential holiday for children. They will be focusing on the life of Abraham with the theme 'my best friend forever'.

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  - 5 **London Seminary** has a few events happening this month starting with the Plant course – which brings church planters together – happening tomorrow. Pray that those who attend will build mutually encouraging relationships with each other. Please pray also for the Midlands Flourish day training which is aimed at those involved in ministry to women happening on 25 April.

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  - 6 **York Evangelical Church** have their church weekend away this weekend (8 - 10 April) – praise God for a high proportion of members and friends who have signed up to attend. They also ask that we pray for their Easter Sunday service (17 April) and the baptisms happening then and their 40th Anniversary celebration (24 April) when John Stevens will be speaking.

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  - 7 Give thanks to the Lord for two new pastors in **EFCC** churches last month. Moses Tutesigensi has been called to Castle Street, Tredegar. And Ross Wilkinson has been called to Alderholt Chapel.

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  - 8 Join with the **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland** in giving thanks that two men who have recently completed their Theological training are due to be ordained and installed as ministers this month. Pray for these men, John Coulter and Paul Wallace, as they begin their ministries.

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  - 9 We're currently one week into the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, where Muslims fast to please Allah and seek his mercy. During Ramadan, **Africa Inland Mission's** missionaries in areas that are predominantly Muslim often get asked whether they will be fasting for Ramadan. Please pray that God will give them the right things to say in response and that they will be able to speak of how we can relate to God based on his grace instead of needing to be good enough for him.
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**10** **Peterhead Congregational Church** ask us to pray for Holy Week services which are happening every lunchtime. Pray that God will use these services for his glory and bless their outreach efforts into the community.

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**11** This week (11 - 14 April) Andy Bannister, Director of **Solas**, is speaking at Spring Harvest. He will be training many hundreds of Christians to speak about their faith in Jesus in sessions on conversational evangelism, Islam and 'Is Christianity Repressive?' – examining one of the great push-backs against Christianity. Please pray that these sessions bear much fruit. Please pray also that many people will be drawn to Solas resources and encounter God's truth here through them.

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**12** Two weeks ago MPs voted to make DIY abortion permanent in England. This will have dire consequences for vulnerable women, who will be pressured into abortions they don't want and not given proper face to face checks to make sure it is safe. Pray with **Christian Concern** that the church will bring the hope of Jesus to our communities and be ready to support women in crisis pregnancies and all those who have been harmed by abortion.

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**13** Please pray for **Droylsden Church** in Manchester as they consider revitalisation options. Praise God for the faithful and mission-minded members and pray with them that the Lord will bless the church with gospel fruit.

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**14** The **Grace Baptist Partnership** ask that we pray for a church replant in Wimbledon which is launching this weekend (15 - 17 April). Pray for Alun Ebenezer, Chola Mukanga and Barry King who will be speaking at various services.

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**15** This **Good Friday** many churches are meeting together to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us. Please pray for these services across the UK and that those attending will feel the weight of their sin and their desperate need for a saviour and will turn to king Jesus for their salvation.

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**16** Please pray for **UFM** and all those involved in refugee ministry in Eastern Europe and in liaising with brothers and sisters on the ground in Ukraine. Please pray too for help in UFM's efforts to match Ukrainian refugees with Christian host families here in the UK.

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**17** Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Praise God that death has been defeated through the resurrection of his son. Pray for **Easter services** happening all across the UK and Ireland, that the hope that only Jesus brings will be preached with boldness and clarity.

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**18** Jamal makes the daggers that most Yemeni men wear. They are rarely drawn in violence but serve as symbols of identity, honour, and peace. Usually, disputes are resolved by relinquishing the blades to a mediator. Jamal knows that the daggers cannot bring peace to his country torn by civil war since 2014. **Frontiers** ask that we pray that Jamal other Yemenis will meet the true source of peace – the Prince of Peace.

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**19** Recent months have seen a wave of anti-Christian persecution in various parts of India with extremists disrupting church meetings, burning Christian literature, attacking schools and assaulting worshippers. Yet faithful Christians continue to worship and witness, and non-Christians continue to be drawn to Christ. Please pray for **Barnabas Fund** as they work to strengthen Christians across India and that the Church will continue to grow both in states where there is much persecution and in those where there is freedom and safety.

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**20** Pray for the churches and charities **Access Insurance** help - particularly those at the moment who seek to provide relief, prayer and aid to those in Ukraine and neighbouring countries.

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**21** Pray that **SASRA** Scripture Readers would point individuals to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords as they get alongside high-readiness troops and service personnel who feel weighed down by the events in Eastern Europe.

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**22** **True Freedom Trust** are bringing their new day conference 'Steadfast' to two UK cities this month. They'll be in Edinburgh tomorrow (23 April) and Belfast next week (30 April). Pray that those who attend would be blessed by teaching from the Psalms as they consider how to remain rooted in God through all kinds of trials.

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**23** Pray for the **Oak Hill College** Open Morning happening today (23 April). Please pray for all who attend, that they will know the Lord's leading as they discern what the right next step is.

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**24** Recently a club for secondary school children has started at **Blenheim Free Church, Maidenhead**, please pray that this will encourage the children who attend to live godly lives in our secular society.

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**25** Pray for the **Church Society's** Priscilla Programme, an online training course for women, run by Ros Clarke, Associate Director of Church Society, in partnership with Union School of Theology. Pray for the students beginning a new term today, that the course would help equip them for service in their local churches.

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**26** As schools reopen fully **Crossteach** are getting very busy again. Please pray for the provision of workers as they recruit volunteers. Please pray too for the financial support Crossteach needs to sustain their work in schools.

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**27** Pray for **Cornerstone Adoption and Fostering Services** as they continue to wait for the outcome of the decision of the UK Supreme Court as to whether we will be able to have their case heard. Pray also for the events Cornerstone are hosting in Scotland over the next few months to promote Foundations Matter, their new service in Scotland. Lastly please pray that Cornerstone will be able to help children here in the UK as well as child refugees and unaccompanied asylum seeker minors.

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**28** Please pray for the **Jubilee Centre** as it renews for a new chapter of life. The Centre's mission remains the same – to bring a biblical vision to bear on our national life – but is focusing its work with Christians and churches across the UK to build a national movement for 'good business, a fair economy and dignified work'. Pray for a new depth of Christian discipleship in the marketplace that will bring a wave of reform and witness to our nation.

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**29** Join the **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** in giving thanks for continued opportunities to run Bible studies with small groups of prisoners. Please pray that these will be used to speak to those who come along.

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**30** Booking for the 2022 **International Presbyterian Church** Catalyst Conference has recently opened, it will be hosted in London on the 14 - 16 June. Please pray for all involved in preparing for this event that logistics will come together. Pray also for the speakers as they prepare their sessions and that many people will book tickets and attend.

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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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