

“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you. Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.”

Psalm 89: 14-15

1 Thursday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses beginning at HMP Ford and HMP Risley today.

2 Friday

Pray against the increase in violence in many prisons over the past year. God, would you come powerfully and bring Your peace and transformation.

3 Saturday

We pray for the increasing number of prisoners who are self-harming, that they would be provided with the appropriate mental health support, and would find peace and hope.

4 Sunday

We pray for prison staff, for their safety as they seek to maintain a calm environment, and that they might work with integrity, courage and kindness.

5 Monday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses beginning at HMP/YOI Thorn Cross and HMP Wandsworth today, and courses ending at HMP/YOI Altcourse, HMP/YOI Woodhill and HMP Garth.

6 Tuesday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses beginning at HMP/YOI Rochester and HMP Onley today.

7 Wednesday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses beginning at HMP/YOI Bronzefield and HMP/YOI Bullingdon today, and one ending at HMP & YOI Hollesley Bay.

8 Thursday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses ending today at HMP/YOI Isis and HMP Wealstun.

9 Friday

We continue to pray for the four prisons that have been subjected to special emergency action in the past year – HMP/YOI Exeter, HMP/YOI Nottingham, HMP Birmingham and HMP & YOI Bedford. We pray for strong and wise leadership in these prisons, to quickly improve conditions for prisoners and staff. We pray for PF volunteers connected with these prisons, that they might shine God’s light in a difficult time.

10 Saturday

The combination of the launch of our new website and *Prisons Week* last month contributed to a big jump in the number of new volunteer applications we received! Pray for Maddie in the Support Team, as she responds to the increase, and for our groups, that they might be welcoming and supportive to new volunteers.

11 Sunday

Praise God for the very positive response to *Prisons Week* this year, from individuals and churches who committed to pray and respond.

12 Monday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses ending today at HMP Lewes and HMP Brixton.

13 Tuesday

Today is World Kindness Day! We praise God for His everlasting kindness to us, that we may in turn show kindness to the men and women we meet in prison.

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

14 Wednesday

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

15 Thursday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending at HMYOI Feltham today.

16 Friday

We continue to pray for our Angel Tree Coordinators and teams this month, as they work hard to make the programme a success this year. May they know God's peace and sustaining love.

17 Saturday

Thank God for all the chaplaincy staff who have been supporting and promoting *Angel Tree*. May it open doors to new relationships and conversations with the men and women in their prisons.

18 Sunday

Pray for PF volunteers who are helping lead chapel services today, that they might both be a blessing and be blessed by their presence there.

19 Monday

Today is the Prison Ministry Conference, hosted by Holy Trinity Brompton church. Pray that it would be an inspiring and informative time together, both for those new to prison ministry and those already active.

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

20 Tuesday

We pray today for any prison staff or volunteers who are experiencing exhaustion, stress, or burnout. God, give rest and new strength to all who need it, and teach us how to live in Your life-giving rhythms of grace.

21 Wednesday

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

22 Thursday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending at HMP/YOI Hindley today.

23 Friday

Pray today for the victims of crime who willingly share their story on a *Sycamore Tree*

course. Thank God for the generous gift of their story, and pray that He might continue to bring healing and hope.

24 Saturday

The *Songs of Freedom* concert tour comes to Cromer in Norfolk tonight. Pray for a good turnout, and a positive response to the message about PF's ministry.

25 Sunday

Today is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. We remember the many women serving prison sentences who have been victims of abuse, and pray for their healing and restoration.

26 Monday

Pray today for our volunteer letter writers, that they might be guided by the Holy Spirit as they write to their pen-pal in prison.

27 Tuesday

Today is known as Giving Tuesday, and is the day we launch our Christmas appeal for *Angel Tree*. Pray that people would be led to give joyfully and generously, and that the financial needs of the programme would be met.

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

28 Wednesday

Pray for Ashley, who generously shared her story with us for our fund appeal this Christmas. Thank God for the amazing transformation He has worked in her life over the past five years. Pray that she and her family may continue to heal and flourish, and that her story might bring hope to many people.

There are three *Sycamore Tree* courses ending today, at HMP/YOI Send, HMP Wayland and HMP & YOI Wymott.

29 Thursday

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

30 Friday

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

"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