

Prayer Diary – January 2021

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23

1	Friday As we begin a new year, pray for all that is to come for PF. Pray for volunteers, supporters and chaplains in all they do as they come alongside those in prison this year.	8	Friday – Prayer Line request M would like us to pray for upcoming court appearances. He has been praying a lot recently and would like a suspended sentence so he can return to his family and start a new life guided by God. He is very sorry and hopes God hears him.
2	Saturday – Prayer Line request P wants us to pray for his two friends who are in prison, they have Covid-19 and he hopes they make a quick recovery.	9	Saturday Thank the Lord for those in the PF Support Team responsible for fundraising for our ministry. Praise God for a successful <i>Angel Tree</i> Christmas campaign.
3	Sunday Remember all those in prison who have been unable to attend a Sunday Service in person for many months. Pray that God would draw close to them today.	10	Sunday As church fellowships meet today, we thank God for those churches who support our work prayerfully, practically and financially.
4	Monday Thank God for all of our Angel Tree Coordinators who worked so hard in the run up to Christmas and who are now collating feedback on last year’s activities.	11	Monday Today, our Board’s Diversity and Inclusion Working Group is meeting to think about how PF can support and champion minority and disadvantaged groups in every aspect of our work. Pray that these discussions are fruitful.
5	Tuesday Sycamore Tree Tutors are meeting this evening to feedback on their courses and discuss <i>Sycamore Tree</i> this year. Pray that their conversation would be impactful and that <i>Sycamore Tree</i> would be able to start again safely across the prison estate.	12	Tuesday – Prayer Line request K asks that we pray for the prison staff and their families, he says they have had a tough year. K also asks that we pray for him, his family and friends. K wants to know about God and wants more of Him in his life.
6	Wednesday – Epiphany 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. A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starts at HMP Winchester today.	13	Wednesday We’ve received many entries in our <i>Angel Tree</i> Christmas Card competition. Thank God for all those prisoners who have taken the time to submit a design.
7	Thursday Pray for all those at HMPPS Chaplaincy HQ as they oversee the work happening in prison chapels across the country. There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting at HMP Swansea today.	14	Thursday Praise the Lord for each local PF Group that is meeting this month, whether face-to-face or online. Ask that throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, God would make it clear to each volunteer that there is a purpose to their work in prison, even when they cannot physically be there.

15	Friday <i>Letter Link</i> has been a real blessing to many in prison throughout the pandemic. Thank God today for each volunteer who brings joy and friendship through the letters that they write to their pen pal in prison.	23	Saturday Pray for children who received a Christian book with their <i>Angel Tree</i> gift for Christmas 2020, that as they read it they might be inspired.
16	Saturday – Prayer Line request T asks for prayer for forgiveness and mercy, she wants the Word of God to remain with her children and that her children are covered by the Holy Spirit during her absence.	24	Sunday Pray for Chaplaincy departments that are recruiting new Chaplains this month. Ask God that He would bring the right people to the roles.
17	Sunday PF has put together a service airing on National Prison Radio today. Please pray that it would bring comfort and encouragement to those listening.	25	Monday Hold our Area Leaders in prayer today as they meet to discuss the work of PF around England and Wales in 2021.
18	Monday Ask God to be with all those in our prisons who are feeling sad and isolated today. Pray that they would find comfort and companionship.	26	Tuesday Pray for our Board of Trustees as they meet today. Ask God for fruitful conversations as they discuss the direction and future of PF.
19	Tuesday This week's PF Bible Study for those in prison looks at Samuel hearing the voice of God (1 Samuel 3: 1-10). Pray that this would challenge and encourage everyone that engages with it.	27	Wednesday – Prayer Line request L asks for prayer for his friends whose daughter passed away. He prays that they will know God's love.
20	Wednesday Our latest <i>In:sight</i> newsletter lands on doormats and in inboxes this week. Pray that all who read it will be inspired by our life-changing ministry.	28	Thursday Pray for our CEO Peter Holloway. Ask God to grant him the wisdom and grace to lead our ministry through another year.
21	Thursday – Prayer Line request A would like prayer for himself for the spirit of addiction to be broken over his life. He thanks us for praying and says our prayers help him.	29	Friday Thank God for all prison officers as they work tirelessly to protect and support those in our prisons. May He give each one the stamina to fulfil their vital work.
22	Friday The Bible Studies Steering Group is meeting today. Pray they would have wisdom as they prepare the material to be sent into prisons over Lent.	30	Saturday – Prayer Line request B asks that we pray for him as he is struggling with fear and anxiety. He wants to live with joy and freedom.
		31	Sunday It is six weeks until Mothers' Day. Please pray for each volunteer who is coordinating <i>Angel Tree Mothers' Day</i> in their local prison, and for the young offenders who are using the programme to send a gift to their mum this year.

“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