# Prayer Diary – January 2019

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

### 1 Tuesday

ELLOWSHIP

At the start of this new year, we ask the Lord to bless all PF volunteers, supporters and staff, and those they come alongside in prisons across England and Wales.

## 2 Wednesday

Intercede for all prisoners across England and Wales as they begin another year inside away from family and loved ones.

## 3 Thursday

We've received many entries in our Angel Tree Christmas Card competition. Thank God for all those prisoners who have taken the time to submit a design.

#### 4 Friday

Thank the Lord for all tutors, volunteers, and surrogate victims who will be involved in *Sycamore Tree* courses across England and Wales in the coming year. Pray for excellent engagement and life changing experiences for learners on each course.

## 5 Saturday

Thank God for all of our Angel Tree Coordinators who worked so hard in the run up to Christmas and who are now collating feedback to last year's activities.

## 6 Sunday

The first Sunday services of the year are taking place today across the prison estate. Pray for those leading the services and that those attending will be encouraged by God's word.

## 7 Monday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course starting today at HMP Lewes.

## 8 Tuesday

Pray for all volunteers and prisoners who are involved in our pen pal *Letter Link* programme. May the letters they write be inspirational and bring joy and hope to the recipients.

#### 9 Wednesday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today at HMYOI Aylesbury and HMP Wymott.

### 10 Thursday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today at HMP Coldingley, HMP Hindley and HMP/YOI Send.

#### 11 Friday

Pray for our CEO Peter as he leads us. May God grant him wisdom, patience and understanding as he goes about his work.

## 12 Saturday

Praise the Lord for a successful Christmas fundraising appeal which raised over £30,000 for *Angel Tree*.

## 13 Sunday

Pray for interfaith relationships in our prisons, that men and women of all faiths and none would reside peacefully together.

#### 14 Monday

We thank God for the service of trustees Christine Leong and John Gloster who have recently left the board. Please also lift up in prayer Alison Browne, David Cooke and Andrew Jordon who have joined the board this month.

## 15 Tuesday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course starting today at HMP Rochester.

Our CEO Peter is visiting HMP/YOI Portland today. Please pray that he will have constructive meetings.

#### 16 Wednesday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today at HMP Swaleside, HMP/YOI Winchester and HMP Woodhill.

# 17 Thursday

Pray for the children and young people in Young Offenders Institutions and Secure Training Centres. Ask the Lord to keep them safe and that they will be given a bright vision for their futures.

## 18 Friday

Our latest *In:sight* newsletter lands on doormats and in inboxes today. Pray that all who read it will be inspired by our lifechanging ministry.

# 19 Saturday

Today the *Songs of Freedom* tour comes to Aylesbury. Pray that those who attend would be moved by what they hear of PF, and get involved in our ministry.

# 20 Sunday

Pray that God will direct His chosen people towards chaplaincy vacancies. Please also intercede for unity across all departments of our prisons, that staff will seek to support and encourage each other in their work.

## 21 Monday

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

## 22 Tuesday

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

# 23 Wednesday

Our Area Leaders are meeting in Birmingham today. Thank God for their service and pray for a fruitful meeting and a good time of fellowship.

There are Sycamore Tree courses starting today at HMP High Down, HMP/YOI Hollesley Bay and HMP Wayland.

## 24 Thursday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today at HMP/YOI Isis and HMP Swansea.

## 25 Friday

Please pray for all PF volunteers who are preparing for *Angel Tree Mothers' Day* on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

## 26 Saturday

Intercede for the families of those in our prisons, that their relationships will be strengthened and they will receive the support they need for a positive future.

## 27 Sunday

Thank God for the PF Support Team. May the Lord continue to bless them as they support the life-changing work our volunteers are doing.

## 28 Monday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today at HMP Onley, HMP Pentonville and HMP Wandsworth.

## 29 Tuesday

Our Board of Trustees meet today. We thank God for the generous way in which they give up their time for our ministry and ask Him to guide them in their decision making.

# 30 Wednesday

Pray for our friends at the Welcome Directory as they seek to help faith communities become places where people who leave prison find acceptance.

## 31 Thursday

Please pray for final preparations for *40 Years Faithful*, PF's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at Westminster Chapel, London on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17