

Prayer Diary – May 2021



“And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?”
Acts 2:8

1 Saturday We pray for our new Communications Officer, Ryan, as he settles into his new role and into the Support Team.	10 Monday People face many challenges once they are released from prison. We pray that the prevalent attitudes in our society would change to allow those who have been released to reintegrate and make a positive contribution.
2 Sunday Pray for new prisoners as they adjust to prison life; that they might find the right support they need and begin to turn their lives around.	11 Tuesday Pray for Prison Fellowship International who are having their conference today as they seek to better work together for greater impact in their ministry.
3 Monday As we begin Mental Health Awareness Week, we particularly pray for the mental health of those in prison. We pray that they would get the care and support needed during this challenging time.	12 Wednesday Today we pray for any prison staff and volunteers facing burnout, or overwhelming stress and anxiety due to their work; that God might bring peace, rest and restoration.
4 Tuesday We are recruiting for a new Operations Team Administrator. Please pray that the team find the right person for the role.	13 Thursday We pray today for all those who are caring for children whose mother is in prison, that they might have the wisdom to offer those children the emotional support they need and be supported themselves as they take on this role.
5 Wednesday Pray for our Local Group leaders, that they would be strengthened and supported, and that our groups would grow in unity and impact.	14 Friday – Prayer Line request P asks for prayer. He has been released recently and his mum is not well. He feels he needs God's guidance to be able to look after her as he has been struggling.
6 Thursday This year's Mental Health Awareness Week is focused on nature and the environment. We thank God for the beauty and wonder of creation but recognise and pray for those in prison who are not able to enjoy nature and creation as we do.	15 Saturday Today is the International Day of Families. We pray for all prisoners who are separated from their loved ones; that God would strengthen family connections, particularly for children who are separated from their parent.
7 Friday – Prayer Line request M asks us to pray for his new job in prison and that he can become a good team player.	16 Sunday – Ascension As we reflect on the ascension of Christ, we remember how abandoned the disciples must have felt. We pray for those in prison who to feel abandoned and helpless; that they would receive the support and comfort they need.
8 Saturday Pray for those in prison who are part of our <i>Letter Link</i> programme; that they would be able to be honest and authentic in their letters.	
9 Sunday – Prayer Line request P asks for prayer during his first ever custodial sentence and for strength and peace to complete his sentence.	

17	Monday Pray for prison staff as they go to work this Monday; that they might know God's peace and wisdom as they fulfil their role.	25	Tuesday – Prayer Line request Y is unhappy. She keeps changing cells, but this does not improve things. She asks for prayers to get through her sentence.
18	Tuesday – Prayer Line request J asks for continued prayer for him as he is so distressed and struggling. He prays for his wife S, his three children and unborn baby. Pray for God's peace.	26	Wednesday Pray for Probation Officers across the country, that God would give them strength and energy to keep going under heavy workloads. May they see the person in front of them as God sees them, and may God give them wisdom to work through any problems.
19	Wednesday Pray today for our media, that the way prisons are portrayed, and the narratives spoken about prisoners may be based in truth, justice and constructive dialogue.	27	Thursday Please pray for the continued work of PF as we seek to embody our value of integrity in our prisons.
20	Thursday Please pray for the <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course finishing today at HMP Berwyn.	28	Friday We remember prison Governors in our prayers today, people with a very challenging role. Pray for their safety, for mental clarity and discernment, and for hearts that are merciful and hopeful.
21	Friday Pray for all our letter writers, thanking God for their commitment to this ministry. Pray that they would be inspired to continue to write with compassion and sense the profound impact their letters have on those in prison.	29	Saturday Today we pray for those arriving in prison for the first time. During such a disorientating and difficult experience, we pray they would quickly find the support they need and remain hopeful as they adjust to life in prison.
22	Saturday Please pray for the PF Volunteer Conference today as we gather seeking to see every life transformed.	30	Trinity Sunday As we celebrate and reflect on God as Trinity; we pray for the relationships of people in prison. We pray that they would be a source of life and love, akin to our relationship with the triune God.
23	Sunday – Pentecost As we celebrate and reflect on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we also pray for a similar stirring within our society towards those in prison. That compassion and love towards those in prison would flow throughout our country.	31	Monday – Prayer Line request J thanks those praying for him and is full of gratitude and hope for the future.
24	Monday Pray for all those in prison struggling with drug addictions, that they might find the support and healing they need.		

"Pray continually" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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