

## Prayer Diary – November 2021

*"I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken."  
Psalm 16:8.*

<b>1 Monday – All Saints' Day</b> Pray that all men and women in prison would know they are part of the communion of Saints and can build God's Kingdom through their daily lives.  There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Berwyn, HMP Altcourse and HMP Pentonville.	<b>8 Monday – Prayer Line request</b> D calls to say he saw a rainbow over his wing, reminding him of God's promises. He asks us to pray for all those in need and for God's help in his life.
<b>2 Tuesday</b> There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Humber and HMP Woodhill. Pray for the men as they begin this restorative justice course.	<b>9 Tuesday</b> A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course is starting today at Réau, France. This is their first course after the pandemic. Pray for the PF France team as they restart the course.
<b>3 Wednesday</b> On National Stress Awareness Day, we lift up all those in our prisons who are suffering stress, anxiety or related mental and psychological illness.  There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP High Down.	<b>10 Wednesday</b> We pray for The Welcome Directory, who are holding their AGM today.  There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Winchester.
<b>4 Thursday</b> There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting at HMP Risley and HMP Thorn Cross today. Pray for the volunteer Tutors and Group Facilitators that they will quickly make good connections with the learners and feel confident in their roles.	<b>11 Thursday</b> Praise God for the positive response from individuals and churches to <i>Prisons Week</i> this year. We pray people and churches would continue to support and pray for people in prison.
<b>5 Friday – Prayer Line request</b> S prays for the two prison service professionals who have been supportive and empathetic to him and who have raised his spirits enormously.	<b>12 Friday</b> As we explore 'hope' in this week's Bible Study, pray that everyone in prison would be given the gift of hope.
<b>6 Saturday</b> It's just 50 days until Christmas, which means our <i>Angel Tree</i> teams are hard at work ensuring Christmas presents are purchased and sent to the children of parents in prison in time for the big day! Pray for energy, clear organisation, and joy as they work together.	<b>13 Saturday</b> Today is World Kindness Day! We praise God for His everlasting kindness to us. May we reciprocate that kindness to the people we meet in prison.
<b>7 Sunday</b> Pray for everyone in prison engaging with this week's Bible Study. May it be an encouragement to all who read it.	<b>14 Sunday – Remembrance Sunday</b> Please remember in your prayers all those in our prisons who have served in the Armed Forces for whom today holds a special significance.
	<b>15 Monday</b> Today marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. This week, we remember those in prison who face hostility. May the Spirit of the Lord bring comfort to them, and may they be given the courage to confide in Him.  Pray that today's audit of the <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course will be straightforward.

16	<b>Tuesday</b> Prisons are often difficult and challenging places to live and work. On International Day of Tolerance, pray that there will be greater tolerance between those who serve, minister, and reside in prisons helping relationships prosper, and mental health and wellbeing improve.  There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Highpoint.	23	<b>Tuesday</b> We launch our Christmas appeal for <i>Angel Tree</i> next week. Pray that people would be led to give joyfully and generously, and that the financial needs of the programme would be met.
17	<b>Wednesday</b> There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses ending at HMP Send and HMP Wayland today. Thank God for these women and men who have taken part and pray that the lessons they have learnt would stay with them as they move on.	24	<b>Wednesday – Prayer Line request</b> R asks for prayer for his daughter and partner. He is terrified about his release and how he is going to rebuild his life.
18	<b>Thursday – Prayer Line request</b> P has lost a friend who was alcohol dependent and asks for prayer for the family and all those struggling with alcohol addiction.	25	<b>Thursday</b> Today is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. We pray for the 53% of women in prison who report having experienced emotional, physical, or sexual abuse. May they find healing, peace, and restoration.
19	<b>Friday</b> We pray for everyone in prison, that their relationship with Jesus would grow.	26	<b>Friday</b> We thank God for the people who volunteer to tell their story of being a victim of crime during a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course. May they know the fruits of sharing their experiences.
20	<b>Saturday</b> Because children who suffer neglect or abuse often end up leading lives of crime, we offer up prayers today on Universal Children’s Day that those in authority may be sensitive to families struggling to take good care of their young.	27	<b>Saturday</b> We lift up all those in prison battling anxiety and worry. May they know they are not alone and enable them to find the help they need.
21	<b>Sunday</b> Pray today for all those volunteers and supporters buying a present for a child with a mum or dad in prison. May the gift they buy make a child feel known and loved on Christmas Day.	28	<b>Sunday – Prayer Line request</b> R asks for prayer for when he goes to court, that his representations are accepted, and he can be released.
22	<b>Monday</b> We pray for prison staff, for their safety as they seek to maintain a calm environment, and ask that they will work with integrity, courage, and kindness.	29	<b>Monday</b> We continue to pray for our <i>Angel Tree</i> Coordinators and teams this month, as they work hard to make the programme a success this year. May they know God’s peace and sustaining love.
		30	<b>Tuesday</b> Today marks the start of our Christmas appeal. Pray that many people would hear about <i>Angel Tree</i> and be moved to give generously, bringing joy to so many families separated by a prison sentence this Christmas.

“Pray continually” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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