

Prayer Diary – December 2020

“Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you” Isaiah 60:1

1	Tuesday As Advent unfolds, pray that those in prison and their families would feel the strength of God’s love for them and be able to look forward to Christmas.	5	Saturday Pray for all prison chaplains in their work of bringing comfort, company and the love of Jesus to men and women in our prisons. Help the message of Christ’s love and salvation be received into the hearts of prisoners.
2	Wednesday International Day for the Abolition of Slavery We pray for those who have been trafficked, and for traffickers in prison. We pray for an end to trafficking and slavery.	6	Sunday Bless all our Angel Tree Co-ordinators. Ask God that they will be sustained in strength to carry out their important mission to bring joy and hope to those in prison and their children.
3	Thursday Let us pray for all our PF Patrons. May God guide their work, and bless them in their ministry to prisoners.	7	Monday Lift up all those starting prison sentences this month. Ask that they may not feel downcast and despairing, but find help and friendship to see them through the times ahead.
4	Friday <i>Prayer Line</i> request: Pray for K who has invited the Lord into her life, and asks for prayer as she knows she is going to find it difficult. She asks for guidance from God as well as prayer for her mum who is unwell.	8	Tuesday Pray for all PF volunteers. Ask that they will be able to progress toward Christmas with a clear and calm focus and do what they need to

	bring hope to prisoners through prayer, <i>Letter Link</i> and <i>Angel Tree</i> .		
9	Wednesday Ask God to comfort the partners of prisoners having to prepare for the festive season with a loved one in prison. May they be blessed with strength and courage to persevere.	12	Saturday Pray for all those who support PF financially. Give thanks for their generosity and foresight knowing their gifts, whatever the amount, are helping bring hope and transformation into the lives of prisoners.
10	Thursday Pray for God to bless today's National Prayer Call, with Bishop Rachel Treweek, recently appointed Bishop to Prisons. Pray that our volunteers may be enriched by the discussion, and that their prayers may be powerfully felt.	13	Sunday Pray for PF CEO Peter Holloway who is preaching at Haywards Heath Baptist Church today. May the Lord our God prepare the minds of those who hear his preaching, so seeds of fruit may be sown.
11	Friday Pray for the Prison Bible Studies resource that has recently been introduced into prisons from PF and HMMPS. Pray for the Bible Studies Steering group who meet today to start planning next year's Bible Studies that they will be inspired by the Holy Spirit, as they meet to discuss further content.	14	Monday Lord, bless all those in prison who are under stress at this time due to anxieties around Covid-19. Please protect them and their families from the virus and give them peace of mind.
		15	Tuesday "Let it be done unto me according to Thy Word", Mary says to the Angel in Luke's Gospel. Help all prisoners surrender to the Will of the Father, so that their lives will be filled with grace, and they may go on to contribute fully to society.

<p>16</p>	<p>Wednesday <i>Prayer Line Request:</i> Pray for J that he will get his parole, and find a place to live. J also asks for prayer for the chaplains who have ‘gone above and beyond’ to help him.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>Sunday Give thanks for the hard work and generosity of all PF volunteers. May they continue to pray for our ministry, and have faith that God is on our side, even as the pandemic limits how much they are able to do physically. May they know that their prayers are heard and felt.</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>Thursday Pray for all prison officers, governors and chaplains, that the Spirit of God will be with them in carrying out their daily work. May they not grow weary, but be like the tree planted near the stream that is renewed and refreshed every day.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>Monday Praise God for the heroes of our prisons. Those men and women, be they prison staff, volunteers or those in prison themselves, who make a positive contribution to the lives of others in our prisons.</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>Friday <i>Prayer Line request:</i> Pray for G, who is going through a period of doubt in his faith and questioning God. Pray that he will encounter God and have his faith renewed.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>Tuesday Pray for peace in our prisons. Ask God to bring an end to violence, fighting and bullying, and for a flourishing of positive relationships between all.</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Saturday We ask God to bless the Trustees of Prison Fellowship. May they be sustained in strength, faith and wisdom to guide PF into the future. Ask that the Support Team may be able to carry out the work and ministry effectively.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>Wednesday We pray for anyone who is feeling anxious or depressed, perhaps remembering lives passed, family members loved, and mistakes made. Pray they will be comforted in their despair, and able to find hope and meaning in Jesus Christ.</p>

<p>24</p>	<p>Christmas Eve Ask God to bless the National Prayer Call that is being broadcast today, and for all those who watch, pray and reflect together on the past year.</p>	<p>attend funerals or say goodbye to their loved ones.</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>Christmas Day Lord, as we celebrate Your coming to the world as a baby, we pray especially for all children opening their <i>Angel Tree</i> presents today, that they may be truly touched by the love of their parents who care about them so much.</p>	<p>28 Monday Ask God to bless people in our prisons with difficulties learning that they may receive any additional help or support they need, and be treated with understanding and compassion.</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>Saturday Ask God to send His reassurance and comfort to all those struggling with their mental health. May they be given peace, and help to deal with their experiences.</p>	<p>29 Tuesday <i>Prayer Line</i> request: Pray for J who has asked to receive guidance from the Lord to see more clearly God’s plan for his life.</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>Sunday Remember in your prayers any prisoners who are bereaved of family members and friends and who haven’t been able to</p>	<p>30 Wednesday Bless those leaving prison this month. Ask that they will be given the right support to transition back into society.</p>
		<p>31 New Year’s Eve Let us look back with gratitude and thank God for His presence in a challenging year. We pray that 2021 will bring hope and a new beginning for men and women in prison.</p>