

*“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”* Matthew 18:19-20

<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p>It’s just 55 days until Christmas, which means our <i>Angel Tree</i> teams are hard at work making sure Christmas presents are purchased and sent to the children of men and women in prison in time for the big day! Pray for energy, clear organisation and JOY as they work together to make this happen.</p>	<p>their time to speak in churches and raise awareness of the work of Prison Fellowship. May their words and stories engage and inspire a new audience.</p>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p> <p>Following the tragic death of a baby in prison last month, we pray for all pregnant women currently in prison, that they would receive the care they need, and that the right decisions would be made to support the mother and child. God, we particularly pray for the grieving mother, that she would know Your love and comfort in the midst of her own unfathomable pain.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Monday</b></p> <p>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Wandsworth. Pray for the men as they begin this restorative justice course, that they might recognise the impact of their crime, and be inspired to make positive choices in the future. There is also a course finishing at HMP Thameside.</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b></p> <p>Thank God for our staff and volunteers who regularly give</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting at HMP Whitemoor. Pray for the volunteer Tutor and Group Facilitators, that they might quickly make good connections with the learners, and feel confident in their roles. There are also three courses ending at HMP Liverpool, HMP/YOI Rochester and HMP/YOI Woodhill.</p>

<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting at HMP Brixton today. Thank God for the success of the previous course in Brixton just last month, and pray that He might continue to work powerfully in the lives of the learners. There is also a course ending at HMP Swaleside.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending at HMYOI Feltham today. Thank God for these young men who have taken part, and pray that the lessons they've learnt would stay with them as they move on.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p>As a General Election looms, pray that political positions on prisons and the criminal justice system would be based on evidence rather than preying on the fears of the general public. May God give those in political leadership compassion and a desire for justice based on restoration where possible, rather than retribution.</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p> <p>Thank God for the work of Bishop Rachel of Gloucester and Bishop Christine of Newcastle, campaigning for better support for women</p>

	<p>released from prison. May their efforts see real change for women in prison.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b></p> <p>This Sunday, we remember our brothers and sisters worshipping with us in prison chapels, and for those who are seeking answers and peace. May they be filled with Spirit, and receive God's comfort and hope.</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p>We continue to pray for good health for all our volunteers at this time of year. Please particularly pray for our <i>Sycamore Tree</i> tutors and facilitators, that no courses would need to be delayed or cancelled due to ill health.</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>Today is the AGM of the prison charity <i>Clinks</i>, and our CEO Peter Holloway is attending. Thank God for the many excellent charities working in the criminal justice system, and pray that we might continue to work well together for the benefit of those impacted by prisons.</p> <p>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP The Mount.</p>

<b>13</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP&YOI Wymott.
<b>14</b>	<b>Thursday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course finishing today at HMP Wealstun. Pray for the learners making their symbolic acts of restitution, that it might be a meaningful experience.
<b>15</b>	<b>Friday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course finishing today at HMP Buckley Hall.
<b>16</b>	<b>Saturday</b> Pray today for all those volunteers and supporters buying a present for a child with a mum or dad in prison. May they have inspiration to buy exactly the right gift, so that the child feels known and loved on Christmas Day!
<b>17</b>	<b>Sunday</b> There are a number of prisons that have vacancies in their Chaplaincy team. Pray that the right people would be found to fill that important role, and that in the interim, God would sustain and strengthen the reduced teams.
<b>18</b>	<b>Monday</b> There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses finishing today at HMP

	Onley and HMP/YOI Wormwood Scrubbs.
<b>19</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Thank God for the people who volunteer to tell their story of being a victim of crime during a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course. It takes courage to revisit those hard experiences. Pray that God would sustain them and they would sense the difference they are making in the lives of those who hear their story.
<b>20</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending at HMP/YOI Forest Bank today.
<b>21</b>	<b>Thursday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending at HMP/YOI Swansea today.
<b>22</b>	<b>Friday</b> Praise God that this is the 25 <sup>th</sup> year of running <i>Angel Tree</i> in England and Wales! We pray that many thousands more families would experience the joy of Christmas through the programme, despite the distance between them.
<b>23</b>	<b>Saturday</b> There is a <i>Letter Link</i> training in Birmingham today. Thank God for these people who feel called to write to people in prison. Pray that they would feel equipped and empowered

	for this role, and that the connections they make would be valuable.
<b>24</b>	<b>Sunday</b> Pray today for men and women in prison who are part of our <i>Letter Link</i> scheme. Many of them don't receive any other visitors or contact. Pray that they would know today that they are not alone. May the letters sent to them bring hope and a sense of God's sustaining love.
<b>25</b>	<b>Monday</b> Today is the <i>International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women</i> . We pray for the 53% of women in prison who report having experienced emotional, physical or sexual abuse. May they find healing, peace and restoration.
<b>26</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses finishing today at HMP Humber and HMP/YOI Styal. Thank God for the effort PF volunteers have put in to making every <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course a success, and pray that they would have time to reflect and rest now.
<b>27</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> There are four <i>Sycamore Tree</i>

	courses finishing today at HMP/YOI Portland, HMYOI Aylesbury, HMP/YOI Bullingdon and HMP & YOI Hollesley Bay.
<b>28</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Today we pray for <i>The Welcome Directory</i> , whose board are meeting. Praise God for the increase in faith communities they've had signing up to be places of welcome for men and women released from prison. Pray that God might give them wisdom and discernment as they make strategic decisions for the future of the organisation. There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending at HMP Risley today.
<b>29</b>	<b>Friday</b> Pray for Prison Fellowship's Christmas appeal for <i>Angel Tree</i> , launching next week. May people be moved to give generously, bringing joy to so many families separated by a prison sentence this Christmas.
<b>30</b>	<b>Saturday</b> The day before Advent begins, we pray that our hearts will again be prepared to receive Christ Jesus, and to make His love known through our work in prison.

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18