# Prayer Diary – September 2021



"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds?"

James 2:14a

#### 1 Wednesday

Please pray for the continued work of PF as we seek to embody our value of dignity in our prisons.

#### 2 Thursday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course starting at HMP Risley today.

The *Sycamore Tree* Tutor discussion group is meeting today - pray for wisdom and insight as they gather.

#### 3 Friday

As parents in prison begin hearing about Angel Tree, we pray for an enthusiastic response, and that their involvement might ease the heartache of separation.

## 4 Saturday

As people in prison engage in this week's Bible Study, we pray that they would have the courage to live out their faith.

## 5 Sunday

Pray for our recent fund appeal as we seek to resource our programmes and operate to the fullness of our mission.

## 6 Monday

We pray today for our *Angel Tree* Coordinators and their teams, who are beginning to distribute application forms in prison and fundraise for the coming Christmas season.

# 7 Tuesday – *Prayer Line* request

L hurt his back while sweeping and asks for prayer for healing.

### 8 Wednesday

There are two *Sycamore Tree* courses starting at HMP Norwich and HMP Springhill today.

Today, on International Literacy Day, we pray for all our volunteer letter writers and their penpals in prison. We remember that literacy levels in prison are below the national average. So, we pray for encouragement, persistence, and a real sense of friendship as they write.

#### 9 Thursday

There are two Sycamore Tree courses starting today at HMP Whitemoor and HMP Rochester

#### 10 Friday

We continue to pray today, on World Suicide Prevention Day, for anyone in prison who is contemplating suicide, or who is impacted by the death of someone. God, bring Your comfort, love, and courage to those in need.

## 11 Saturday

New Sycamore Tree Group Facilitators begin their training today. Pray that participants will be inspired by what they learn, and that what they learn would give them confidence and clarity in their role.

#### 12 Sunday

This week's Bible Study is entitled 'Taming the tongue'. We thank God for the power of our words and pray we would use them to encourage and edify.

## 13 Monday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course starting at HMP Wormwood Scrubs today.

Sycamore Tree Group Facilitator training concludes today – pray that all would feel equipped for this role.

## 14 Tuesday – Prayer Line request

D asks us to pray for his daughters and girlfriend. They went to church for the first time this week and he prays that they would come to know God in their lives

#### 15 Wednesday

Today there is a *Letter Link* volunteers gathering - pray that they will be refreshed and encouraged in their work.

#### 16 Thursday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course starting at HMP Ford and another ending at HMP Hollesley Bay today. Pray for every new learner, that they will feel welcomed and safe as they start the course.

## 17 Friday

Today is the 20-year anniversary event for the <u>Chris Donovan Trust</u>. We thank God for the incredible work done by the charity and pray for its ongoing ministry.

#### 18 Saturday

There is a *Letter Link* training happening today. Thank God for our volunteers who feel called to write to people in prison. Pray that they would feel empowered for this role, and that the connections they make would be valuable.

## 19 Sunday

Along this week's Bible Study theme, we pray that people in prison would grow in their relationship with Jesus.

## 20 Monday – Prayer Line request

T asks for prayer for protection, that she would be able to overcome temptations and urges during her time in prison.

## 21 Tuesday

On the International Day of Peace, we pray for peace in our prisons. May God use us as peacemakers, bringing reconciliation in times of conflict.

#### 22 Wednesday

Thank God for all our new Angel Tree Coordinators. Pray for positive working relationships with chaplains and strong support from PF local groups.

### 23 Thursday

At the start of the school year, we pray for all parents who are in prison, that they would find ways to stay connected with their children, and particularly to encourage and support them in their education.

#### 24 Friday

As we intercede for each Sycamore Tree course this month, we pray that the course tutors and group facilitators would be filled with God's peace and compassion and will see each new learner with God's vision.

## 25 Saturday

The theme for this week's Bible Study is 'A God-focussed life.' We pray for people in prions, that they would be able to cultivate a life as modelled by Christ.

## 26 Sunday

Pray for every chaplaincy team that has agreed to run *Angel Tree* this Christmas, that they would experience it as a blessing and that God would prepare the way and clear any obstacles that arise.

#### 27 Monday

Our Area Leaders are meeting today – please pray their time would be fruitful.

## 28 Tuesday – Prayer Line request

B shares that he always feels better after he calls and thanks God for better sleep recently. He asks for prayer that he would be able to see his Grandad soon.

## 29 Wednesday

Today is Hidden Heroes Day – an opportunity to thank God for the Hidden Heroes working in UK prisons, IRCs, probation and youth justice services.

#### 30 Thursday

A Week 6 Sycamore Tree session is taking place at HMP Risley and HMP Berwyn today. Pray that these sessions will be transformational.

"Pray continually" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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