

## 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	<b>Sunday</b> 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.	sessions, when learners present their acts of restitution, will be transformational.
2	<b>Monday</b> 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.	5 <b>Thursday</b> 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.
3	<b>Tuesday – Prayer Line request</b> D asks for prayer for his two daughters and his girlfriend. He has recently reconnected with God and prays He would remain close.	6 <b>Friday</b> 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.
4	<b>Wednesday</b> The final session of two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses are taking place at HMP Send today. Pray that these	7 <b>Saturday</b> Please keep our former Finance and Office Manager, Liliana, in your prayers as she begins the transition of moving to Egypt with her husband.

8	<p><b>Sunday</b> 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.</p>		today. Pray the course would be beneficial for each member of the team.
9	<p><b>Monday</b> 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.</p>	13	<p><b>Friday</b> Pray for the work of The Welcome Directory, seeking to help faith communities become places where people who leave prison find acceptance.</p>
10	<p><b>Tuesday – Prayer Line request</b> M asks for prayer for his sister who is in hospital – that she gets better and makes a full recovery.</p>	14	<p><b>Saturday</b> 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.</p>
11	<p><b>Wednesday</b> Remember our Board of Trustees today. Thank the Lord for their wisdom and for the time they freely give to governing PF.</p>	15	<p><b>Sunday</b> 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.</p>
12	<p><b>Thursday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course beginning today at HMP Hollesley Bay.</p> <p>The Support Team is participating in a Mental Health First Aid course</p>	16	<p><b>Monday</b> 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.</p>
		17	<p><b>Tuesday – Prayer Line request</b></p>

	M is thankful for all those praying on his behalf. He asks for forgiveness and the strength to become a better person.		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.
18	<b>Wednesday</b> Thank God for a successful audit of the PF accounts last month, and for the efforts and wisdom that went into preparing them.		23 <b>Monday</b> 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.
19	<b>Thursday</b> 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.		24 <b>Tuesday</b> A Week 6 <i>Sycamore Tree</i> session is taking place at HMP Humber today.
20	<b>Friday</b> 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.		25 <b>Wednesday – Prayer Line request</b> R asks for prayer for his partner and stepson that they stay safe while he serves his sentence.
21	<b>Saturday</b> 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.		26 <b>Thursday</b> 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.
22	<b>Sunday</b>		27 <b>Friday</b> 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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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