

Prayer Diary – April 2021

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.” Mark 16:6

1	Thursday Pray for PF’s Local Group volunteers today. Many will be meeting together to pray online over the course of this month. Ask God to bless their time together, strengthen their relationships and empower their leaders today.	8	Thursday The Support Team is interviewing for a new Communications Officer this week. Ask God to be with them in this time of decision-making.
2	Good Friday Today, we remember Jesus’ death for us, and we thank God that His love reaches out to all – even those who have been written off by society, like the thief who hung beside Jesus.	9	Friday – Prayer Line request T will be leaving prison in four weeks but still has nowhere to live. Please pray that accommodation is found for him.
3	Holy Saturday Today is the <i>Prisons Prayer Partnership</i> 24-hour prayer event. Ask God to draw close to those we serve in prisons, and bless the work of the many ministries represented at this event.	10	Saturday Thank God for our new patron, Bishop Rachel Treweek. She is an important voice for change in the world of criminal justice. Pray that the Lord would strengthen her in her crucial work as Bishop to HM Prisons.
4	Easter Sunday This Easter Sunday, pray for encouragement for all those in prison. Just as Jesus had to confront suffering through His crucifixion, we remember all those who are suffering right now. Pray the promise of Christ resurrected will bring hope and joy.	11	Sunday After a very difficult year, please pray for the families of people in prison who have had limited opportunities to visit their loved ones.
5	Easter Monday While many of us are enjoying an extended weekend today, remember those who are working in our prisons in your prayers.	12	Monday Today marks the start of Ramadan. Pray that this time of fasting and prayer brings new opportunities to Muslims in our prisons.
6	Tuesday At the start of a new tax year, please pray for Ian and Lili from our Support Team as they manage PF’s finances.	13	Tuesday – Prayer Line request M asks for prayer for several men on his wing. They see how he has changed since having God in his life. Pray that through his witness they too will grow in faith.
7	Wednesday - Prayer Line request B asks for prayer for his complex parole situation that is causing a lot of anxiety due to communication issues within the system. He is desperate to be heard fairly.	14	Wednesday This week’s Bible Study is from John 20:19-31 and looks at faith and doubt. Pray for those in our prisons engaging with these themes, that they might be able to bring their doubts and fears before God.
		15	Thursday Lord God, we recognise we are part of Your bigger plan. Success in our mission depends on working closely in unity with each other and with others to reach into the lives of those in prison.

16	Friday Intercede for all those in prison who are struggling with their mental health. Ask God to provide support and comfort.	24	Saturday Please pray for all people in prison who are coming to terms with the impact of their offence. Help them to seek forgiveness and make amends.
17	Saturday – Prayer Line request J requests prayer for one fellow inmate who has a bad back and another who has a bad eye.	25	Sunday – Prayer Line request A asks for prayer for his family, particularly his mother who is a Christian, but has gone through great difficulties. Also for his girlfriend and baby, and for his upcoming parole hearing that he can move away and start anew.
18	Sunday PF has put together a Sunday Service for National Prison Radio this morning, looking at Luke 24:36-48. Pray that those in our prisons would find peace and encouragement as they listen.	26	Monday The Area Leaders are meeting on Zoom this evening. Ask God to be with them as they discuss our ministry and support our volunteers.
19	Monday Please remember all those writing to their <i>Letter Link</i> pen pal this month. May they find the right words to write and build relationships based on trust.	27	Tuesday This week's Bible Study is from John 10:11-18, looking at Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Ask the Lord to reveal something of Himself to those who are reading the study this week.
20	Tuesday Lift up each of our volunteers who is unwell. May the Lord Our Healer restore them to full health.	28	Wednesday The Board of Trustees are meeting today to review the last financial year and plan for the next one. Pray that God would guide these discussions and they would be fruitful.
21	Wednesday Lord God, we remember all those who are feeling alone or isolated this day. Draw close to them and bring them hope and companionship.	29	Thursday Today we remember victims of crime. Ask that God would bless them and bring them healing and comfort. Thank Him that He is able to use all of our hurt for His glory.
22	Thursday – Prayer Line request B is upset about his fractious relationship with some of the prison staff and would like prayer for the situation.	30	Friday – Prayer Line request C asks for prayer for his safety and wellbeing. He has suicidal thoughts and a history of self-harm. Pray for him and his family, and that he soon feels better.
23	Friday The team of volunteers who put together the weekly prisoner Bible Studies are meeting today. Ask that the Lord might guide them as they edit and finalise these reflections on God's Word.		

"Pray continually" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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