

PRAYER DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2020



“The Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!” Isaiah 30:18

1	<p>Tuesday We believe in a God of compassion, who is quick to show compassion to us and every person we serve in prison. Today, pray that you might receive that compassion in a deeper way, and that it might also overflow into your life and work.</p>	8	<p>Tuesday Today is <i>International Literacy Day</i>. We pray for those in prison who struggle with reading and writing; May they find the support they need to progress. We thank God for those involved in <i>Letter Link</i> and pray it would help them gain confidence.</p>
2	<p>Wednesday This week, we pray for our changing staff team: Fiona is moving on after three years as Communications Officer. Thank God for the many ways she has contributed to the work of PF, and pray that God would guide her next steps.</p>	9	<p>Wednesday As prisons gradually remove the increased restrictions in place, we continue to pray for safety for all residents and staff. May the measures in place be effective to protect them from an outbreak of Covid-19 inside.</p>
3	<p>Thursday This week, we pray for our changing staff team: Anita has joined us as our new Communications Officer. Pray that she settles in quickly to the role, and for vision and direction for the work.</p>	10	<p>Thursday <i>Prayer Line</i> request: S wants to pray for his family, with everything that is going on in the world at the moment, he wants them to be kept safe and healthy.</p>
4	<p>Friday This week, we pray for our changing staff team: Lila has joined PF as the new Operations Team Administrator. Pray she would feel welcomed in the team and will quickly become comfortable in her role.</p>	11	<p>Friday Some <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses have been run in the past few weeks, with smaller groups of learners and additional safety measures in place. Pray for PF staff and volunteers as we move forward, that the right decisions would be made to allow <i>Sycamore Tree</i> to run again in a safe and supportive setting.</p>
5	<p>Saturday <i>Prayer Line</i> request: J wants prayers for his wife M; she is feeling lonely and J is worried about her.</p>	12	<p>Saturday We thank God for the continued dedication of our volunteer letter writers, whose support to those in prison has been a big encouragement throughout the lockdown. May they continue to delight in the chance to connect with those inside.</p>
6	<p>Sunday As many churches begin to meet in person again this month, we pray for all those who are still unable to attend services, including Christians in prison. May they find comfort in the knowledge that they are part of God’s family, whether together or apart.</p>	13	<p>Sunday It is one month until “Prisons Sunday” and the start of <i>Prisons Week</i>. Pray that churches would be open to hearing about and praying for the work of Prison Fellowship, and would respond to the call to partner with us.</p>
7	<p>Monday <i>Prayer Line</i> request: K wants prayer for his upcoming parole board meeting, he wants to be released and have a safe place to live.</p>		

14	Monday <i>Prayer Line</i> request: M is coming out of a bout of depression and is feeling good and positive. He is hoping to go in to Christian rehab when he is released, his social worker is looking into this for him.		
15	Tuesday <i>Prayer Line</i> request: H asked that we keep the staff in his prison in our prayers as they face the ongoing challenges of lockdown.		
16	Wednesday Pray for the Prison Fellowship support team who are still mostly all working from home. Pray for sustained good communication and work together even while they are dispersed.		
17	Thursday Today, the PF Board of Trustees has their annual strategy day. Pray that it might be an inspiring and clarifying day, and they would discern God's will for the organisation.		
18	Friday <i>Prayer Line</i> request: N wants her daughter back in her life, she loves her and just wants her back.		
19	Saturday <i>Prayer Line</i> request: A has asked for forgiveness; he has been disclosing his offences to the police. He asked we pray for the victims of crime and for his rehabilitation while in prison.		
20	Sunday This Sunday, we pray for God's sustaining grace for prison Chaplains who have been stretched in their roles these past six months. May they enter into God's rest and know His peace in all they do.		
21	Monday <i>Prayer Line</i> request: T asks we pray for his friend P who is feeling very low at the moment, he also asks we remember his family too.		
22	Tuesday <i>Prayer Line</i> request: E is feeling down and would value prayer. She has an appeal in place and a court date soon. She just wants		
			to get back to her three children and her partner.
23	Wednesday We remember today any PF volunteers who are currently struggling with ill health. May God bring them peace, hope and healing.		
24	Thursday <i>Prayer Line</i> request: S would like prayer for his brother, who died two weeks ago. Also for his wife, children, grandchildren and himself.		
25	Friday Today, it is three months until Christmas! We pray for our Angel Tree Coordinators who are working hard to ensure <i>Angel Tree</i> can take place despite the circumstances. May they have clarity and peace.		
26	Saturday Many children have recently been able to visit their parents in prison for the first time in many months. Pray that those important relationships might be protected and restored, and for healing to come where needed.		
27	Sunday Pray for those children and parents who are still unable to visit, because of Covid-19 or other restrictions. May God protect their relationship despite the challenge, and may they know they are held in his loving arms.		
28	Monday <i>Prayer Line</i> request: S would like prayer for safety for himself and his loved ones. Also for some of the other men in his prison, that they would finish their time well.		
29	Tuesday As <i>Angel Tree</i> is being promoted in prison in the coming weeks, pray for those parents who hear about it, that any barriers to their application would be removed.		
30	Wednesday As we look back over the past month and forward to the next one, we remember God's faithfulness and we trust in His goodness for our lives, our work and for every person we interact with in prison.		