

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** Please pray for **York Evangelical Church** as they seek to appoint a Pastor in Training for a 24-month fixed term period. Pray that the right candidates will come forward and that they can have someone in place for September 2022.
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- 2** Pray for students at **London Seminary** who are coming to the end of their seminary studies and moving on to ministry situations in the UK and Italy. Please also pray for the London Seminary Pastors' Academy study days on 12 May (Chelmsford) and 26 May (Belfast).
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- 3** **Christian Focus** have three job vacancies that so far, they have been unable to fill. Please pray that the Lord would bring forward the right people to fill these important roles.
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- 4** Give thanks for the services and events the **Soldiers' & Airmen's Scripture Readers** were involved in over Easter. Praise God for the conversations had and the Christian literature that was distributed. Pray that those who heard the gospel would ponder that message and be convicted of its truth and importance.
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- 5** **Frontiers** ask that we pray for India, a country with the third highest population of Muslims and the highest number of unreached Muslim people groups in the world. Hindus dominate both the population and the politics in India, with the result that Muslims often feel that they are at a disadvantage. May the Indian Church have increasing vision to reach out to Muslims. Pray for Indian and ex-pat Christian workers that there would be unity in purpose and partnership, and an open door for the message they bring.
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- 6** **The Good Book Company** are launching a children's biography of the Queen this month. Pray that the Lord to use it to introduce unbelieving kids all over the country to Jesus, the Queen's saviour and Lord. Please also pray for their logistics and production departments as they handle the many challenges of the global logistics crisis.
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- 7** The **Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ireland** are hosting their Annual Presbytery Day Conference in Crumlin today (7 May). Please pray for this meeting and pray for their new Moderator who will be installed.
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- 8** Please pray for **Solas** Communications & Development Manager, Gavin Matthews, who is preaching at Riverside Evangelical Church, Ayr today (8 May). Pray also for the upcoming 'Confident Christianity' conferences Solas are hosting in Belfast (14 May) and Grantown-on-Spey (20 May). Please pray that these conferences will inspire, equip and encourage many Christian people to be bold, and gracious witnesses for the gospel.
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- 9** Give thanks for the planned time of refreshment and encouragement for the **UFM** workers based in Europe as they meet for their conference over the next four days (9 - 12 May). Please pray especially for Dave Gobbett as he teaches from the Bible this week.
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- 10** **Christian Concern** ask that we please pray for the Queen's speech happening today (10 May). Pray that the policies proposed would be good policies and that those policies which would be harmful for society will be dropped.
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- 11** Please pray for the **Evangelical Housing Association's** Committee Meeting and AGM happening today (11 May). Pray they would serve their tenants well and that they would have wisdom in the decisions they make.
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- 12** Pray for the Bishop of Maidstone's regional conference in London today, (12 May) with **Church Society** contributing a session on 'Complementarianism in Practice.' The same meeting is also being held on the 17 May in Bristol, and the 19 May in Leicester, and twice in June.
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- 13** The **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches** is hosting their Annual General Meeting today and tomorrow (13 - 14 May). Please pray that it will provide fellowship and spiritual refreshment to all who attend.
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- 14** Please pray for new prayer supporters, and others who want to partner with **ReachAcross** in reaching Muslims with the gospel. Pray also for new long-term missionaries – the harvest is ripe, but the workers are few. Pray that people will hear the Lord calling them to come and serve. Praise God for two new short term mission workers who are preparing to serve in the USA and UK fields beginning in June.
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- 15** Please give thanks for the good contacts made at a local community fun event in a nearby park where **Blenheim Evangelical Church, Maidenhead**, had a stall. Pray for the arrangements being put in place for June, July and August when their pastor, Peter Cranch, will be on sabbatical.
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- 16** Pray for the **Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales** today (16 May) as they hold their Annual Assembly and Conference at Newtown Evangelical Church. The theme of the conference is 'The Church as the Bride of Christ' and the main speaker is James Allan, pastor of Hebron Evangelical Church, Dowlais.
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- 17** Please pray for Karamoja, in Uganda where **Africa Inland Mission** serve. There have been increased amounts of cattle raiding between the Karimojong people and the Turkana of Kenya. Guns have returned and over the past three years, it has been estimated that over 2,000 people across the region have lost their lives through violence. Pray for the church in the region to be a light in the dark and for some of the rural church leaders who used to be raiders or shepherds, pray they would preach well about the Prince of Peace to those committing these acts of violence.
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- 18** Give thanks for encouraging responses to regular written messages which are sent into prisons by **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** workers. Please pray that the Lord will use these in the hearts and lives of those who receive them.
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- 19** Give thanks for more attending worship and some considering membership at **Little Hill Church, Leicester**. Pray that the church will be strengthened for further witness.
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- 20** **Gospel for Asia (GFA)** missionaries often serve in multiple villages, sometimes travelling by foot to visit these villages every week. These committed servants of God put in long hours investing in lives and communities, and they don't always see the fruit of their labour. This can be exhausting, both physically and spiritually, and they are subject to the same diseases other community members fall prey to. They need health and strength for the Lord's work. Please pray GFA missionaries will be healthy, both physically and spiritually, to carry out God's call on their lives. Pray for endurance, that they will not grow weary in doing good. Pray for spiritual renewal and growth.
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- 21** Give thanks for the freedom **True Freedom Trust** currently enjoys to produce articles, podcasts and other resources proclaiming the goodness of the gospel in relation to sexual ethics. Pray that the tone of the resources would continue to model grace, sensitivity and compassion while not compromising on orthodoxy.
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- 22** Pray for students leaving **Oak Hill College** this summer, as they complete their final exams over the next two months and begin to start new roles. Pray also for those who are still discerning the Lord's leading.
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- 23** The **Free Church of Scotland Continuing** General Assembly is due to meet over the next few days (23 - 26 May) in Edinburgh. Please pray that it may be a time of blessing and be a means of prospering the Lord's cause in Scotland.
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- 24** In Myanmar, where **AsiaLink** serves, Karenni young people, who were university students in Yangon last year, find themselves working on the frontline with the Karenni Independent Army working as medics. Many of them are Christians and they testify to the fact that their desire is to share Jesus with those who are not, saving them from a lost eternity. Pray for boldness and courage as they serve God and their people.
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- 25** Pray for church growth, for much-needed resources for the church and for **Access Insurance** as we support churches in their risk management and transfer.
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- 26** **Christian Safeguarding Services** are looking for more consultants to join the organisation. Please pray the Lord will lead the right Christian men and women with suitable skills to apply for these positions.
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- 27** Please pray for the preparations for the **Evangelical Movement of Wales (EMW)** summer camps, conferences and missions happening over the next few months. Praise God for the 400+ children currently booked on their camps. The EMW are planning three missions at national events - The Hay Festival, The Royal Welsh Show, and the Eisteddfod. Pray that the Lord would be glorified in all that they do, and that they would see Christians encouraged, and non-Christians saved.
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- 28** Pray for the work of **Praise Trust** as they seek to appoint two new trustees, and as they work on publishing a new book this autumn, a new collection of Christmas carols and Advent hymns.
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- 29** Please pray for the fostering and adopting families **Cornerstone Adoption and Fostering Services** serve who face daily challenges, as well as joys, caring for some very damaged children and young people. Please pray for God's strength for the adults but also his healing for the children who have experienced rejection, abandonment, abuse, loss and trauma. The need is constant and there are not enough families to meet the need, please pray for more Christian families to step up to the challenge.
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- 30** With Western media continuing to focus their attention on events in Ukraine, it is easy to forget that there are an estimated 57 armed conflicts in progress in the world today. **Barnabas Fund** encourages us to pray that God will bring peace and stability to our world. Ask that the Lord will prosper the work of all peacemakers and empower our Christian brothers and sisters impacted by these conflicts to be a source of hope and an example of forgiveness to all around them.
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- 31** Please pray for **Peterhead Congregational Church's** summer children's holiday club happening in July. Pray that in the weeks ahead all the volunteers they need will come forth so that training and preparation can begin.
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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.

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