

*“Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.”*

Psalm 90:1

<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>“Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading.” - Oswald Chambers.</p> <p>As we begin this new year, we commit all our work with those in prison and their families into God’s hands, trusting He will guide us on His path of love and grace.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Saturday</b></p> <p>We thank God with great joy for all the volunteers and churches that partnered with us this year to make <i>Angel Tree</i> a success, and for the many people who generously donated. May they all know the blessing that comes from doing God’s will!</p>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>Pray for all children going back to school after Christmas, who received an <i>Angel Tree</i> gift from their parent in prison. May they continue to feel the joy of it as they share that with their friends.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Sunday</b></p> <p>On this first Sunday of the new year, we pray for all Chaplains in prison who are leading services today, and for everyone attending. May they be strengthened by God’s love and find hope for the coming year.</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p>Sometimes <i>Angel Tree</i> gifts are returned because of wrong addresses or they weren’t collected at the Post Office. Pray that as we send them out again, they’ll reach their intended destination, and bring joy to that family, even after Christmas is over.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Monday</b></p> <p>Today is Epiphany, and so we pray that we would be eager to follow God’s guiding in our lives and our ministry, just as the Magi were.</p>
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<b>9</b>	<b>Thursday</b> There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Coldingley, HMP Send and HMP Swansea.
<b>10</b>	<b>Friday</b> STC Medway is scheduled to close this month, as the site is adapted to reopen as a Secure School. Pray for all those children who will therefore be moved to another institution, that the transition will be smooth and well supported, and they will quickly settle into their new accommodation.
<b>11</b>	<b>Saturday</b> Pray today for men and women in prison struggling with addictions. Pray that they would receive the support to overcome these.
<b>12</b>	<b>Sunday</b> One of the roles of prison chaplains is to visit every person newly arrived. Pray today for these encounters, that the chaplains might be able to bring reassurance at what can be an overwhelming time.

<b>13</b>	<b>Monday</b> There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Lewes and HMP Wandsworth.
<b>14</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP High Down, HMP Liverpool, HMP Oakwood, and HMP Rochester.
<b>15</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Northumberland and HMP Swaleside.
<b>16</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Pray for children who received a Christian book with their <i>Angel Tree</i> gift this Christmas, that as they read it they might be inspired and encouraged.
<b>17</b>	<b>Friday</b> We pray that over this coming year, we would see a marked and sustained improvement in the levels of violence across our prisons, knowing that rehabilitation is very hard when people do not feel safe. God, where there is anger, would You bring resolution; where there is conflict, Your peace; where there is hatred, would You soften hearts and bring reconciliation.

<b>18</b>	<b>Saturday</b> There is a <i>Letter Link</i> training taking place in London today. Pray for Joanna, as she trains the new writers, and for all our volunteers, that they might be equipped and inspired to begin writing to men and women in prison.
<b>19</b>	<b>Sunday</b> Today we thank God for the many volunteers and supporters who regularly and faithfully pray for their local prison and the work of Prison Fellowship. In prayer we learn to listen to God's guiding and his words of loving reassurance. Pray that we would never lose that focus as an organisation.
<b>20</b>	<b>Monday</b> There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Thameside and HMP Wormwood Scrubs. There is also a course finishing today at HMP Wymott.  Pray for our volunteer Area Leaders who meet today in Birmingham.
<b>21</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Pray that God would raise up new volunteer Area Leaders in regions where there are gaps, to support and equip our local groups, so that they go from strength to strength.

<b>22</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Aylesbury and HMP Winchester.
<b>23</b>	<b>Thursday</b> PF is recruiting an Operations Team Administrator, to help with the running of our programmes and processing new volunteer applications. Pray that God would bring forward the right person for this role.
<b>24</b>	<b>Friday</b> God, you are our rock in times of change. We pray for men and women who are being released from prison this month. We ask for your protection over them, physically, mentally and emotionally. Protect them from harmful influences, and connect them with the support they need to make good choices.
<b>25</b>	<b>Saturday</b> Pray for those in prison dealing with depression and anxiety and experiencing suicidal thoughts, that they would know how deeply loved they are, and find the support they desperately need.

<b>26</b>	<b>Sunday</b> God, we pray for those in prison who have been abandoned by their family and friends because of their conviction. We pray they might know they are never alone, and that reconciliation might be made where possible.
<b>27</b>	<b>Monday</b> We pray for our volunteers who are in prison this week, and that particularly when they interact with people with challenging behaviour, they might have the wisdom and grace to respond well.
<b>28</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Pray for the Prison Fellowship Board who are meeting today, for wisdom and discernment as they guide the organisation.
<b>29</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> PF is continuing work behind the scenes to adapt Kintsugi Hope's small group material for a prison context, with the hope of piloting it very soon. Pray for this project, for the discernment and creativity needed to ensure it will be accessible to those in prison.

<b>30</b>	<b>Thursday</b> PF has received a few legacy gifts recently. We thank God for this precious gift, and for people who so deeply believe that no one is beyond hope, that they generously commit part of their legacy. We remember them with gratitude, and pray for their loved ones as they mourn their loss.
<b>31</b>	<b>Friday</b> Pray for those prisons that have vacancies in their Chaplaincy teams, that the Spirit would prompt the right people to apply, and the security procedures would go smoothly.

*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