

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 **member** agencies, churches and organisations. We also include prayer requests from churches within our wider network. If you wish information for prayer to be included in the Prayer Calendar please send it to us at least five days before the end of the month in which you would like it to appear.

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- 1** Pray for the **100Fold** team at the Keswick Convention, New Horizons, and the EMW conference in Aberystwyth this month. Pray for those manning the stand, that they may have many helpful conversations and opportunities to forge new relationships with gospel partners and strengthen existing ones.
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- 2** Pray for the **Kingdom Bank** team as they return from the Keswick Convention. Pray that those they met over the three weeks will remember Kingdom Bank and feel compelled to start banking with them and open savings accounts, recognising that they are partnering with gospel ministries across the UK.
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- 3** Pray for older people supported by **Faith in Later Life**. During the summer many church activities slow down, which can result in older people missing out on vital social interactions during Bible study groups and activities.
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- 4** Give thanks to the Lord that many **Free Church of Scotland** churches hold activities over the summer break such as outdoor services, community barbecues, activity clubs and picnics. Pray that these events are an opportunity for congregations to show the love of Jesus to those around them.
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- 5** Pray for those recently baptised at **Little Hill Church, Wigston**, that they will continue to grow in their discipleship. Pray also for another individual considering baptism.
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- 6** Pray for the **Association of Christian Teachers** and all Christians in education over the summer, that they will find rest and refreshment. Please pray for Christians to respond to the Church of England's consultation on its new anti-bullying guidance. The guidance promotes the use of preferred pronouns and redefines sex, gender, and gender identity: a regressive move after the Cass Review and gender questioning children guidance issued by the previous government. Whilst bullying is never acceptable, removing Biblical teachings about identity in Church schools does a disservice to students and staff.
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- 7** Pray for the members of **Blenheim Free Church, Maidenhead**, who have worked hard over the past months as Sunday School teachers, refreshment providers, cleaners, toddler group leaders, and service assistants. Pray that their summer holidays will be a time for family and spiritual renewal.
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- 8** Pray for the Lord to provide the right team members to replace two **London Seminary** administration staff who left in July. Give thanks for the addition of Eliot to their Development team and pray for the team as they plan next year's Seminary and Pastors' Academy programmes.
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- 9** Pray for the impact of 'Challenges to Living God's Way', a book for young people aged 13+ by **Lovewise**, available at summer camp bookstalls and the Aber Conference (10-17 August). Pray that these resources will help Christian young people live lives of sexual purity. Also, pray that Lovewise's online articles for Christian students going to university this autumn will equip them to remain faithful to Christ.
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- 10** Please pray for Chris & Hannah with **Daylight Christian Prison Trust's** stand at the EMW Aber Conference this week (10-17 August). Pray they would have good conversations about the work of Daylight and gain supporters for this vital ministry.
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- 11** Pray for the three individuals being baptised today (11 August) at **Radcliffe Road Baptist Church, Bury**. Pray for their admission to baptism and their ongoing growth in Christ. Also, pray for the formation of a new group for people in their 20s and 30s.
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- 12** Pray for the **Evangelical Movement of Wales** Aber Conference happening this week (10-17 August). Pray for David Meredith as he preaches on being refreshed by the Word of God and that the conference will be a time of warm fellowship for all who attend.
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- 13** Give thanks that men and women are hearing the gospel through **SASRA** Scripture Readers and responding with repentance and faith. Pray for more Christians in the UK Armed Forces to partner with SASRA through their new pilot membership package.
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- 14** Pray for beneficiaries supported by **Caring For Life** who are facing struggles and anxieties, particularly regarding changes in the welfare system. Pray for practical help and that they will be pointed to Jesus. Pray for wisdom for decision-makers to protect the most vulnerable.
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- 15** A new assisted suicide bill has come second in the ballot in the House of Lords. According to **CARE**, this means there will likely be a major debate (and vote) on the bill in September. Please pray this legislation does not succeed and that there will be a strong showing against it in the Lords.
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- 16** There are six young people and two adult members from **Hayes Town Chapel** attending Christian Camps in Wales this summer, please pray that there will be safety, fun and conversions. From 28-30 August Hayes Town Chapel are planning to run their first evangelistic football academy with the help of Ambassadors. Please pray that this proves to be an effective means of outreach to the young people and their parents.
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- 17** Pray for Joshua Sutcliffe, who has been banned from teaching for 'misgendering' a pupil. Despite recent draft government guidance that teachers should not be compelled to use transgender pronouns, the Teaching Regulation Agency upheld the ban. Pray for Joshua, supported by **Christian Concern**, as he navigates this situation.
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- 18** Give thanks to the Lord for people's generous giving towards The **Free Church of Scotland's** Women for Mission's 2023/24 project, Breaking Barriers. The funds raised will go towards International Justice Mission, Release International (Nigeria), Christian Values in Education (Scotland) and International Mission to Jewish People. Give thanks to God for his provision.
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- 19** Give thanks for the new trustees joining the **Edward Connor Solicitors** Trust Board. Pray for them as they begin their roles in stewarding the organisation and for the formalising of their appointments with regulatory bodies.
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- 20** Join the **Didasko Fellowship** in giving thanks for the appointment of Stephen Ballingall as the new minister of Edinburgh North Church and the successful purchase of a manse. Pray for Stephen, Lynn, and their family as they settle in and prepare for the induction on 5 October. Pray that this new ministry will be a great encouragement to the fellowship.
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- 21** There are many Bible translators working today in areas affected by war, join with **Wycliffe Bible Translators** praying they will know that they are 'more than conquerors' (Romans 8:37), as they work to bring God's word as a light into the darkness.
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- 22** In partnership with the local church and **African Inland Mission**, Sandrine shares the love of Jesus with North African immigrants in Montréal, Canada. Praise God that she has graduated from her studies at the Geneva Bible Institute (IBG) with a diploma in Transcultural Mission. Give thanks for the Lord's sustaining her through her studies and ministry. Pray for her as she spends some time over the summer resting, visiting friends, family and supporters and updating churches on her ministry. Pray for her as she returns to Canada in September 2024 to continue her gospel ministry and pray especially that her work permit will be approved to facilitate this.
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- 23** The **New Testament Church of God's** national convention commences in Newport, Wales tonight (23 August). Pray that it will be a wonderful time of fellowship, ministry and stirring up, as they trust God for growth in the church.
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- 24** Please pray for the students starting **Crosslands'** Seminary next month – pray for their hearts to be prepared for learning and formation.
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- 25** Please pray for **Sharing Christ Internationally** as they seek to increase the volunteer base of the charity. There is a need for volunteers to accomplish various tasks as they seek to serve the Lord reaching out to the people of Mongolia.
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- 26** Please pray that **FIEC** churches, and churches across the United Kingdom, would contend for the faith by both knowing and teaching it thoroughly.
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- 27** Pray for **Church Society's** Junior Anglican Evangelical Conference (JAEC) on the theme of 'Commitment' over the next three days (27-29 August). Pray for the speakers, organisation, and the conference's usefulness in equipping junior evangelicals to contend for gospel ministry in the Church of England.
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- 28** Pray for the **London City Mission** team as they equip Christians to reach Muslims in London. Pray that Christians will overcome their fears and hesitations to speak about Jesus to Muslims.
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- 29** **Solas** support Christian Unions and other groups with talks, debates and other mission events across the country. Please pray for the team as they travel and speak at all these various events. Pray that many would come to know the Lord Jesus as their saviour through hearing the gospel proclaimed.
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- 30** Please pray for the **Edinburgh Theological Seminary (ETS)** Open Day taking place on 6 September, which will be an ideal opportunity for potential applicants to speak with lecturers and current students. Please pray that those considering study at ETS will come along and that God will continue to strengthen his church through the study of his word.
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- 31** Pray for **True Freedom Trust** volunteers as they meet this morning (31 August) for an online training session around pastorally supporting those struggling with mental health. Pray it would be an aid to volunteers in the course of their work.
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If you would like more information about the Affinity Members mentioned in the Prayer Calendar, you will find their website addresses on the Affinity website – www.affinity.org.uk.

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