

Prayer Diary – June 2020

“I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people.” Philemon 6-7

1	<p>Monday</p> <p>As prisoners across England and Wales begin their third month in lockdown, we pray God would sustain and comfort them, bringing resilience and hope.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP/YOI Altcourse, HMP Ashfield, HMP/YOI Askham Grange and HMYOI Aylesbury.
2	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Loving God, we pray for the tens of thousands of children who have not been able to visit their parent in prison in months and are upset, confused and unsettled by this. Surround them with your care and protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP & YOI Bedford, HMP/YOI Belmarsh, HMP Berwyn and HMP Birmingham.
3	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>We remember Chaplains who continue to support men and women inside spiritually and emotionally in a difficult context. May they know God’s sustaining power and love in each day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP Brinsford, HMP Bristol and HMP Brixton.
4	<p>Thursday</p> <p>While we are grateful for the relatively low number of deaths inside, the toll on prisoners of the current extreme lockdown is high. Today we pray for MoJ leaders as they plan for how prisons can move into the next phase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP Bronzefield, HMP Buckley Hall, HMP/YOI Bullingdon and HMP Bure.
5	<p>Friday</p> <p>Early plans are being made for how we may be able to run <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses again once prisons begin to open up. Pray for wisdom and vision, and that God may make the way straight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP/YOI Cardiff, HMP Channings Wood, HMP Chelmsford, and HMP Coldingley.

6	<p>Saturday</p> <p>We thank God for the dedication and faithfulness of our volunteer letter writers, many of whom are the only outside contact their penpal has. Today there is a letter writing training for new writers. May they be blessed by those connections, even as they are a blessing to those they write to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMYOI Cookham Wood, HMP Dartmoor, HMYOI Deerbolt and HMP/YOI Doncaster.
7	<p>Sunday</p> <p>Although we cannot gather for church in buildings and prison chapels today, we celebrate that in Christ we are united as one body. We pray that any barriers between us might continue to be broken down, and strangers become family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP Dovegate, HMP/YOI Downview, HMP/YOI Drake Hall and HMP Durham.
8	<p>Monday</p> <p>God of healing, would you draw near today to those in prison experiencing suicidal thoughts. May your light break through their despair, and may they know your hope to get through this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP/YOI East Sutton Park, HMP/YOI Eastwood Park, HMP Erlestoke and HMP/YOI Exeter.
9	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>We pray today for couples who are separated by a prison sentence today, and who have been unable to see each other in visits. God of love, would you sustain and strengthen these important relationships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP Featherstone, HMYOI Feltham, HMP Ford and HMP/YOI Forest Bank.
10	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>We thank and praise God for the work of prison staff, who chose to a job with those</p>

	<p>society has often written off. May they receive new energy and compassion for their work today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP/YOI Foston Hall, HMP Frankland, HMP Full Sutton and HMP Garth.
11	<p>Thursday</p> <p>We pray for PF volunteers who are unwell today. God of healing, would you draw near and bring full recovery of body, mind and spirit, for your glory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP Gartree, HMP Grendon/Springhill, HMP Guys Marsh and HMP/YOI Hatfield.
12	<p>Friday</p> <p>This month, PF is taking on responsibility for running the Prison Hope twitter feed, to encourage prayer for prison ministry. Pray that this channel would bring both increased awareness and also unity between Christian organisations and churches in this ministry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP Haverigg, HMP Hewell, HMP Highpoint North and South.
13	<p>Saturday</p> <p>We pray for prison Governors, who have the difficult job of protecting their residents and staff, as well as creating conditions for rehabilitation. May God renew their vision and energy today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP & YOI High Down, HMP/YOI Hindley, HMP & YOI Hollesley Bay, and HMP Holme House.
14	<p>Sunday</p> <p>This Sunday, we pray for our brothers and sisters in prison: "For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is." (Colossians 2:5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP/YOI Hull, HMP Humber, HMP/YOI Isis and HMP Huntercombe.
15	<p>Monday</p> <p>This Monday, we pray for prisoners who are struggling with frustration, anger and misery. God who sees, thank you that you are present in every cell and with every man and woman inside.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP Isle of Wight (Albany and Parkhurst), HMP Kirkham and HMP Kirklevington Grange.
16	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Today, we thank God for those prisons that are creatively finding new ways for residents to connect with their families, with video calls and mobile phones. We pray that the benefits</p>

	<p>of technology may continue to be rolled out, to sustain and encourage families for the long term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP Lancaster Farms, HMP Leeds, HMP Leicester and HMP Lewes.
17	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>God who heals, we pray today for healthcare staff in prison, as they respond to coronavirus cases, as well as the regular healthcare challenges of prisoners. Keep them safe and bring your peace.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP Leyhill, HMP/YOI Lincoln, HMP Lindholme and HMP Littlehey.
18	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Today, our Angel Tree Coordinators will meet online to plan and prepare for Christmas 2020, so that whatever challenges arise, children can still receive a present from their parent in prison. Pray for wisdom, creativity and unity as they meet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP Liverpool, HMP Long Lartin, HMP/YOI Low Newton and HMP Lowdham Grange.
19	<p>Friday</p> <p>Pray for the PF staff team, who are mostly working from home. May they know God's loving care, and be sustained and united as a team in this period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP Maidstone, HMP/YOI Manchester, HMP/YOI Moorland and HMP/YOI New Hall.
20	<p>Saturday</p> <p>We pray today for judges and magistrates who have responsibility for upholding the law. We pray for the right balance of mercy and justice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP Northumberland, HMP North Sea Camp, HMP & YOI Norwich and HMP/YOI Nottingham.
21	<p>Sunday</p> <p>Today we pray for prison Chaplains, who are faithfully continuing to support those in prison. God of grace, will you give them compassion, insight and words of wisdom and encouragement as they interact with those in their care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP Oakwood, HMP Onley, HMP/YOI Parc and HMP/YOI Pentonville.
22	<p>Monday</p> <p>We pray today for those inside who are using self harm as a way to cope. In their despair, would you bring hope; in their desolation, would you bring peace and courage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP/YOI Peterborough, HMP/YOI Portland, HMP/YOI Prescoed, and HMP & YOI Preston.

23	Tuesday We pray for families with a loved one in prison who are struggling financially. We ask that support would be available to them from the state and the church, and that they would find peace. • HMP Ranby, HMP Risley, HMP/YOI Rochester and HMP Rye Hill.
24	Wednesday We pray for the many fantastic prison charities that are working hard to adapt their programmes in the current crisis to still be able to offer support, training and resources in this time. May God sustain their staff, their programmes and their finances. • HMP/YOI Send, HMP/YOI Elmley, HMP Standford Hill, and HMP Swaleside (the Sheppey Cluster).
25	Thursday We pray for those PF volunteers who are training as Sycamore Tree tutors or group facilitators this month, in preparation for when we can restart courses. Pray that they might feel equipped and ready to step into those significant roles. • HMP Stafford, HMP Stocken, HMP/YOI Stoke Heath and HMP/YOI Styal.
26	Friday Today, we pray for letter writers who are starting to write for the first time – that they might have the courage and words to communicate well and be open to this new connection. • HMP & YOI Sudbury, HMP/YOI Swansea, HMP/YOI Swinfen Hall and HMP Thameside.
27	Saturday We pray for children in Secure Training

	Centres, who often have multiple support needs. May those needs be appropriately and swiftly met, and may staff have compassion and empathy for those in their care. • HMP The Mount, HMP/YOI Thorn Cross, HMP Usk, HMP The Verne.
28	Sunday Today we pray that churches across the country, while unable to meet, would be continue to be a light in our communities, and particularly look out for those recently released or with family members in prison. • HMP Wakefield, HMP Wealstun, HMP Wandsworth, HMP & YOI Warren Hill, and HMP Wayland.
29	Monday God of comfort, be with those in prison who have been recently bereaved, and unable to attend the funeral or receive visits from other family members. May they know your peace in their grief, and receive support from staff to process that. • HMYOI Werrington, HMYOI Wetherby, HMP Whatton, HMP Whitemoor, and HMP Winchester.
30	Tuesday We pray for the many men and women in prison struggling with mental health challenges, and possibly unable to receive the same level of support during lockdown. Loving God, you see and know each person – would you meet them in their need today, and bring clarity and hope. • HMP/YOI Woodhill, HMP/YOI Wormwood Scrubs, HMP & YOI Wymott, STC Rainsbrook and STC Oakhill.