

Prayer Diary – August 2021

“I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’”

Exodus 16:12

1 Sunday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting at HMP Berwyn today. Pray for every new learner, that they will feel welcomed and safe, and have courage and determination as they begin the course.	8 Sunday This week’s Bible Study is exploring letting go of anger. Pray that those in our prisons would be able to understand God’s peace and forgiveness.
2 Monday We pray for PF’s new Finance Manager, Rosemary, as she settles into her role in the Support Team. Thank God for bringing her to us, and pray that her gifts and skills would flourish.	9 Monday We continue to pray for effective mental health support for people in prison. Pray for any prisoner today feeling desperate, that God might send someone to meet them in their despair and offer hope.
3 Tuesday – Prayer Line request D asks for prayer for his two daughters and his girlfriend. He has recently reconnected with God and prays He would remain close.	10 Tuesday – Prayer Line request M asks for prayer for his sister who is in hospital – that she gets better and makes a full recovery.
4 Wednesday The final session of two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses are taking place at HMP Send today. Pray that these sessions, when learners present their acts of restitution, will be transformational.	11 Wednesday Remember our Board of Trustees today. Thank the Lord for their wisdom and for the time they freely give to governing PF.
5 Thursday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Isis. Please pray that our society will view people in prison with the same compassion with which God sees them.	12 Thursday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course beginning today at HMP Hollesley Bay. The Support Team is participating in a Mental Health First Aid course today. Pray the course would be beneficial for each member of the team.
6 Friday God of truth, help us to search our own hearts and minds for any attitudes or narratives about those in prison that are not of You. Forgive us for our complacency and quick judgements, and give us true understanding.	13 Friday Pray for the work of The Welcome Directory, seeking to help faith communities become places where people who leave prison find acceptance.
7 Saturday Please keep our former Finance and Office Manager, Liliana, in your prayers as she begins the transition of moving to Egypt with her husband.	14 Saturday The theme for this week’s Bible Study is living wisely. Ask God to draw close to those in prison today as they consider their actions and strive to make wise choices.
	15 Sunday We thank God for <i>Prayer Line</i> , which started just over a year ago. Pray that all those using our service this month would find reassurance and comfort.

16	Monday We pray for Libby, our new Operations Team Administrator. Thank God for her joining the Support Team and pray that as she settles, her skills and gifts would come alive in her work.	24	Tuesday A Week 6 Sycamore Tree session is taking place at HMP Humber today.
17	Tuesday – Prayer Line request M is thankful for all those praying on his behalf. He asks for forgiveness and the strength to become a better person.	25	Wednesday – Prayer Line request R asks for prayer for his partner and stepson that they stay safe while he serves his sentence.
18	Wednesday Thank God for a successful audit of the PF accounts last month, and for the efforts and wisdom that went into preparing them.	26	Thursday Many women in prison have been victims of crimes more serious than those they have been convicted of. Pray for a holistic justice response that allows for the healing and restoration of every woman.
19	Thursday Do pray for all the members of the Support Team who are on annual leave this month. Ask that their time away would be restful and refreshing.	27	Friday Thank God for our patron, Bishop Rachel Treweek. We ask God’s continued blessing over her work raising awareness of prison ministry among churches and in the House of Lords.
20	Friday Many of our prisons are Victorian buildings not designed for heat. High temperatures can cause real difficulties for people in prison. During the warm summer, please do pray for those who are in their cells all day.	28	Saturday This week, our Bible Study invites those in prison to think about how their lives reflect the teachings of Jesus. Pray that this would resonate with anyone engaging with the Bible Studies today.
21	Saturday This week’s Bible Study invites those in our prisons to put on the armour of God. Pray that this would help them as they face life’s challenges.	29	Sunday PF is broadcasting a Sunday Service on National Prison Radio today. Pray that those in our prisons would find peace and encouragement as they listen.
22	Sunday As churches across the country begin to meet in person again, we pray that they would continue to remember their brothers and sisters who are in prison.	30	Monday Pray for our Local Group Leaders, that they would have vision and wisdom as they lead their group and connect with local prisons.
23	Monday As many people take summer holidays this month, we pray for staff and volunteers working in prisons, that they would get the rest they need to thrive in their role.	31	Tuesday – Prayer Line request S gives thanks for all the prison officers who have shown him humanity, kindness, understanding and empathy. He also asks for prayer for a friend who recently lost their son.

“Pray continually” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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