

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** Pray for **Newtown Evangelical Church** in mid-Wales that is affiliated with both AECW and FIEC. In recent months more than 100 children and young people have started coming to the meetings including some with 'challenging' behaviour. In May several windows in the church were broken and there was also an arson attack which thankfully was quickly extinguished. Pray for wisdom for the church leaders and youth and children's team.
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- 2** Please pray for the members of the **Reach Across** UK office team who are attending the 'Big Church Day out' weekend starting tomorrow (3-4 June). Pray for lots of engagement with visitors there and an increase in support, financially and in prayer. Pray especially for potential candidates to visit the stand to talk about how they can get involved in sharing the gospel with Muslims through Reach Across.
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- 3** Please pray for the **Grace Baptist Partnership** online micro-conference for those considering church planting or revitalisation which is happening tomorrow (4 June). Mark Chanski, Matt Smethurst, Barry King, and Ali McLachlan will be speaking at the event.
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- 4** Thank you for praying for **Africa Inland Mission** workers during Ramadan. Some report having opportunities for good conversations with friends and strangers where people were genuinely interested to listen to them explain their assurance in Jesus. Please pray for opportunities to follow up on these conversations and that people will be reminded of the conversations they have had about Jesus and will want to discover more.
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- 5** Pray for **Little Hill Church, Leicester's** evangelistic services happening today (5 June) and their Men's Curry Evening on 14 June. Pray that those who attend who do not yet know the gospel will come to a saving faith in Jesus.
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- 6** **London Seminary** has a week of special lectures for pastors and students starting tomorrow (7 - 10 June), including Matthew Mason teaching on The Beatitudes for Christian Ethics and Garry Williams on Adam and Christ. Pray this will be beneficial to all who attend. Please pray also for the London Seminary Annual Thanksgiving Service happening on Saturday 25 June. Please pray for students who have completed their studies and for their future ministries.
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- 7** Please pray for the launch of the **Good Book Company's** children's biography of the Queen (Queen Elizabeth II: The Queen who chose to Serve by Alison Mitchell) as part of the platinum jubilee celebrations last weekend. Please pray that as this book goes out into schools and homes across the country many children from non-Christian homes would learn about the queen's faith in Jesus and they would want to follow her example in following him.
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- 8** **Solas'** Chief Operations Officer Jeff Howarth has recently been diagnosed with cancer and will be handing over his responsibilities soon. Please pray for Jeff and his family as doctors explore any treatment options. Solas has the opportunity to write a short opinion piece in The Scotsman newspaper eight times a year. A recent article written on facing death should be published in the coming weeks. Many non-Christian people read these articles (which can generate forthright debates), please pray that The Lord will use them to reach the lost for himself.
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- 9 Please pray for the Bishop of Maidstone's regional conference in London today (9 June) with **Church Society** contributing a session on 'Complementarianism in Practice'. The same meeting is also being held on the 15 June in Manchester.
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- 10 Join with **Blenheim Free Church, Maidenhead**, in giving thanks for an increase in numbers on a Sunday. Please pray for Richard Lawrence and Neil Watkinson as they preach on several Sundays whilst their pastor, Peter Cranch, is on sabbatical.
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- 11 Pray for the churches **Access Insurance** work with as they engage in kingdom work in local communities, national level campaigns and international mission.
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- 12 Thank God for two candidates being interviewed for long term work with **UFM** in Kenya and France tomorrow (13 June). Please continue to pray that God might raise up and send out workers for the harvest fields around the world.
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- 13 The **Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ireland** annual meeting is happening today (13 June). Pray for guidance as they plan for the months ahead. Pray for Affinity staff Graham Nicholls and Joel Upton as they travel to Ireland to join the meeting.
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- 14 Pray for God's blessing on the Annual Meeting of the Synod of the **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland** being held in Armagh today and tomorrow (14-15 June). Pray for the incoming Moderator, Rev. Geoffrey Allen, as he chairs the meetings. Pray for wisdom for the members of Synod and pray that all will be done to the glory of God.
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- 15 **Monyhull Church, Birmingham** give thanks for encouraging times at a recent baptismal service and Mission Sunday. Pray that the church would continue to grow in love for the lost and in their love for one another. Pray also for the church's Community Day on Saturday 2 July, that they would be able to build meaningful relationships with those on their estate for the sake of the Gospel.
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- 16 Please pray for the farewell meeting for Professor Musa and Mrs Pamela Gaia, members of **Knock Evangelical Presbyterian Church**, happening today. They return from furlough to continue their work with Mission Africa in Jos, Nigeria.
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- 17 Starting next week there will be six weeks of **BCM UK** 'Hello Life Outreach Teams' in Belfast, Carryduff, Newry, Lurgan, Downpatrick, and Lisburn (19 June - 20 August). These are Bible clubs for children in housing estates, mainly outdoors. Many Bible Clubs will be in areas which have very little Gospel witness – pray for open doors. Pray also for opportunities for BCM UK workers to engage with parents and adults in the various housing estates.
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- 18 **True Freedom Trust** are holding the final day conference in their series entitled Steadfast in London today (18 June). Pray for Charles, Adam and Simon as they speak from the Psalms. Pray they would preach faithfully and wouldn't get in the way of the Word of God and its hearers.
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- 19 **Edward Solicitors** are thankful to God for blessing them with some new team members who started this month (June). Please pray for Esther and Esther joining our finance and legal secretary teams, and Juliette joining our charities team. Pray for the team as they organise inductions and help them settle.
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- 20 Pray that the **Free Church of Scotland (FCoS)** will work together to see God's Church become increasingly healthy right across Scotland, and beyond. Pray that churches in Scotland would help others grow in spiritual health. Pray for the FCoS Mission Board as they seek to support existing churches in their life and ministry – in various ways including the revitalisation track.
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- 21** Pray for the growth and expansion of **Christian Safeguarding Services (CSS)**. They give thanks for the encouragement received from loyal member churches who report back that they feel supported and enabled to carry out their safeguarding duties with confidence. Please pray as CSS start the recruitment of consultants and trainers and that as CSS grows they will be able to bless more churches with their expertise.
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- 22** Please pray for Kristie Higgs currently being supported by **Christian Concern**. Kristie lost her job after raising concerns on Facebook about relationships and sex education and her Employment Appeal Tribunal hearing starts today (22 June).
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- 23** **Gospel for Asia (GFA)** missionaries, and the people they serve, are not immune to sickness. Missionaries put themselves at risk to help people in desperate need. Sickness prevents missionaries from doing the work God has called them to do, and it keeps parents from caring for their families. They need health to carry on to the best of their ability. Please pray God will protect GFA missionaries, and the people they serve, from sickness. Pray that any who are sick will be healed and others will remain healthy and able to work.
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- 24** **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** give thanks that restrictions in prisons are now relaxing. Please pray that prisoners will be keen to attend services and bible studies more regularly again, now that they have the opportunity to.
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- 25** Across many countries where **Barnabas Fund** work, global hunger looks set to increase, with the war in Ukraine, searing heat in parts of India and drought in the plains of southern USA affecting some of the largest wheat producers. In West Africa, for example, the countries of Mali, Nigeria, Niger and Burkina Faso are expected to face acute food insecurity in the period June to August. Pray to the Lord who provides (Genesis 22:14) and who owns the cattle on a thousand hills (Psalm 50:10) that he will intervene.
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- 26** **Cornerstone Adoption and Fostering Services** give thanks that they have now appointed a Finance Manager and a Finance Technician. Please continue to pray for staff recruitment in their business support and social work teams. Please continue to pray for Cornerstone's court case which seeks to protect their Christian ethos. Pray that the Supreme Court will not only hear the case but that Cornerstone will win and that the consequences will be far-reaching. Please pray for Christian Institute and their legal team as they support them in this.
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- 27** Next month (July) is the 60th Anniversary of **New Life Church, Erdington**. Please pray that as they commemorate the past, the Lord will help the church to be effective in their present and future ministry.
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- 28** Give thanks to the Lord with us for the new eldership training programme in the Evangelical **Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)**, and please pray that the Lord will use it as the EFCC seeks to exalt Christ in growing healthy churches.
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- 29** Pray for more opportunities for **Frontiers** teams that were in Afghanistan, before the Taliban seized control, to return and continue reaching out to those around them. Ask the Lord to raise up more Frontiers workers who will bring the Word of God to Muslims in Afghanistan.
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- 30** Please pray for all the planning and preparation going into organising the **Barton Evangelical Church's** Holiday Bible Club at the end of July. Please pray that the Lord will already be preparing the hearts of the young people & parents who will attend.
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