

*“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*
Hebrews 4:16, NIV

This month includes *Prisons Week* on 14-20th October (highlighted in blue). For those days, we have used an excerpt of the prayer written for *Prisons Week*. The full prayers can be found on their website: <http://prisonsworld.org/>

1 Monday

There are four *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today – in HMP/YOI Altcourse, HMP Garth, HMP Lewes and HMP/YOI Woodhill! May each tutor and group facilitator know God’s sustaining presence as they meet the new learners.

2 Tuesday

We pray all this month for our Angel Tree Coordinators who are working hard to distribute and collect applications this month. Thank God for their passion and commitment to this programme, and pray that God would give them renewed energy and patience.

3 Wednesday

The PF volunteer Area Leaders are meeting in London today. Pray that their time together would be fruitful and encouraging.

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP&YOI Hollesley Bay today.

4 Thursday

There are two *Sycamore Tree* courses beginning today at HMP/YOI Isis and HMP Wealstun. There is one ending at HMP Risley.

5 Friday

We pray today for any parent who is filling out an *Angel Tree* application form, that this opportunity might be experienced as a gift of love and hope for their family.

6 Saturday

Praise God for the newly appointed Governor and the part-time Anglican Chaplain at HMP Chelmsford. Pray for God’s wisdom, compassion and protection as they step into these roles.

7 Sunday

We pray today for churches who are fundraising, promoting or volunteering with *Angel Tree* this Christmas season. May their involvement bring new understanding of God’s heart for the marginalised and vulnerable.

8 Monday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP Brixton today, and two ending at HMP Onley and HMP/YOI Thorn Cross.

9 Tuesday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending today, at HMP/YOI Rochester. We pray for every learner offering a symbolic act of restitution this month, that is might be a meaningful and transformative moment in their life, that they can hold on to as they move forward.

10 Wednesday

Today is World Mental Health Day. 26% of women and 16% of men said they had received treatment for a mental health problem in the year before custody. Pray that they will receive the support they need.

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP/YOI Downview today.

11 Thursday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMYOI Feltham today, and two ending at HMP/YOI Hindley and HMP/YOI Styal.

Our CEO Peter Holloway is visiting the PF Wandsworth group today. Pray for this group, that they would be strengthened and encouraged.

12 Friday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending today, at HMP Buckley Hall.

13 Saturday

Peter Holloway is speaking at a men's breakfast in Chislehurst today. We thank God for all the churches that have committed to supporting PF's ministry financially, in prayer and with volunteers, and ask that God would strengthen these church relationships.

14 Sunday

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.

15 Monday

For prisoners – For all who come to you with empty hands and impoverished imaginations, may your power and inspiration fill their hearts and minds, leading to a real understanding that all things are possible with you.

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP/YOI Wormwood Scrubs today.

16 Tuesday

For victims of crime - give them the strength, courage and power they need to step boldly into the future, comforted and supported by your Holy Spirit.

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP Stocken today, and two ending at HMP The Mount and HMP Wymott.

17 Wednesday

For families - give support to the damaged and vulnerable, so that they can come boldly before you and claim your promises of grace, mercy and new life.

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMYOI Aylesbury today.

18 Thursday

For our communities - help us to recognise one another always as brothers and sisters in your family, made in your image and worthy of all reverence and respect.

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP Swansea today.

19 Friday

For those who work in prison - give to all those who work in our prisons boldness and confidence, grace and courage in the face of distress and danger.

Peter Holloway will be joining Paul Hammond on UCB Radio this morning. Pray that those listening might be inspired to find out more about PF.

20 Saturday

For those who work in the criminal justice system - give to them a bold vision, and your Spirit of wisdom and discernment as they try to balance justice with mercy.

21 Sunday

Pray for an outpouring of generosity as we fundraise for *Angel Tree* this month, that every group would have their needs met.

22 Monday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending today at HMP Thameside.

23 Tuesday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending today at HMP Liverpool.

24 Wednesday

There are three *Sycamore Tree* courses beginning today - HMP/YOI Send, HMP Wayland and HMP/YOI Wymott. There are also three *Sycamore Tree* courses ending today – at HMP/YOI Bullingdon, HMP Northumberland and HMP Springhill.

25 Thursday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP Berwyn today, and two ending at HMP Coldingley and HMP/YOI Send.

26 Friday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP Buckley Hall today.

27 Saturday

Tonight is the *Songs of Freedom* concert with Jonathan Veira in Derby. Pray for a strong turnout, an enjoyable evening, and that people might be encouraged to connect further with PF.

28 Sunday

As we gather in our churches today, we remember our brothers and sisters in prison, also meeting to worship, and we thank God that we are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 Monday

We thank God for all the chaplaincy and prison staff who are helping to promote and run *Angel Tree* in their prison. May they be encouraged by the response, and refreshed when they grow weary.

30 Tuesday

There are two *Sycamore Tree* courses beginning today, at HMP Kirkham and HMP Lowdham Grange, and one ending at HMP Onley.

31 Wednesday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending today at HMP Swaleside.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18