

# Prayer Diary – October 2020



*Even were I to walk through a valley of deepest darkness, I should fear no harm, for you are with me... Psalm 23:4a (REB)*

1	<p><b>Thursday</b> October is <b>Black History Month</b>. Pray for fairness in the criminal justice system, and end to racial prejudice.</p>	9	<p><b>Friday</b> <i>Prayer Line</i> request: G asks us to pray for all those who are suffering in and out of prison, he also asks for prayer for his family and himself. He is a believer and he wants to grow as a Christian and be closer to God.</p>
2	<p><b>Friday</b> HTB hosts its first online Prison Ministry Conference this evening. Pray the Holy Spirit will guide attendees to grow in their faith and knowledge to be as disciples in seeking and ministering to the hearts of prisoners.</p>	10	<p><b>Saturday</b> Today is <b>World Mental Health Day</b>. Pray for the many prisoners who suffer mental health conditions. Pray they will receive relief and peace of mind, and that mental health conditions may be considered during sentencing.</p>
3	<p><b>Saturday</b> Sycamore Tree Tutors gather virtually for training today. Pray they have a fruitful time together.</p>	11	<p><b>Sunday – Prisons Week begins</b> We pray for <i>Prisons Week</i> which starts today. Prisoners often feel isolated, particularly during lockdown. We join in prayer with churches across the country to pray, act and declare to prisoners: You are not alone.</p>
4	<p><b>Sunday</b> Prison Fellowship hosts the Sunday service on National Prison Radio this morning. Pray that those tuning in will receive the message to persevere in faith even through challenging circumstances.</p>	12	<p><b>Monday – praying with prisoners</b> Lift up all the men and women serving time in our prisons this day. Ask God to break through the fear and isolation, particularly as the Covid-19 pandemic continues. <b>United in prayer, we bow our heads to say together Our Father...</b></p> <p>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Pentonville.</p>
5	<p><b>Monday</b> Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire those involved in today's Area Leaders' Call and that all leaders may find strength and insight to serve their churches, groups or chaplaincies effectively.</p>	13	<p><b>Tuesday – praying with victims of crime</b> Ask the Lord to ease the distress and suffering of those whose lives are locked down because of crimes committed against them. <b>United in prayer, we bring our wounds as we say together Our Father...</b></p>
6	<p><b>Tuesday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Woodhill.</p>	14	<p><b>Wednesday – praying with families</b> Lord God, please comfort families whose lives are in turmoil due to a loved one being in prison. Take away their fears and give them peace. <b>United in prayer, we bring our sadness and our hopes as we say together Our Father...</b></p>
7	<p><b>Wednesday</b> We pray all those involved in <i>Welcome Directory</i> who have their Board meeting today will walk in the light of love with those they accompany through the gate.</p> <p>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Send.</p>		
8	<p><b>Thursday</b> For those currently experiencing the valley of darkness in their lives, we pray they shall be comforted by the presence of God, and that our prisons and Prayer Groups will be filled with witness to God's love and mercy.</p>		

<b>15</b>	<b>Thursday – praying with communities</b> Lord Jesus, help us magnify Your kindness and goodness to overcome ignorance, alienation and hostility, to be able to see each other as people created and connected in God’s image. <b>United in prayer, we bring ourselves and offer our lives as we say together Our Father...</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Thursday</b> A number of PF national ministries are meeting today, discussing our work around the world. Pray for positive conversations.
<b>16</b>	<b>Friday – praying with prison workers</b> Ask God to be alongside all who are called to work in prisons. Grant them strength to serve courageously and faithfully. <b>United in prayer, watch over us as we say together Our Father...</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Friday</b> Remember PF volunteers and those from other ministries who are unable to go in to prison at present. Bring them before God today.
<b>17</b>	<b>Saturday – praying with those working in the criminal justice system</b> Throughout the criminal justice system, guide and empower people to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with Christ in His strength and Spirit. <b>United in prayer, we stand before you Jesus, our Judge, Redeemer and friend as we say together Our Father...</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <i>Prayer Line</i> request: J gives thanks to God for the work of Prison Fellowship volunteers.
<b>18</b>	<b>Sunday</b> <i>Prayer Line</i> request: S was recently baptised. She asks for prayer for her mental health.	<b>25</b>	<b>Sunday</b> Through all the uncertainty and concern that the pandemic continues to put in our way, pray that churches will continue to be strongholds of prayer especially in circumstances where people are unable to meet together in person.
<b>19</b>	<b>Monday</b> Pray for all those in prison who are connected with a <i>Letter Link</i> volunteer. May their letters be a source of hope and encouragement.	<b>26</b>	<b>Monday</b> <i>Prayer Line</i> request: A asks us to pray the Covid-19 infection rate falls across the world.
<b>20</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Pray for members of PF’s Support Team most of whom continue to work from home. May they be blessed in all they do.	<b>27</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> As the Covid-19 pandemic continues, ask God to protect those volunteers who are able to return to their work in prison.
<b>21</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Prayer Line</i> request: A asks us to pray for his safety, he is finding life difficult. He has a few weeks left to serve and is concerned about his release.	<b>28</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Prayer Line</i> request: K asks us to pray for him and his family. He has not heard from them for two months. He hopes they are okay and will forgive him.
		<b>29</b>	<b>Thursday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Swansea.
		<b>30</b>	<b>Friday</b> Please pray for Angel Tree Co-ordinators across England and Wales as they prepare to run the programme this Christmas.
		<b>31</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <i>Prayer Line</i> request: B asks us to pray for his children and his partner. His children have been taken in care and he is concerned he will never see them again.