

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8: 38-39

Newly released figures show that last year 92 people committed suicide in prison. That is one person every four days. This month, we are making this a prayer focus. Every fourth day of the calendar is highlighted as a symbolic reminder of each of those lives.

1	Thursday Thank you God, that there is nothing “in all creation” that can separate us or any person in prison from Your love.
2	Friday Pray for Joanna and Stephen who are hosting the PF stand at New Wine this week and next. Pray that many people would be drawn to find out more about our ministry and how they can be involved.
3	Saturday Pray for the seven riders who are taking on the Ride London 100 challenge tomorrow to fundraise for PF – Sophie, Mo, Olivier, Joe, Tony, Ben and Andrew - that they might have a safe and fun ride!
4	Sunday For those in prison who are contemplating suicide, we pray: God who is Emmanuel, we believe that you are with those who are experiencing intolerable pain, even when they cannot see you. We pray for a fragment of light to break through the darkness today, and that it would be enough to see them through to tomorrow.
5	Monday We pray for children with a parent in prison during the summer school holidays, that they might continue to access the support they need, and their relationship with their parent would be strengthened despite the distance.
6	Tuesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course finishing today at HMP/YOI Rochester. Pray that this session, when learners present their acts of restitution, might be a transformational moment for them.
7	Wednesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course finishing today at HMP & YOI Hollesley Bay. Pray for the community members that are invited, as they stand witness to the learners’ efforts.

8	Thursday For the families of those men and women who have taken their lives in prison, we pray: God of comfort, surround the loved ones with the light of Your love and with assurances of love and safety. Help them to find a way to live again and to know that, even in the most desperate of situations and most disastrous of events, You are there. Peter Holloway, our CEO, will be recording an interview for TBN UK, and will be speaking at New Wine today. Pray that his words will impact their viewers, and for energy for him on this busy day!
9	Friday In the frequent hot weather of the summer, we pray that tempers may remain calm.
10	Saturday We pray for prison staff who are new in their job, that they might find the support from experienced staff to grow in their role and provide the best possible care to those in their establishment.
11	Sunday Thank God for the strong relationships we have with many Chaplaincy teams across the country. Pray that we might continue to be a valued support to those teams, known as people of integrity, humility and hope.
12	Monday For prison staff, who have experienced a suicide in their prison: God of compassion, we pray for your comfort and peace as staff process a loss on their watch. May you bring freedom from guilt, comfort in pain, and a renewed sense of calling to this important role.
13	Tuesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course beginning today at HMP Stocken. Pray for every new learner, that they might feel welcomed and safe, and have courage and determination as they begin the course.

14	Wednesday The joint working group between PF and Kintsugi Hope are meeting today to continue planning for bringing the Kintsugi Hope course in to prisons. Pray for wisdom, unity and enthusiasm as they work together.
15	Thursday Our Angel Tree Coordinators are already getting ready for this coming Christmas season! Pray for positive partnerships with chaplaincies and prison staff, and with local volunteers and churches.
16	Friday For an improvement in the response to those contemplating suicide, we pray: God of justice, forgive our complacency in the face of devastating pain. We pray for the political commitment to resource the mental health services needed for those in prison, and for individual hearts that are not hardened towards the men and women in their care.
17	Saturday Thank God for every volunteer letter writer who has committed to regularly writing to someone in prison. Pray for inspiration and enthusiasm as they write!
18	Sunday Thank you God, that You have made us one body, and that we are united with our brothers and sisters in prison today as we come together to worship You.
19	Monday We pray for those prisoners being transferred to a new prison, that the transition would be smooth and they would find their feet quickly.
20	Tuesday For those in prison who are contemplating suicide, we pray: When we feel alone, You are with us; when we feel invisible, You see us; when we feel worthless, You tell us we are invaluable. Be with each hurting individual today, and encircle them with Your protection and love.
21	Wednesday Pray for the continued preparations for the PF Volunteer Conference – only a month away! May it be a time of great enjoyment as well as learning and strategic input.
22	Thursday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course beginning today at HMP Berwyn, and one ending at HMP/YOI Hindley.

23	Friday Pray for prisons who are running <i>Alpha</i> or <i>Christianity Explored</i> , that those who are seeking will encounter the God of grace.
24	Saturday For Chaplaincy staff and volunteers, we pray: Merciful God, in the moments of deepest pain, you have positioned Your church to respond with Your love, comfort and grace. Strengthen Chaplaincy teams today with the dedication, understanding and love they need to support prisoners and staff.
25	Sunday Pray for the work of The Welcome Directory, seeking to help faith communities become places where people who leave prison find acceptance.
26	Monday Pray for the team that have piloted the first <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course in France, for open doors and positive next steps.
27	Tuesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Humber.
28	Wednesday For those in prison who self-harm: God of healing, we pray for Your hope and freedom to unfold in each life, that they might receive the support to heal the underlying wounds and believe that a better tomorrow is possible. There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course beginning today at HMP Wayland.
29	Thursday We pray for local organisations who work to support men and women on their release from prison, for perseverance, compassion and love.
30	Friday God of truth, help us to search our own hearts and minds for any attitudes or narratives about those in prison that are not of You. Forgive us our complacency and quick judgements, and give us true understanding.
31	Saturday There is a training day for <i>Sycamore Tree</i> Group Facilitators today in London. Thank God for these fantastic volunteers who want to bring a message of hope and transformation to men and women in prison!

“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