Prayer Diary – December 2021

"All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them."

Luke 2:18.

1	**Wednesday** There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending today at HMP Swaleside.
2	**Thursday** Our *Angel Tree* appeal began this week. Thank God for each person who has generously donated so far and pray that we will reach our matched funding target.
3	**Friday** Give thanks for each of our *Letter Link* volunteers. Correspondence with people in prison is particularly crucial at this time of year.
4	**Saturday** Our Bible Study reminds us that God will finish what He has started. Pray that everyone in prison would be encouraged to continue on their journeys.
5	**Sunday** On this second Sunday in Advent, we pray for peace to be present in every prison. May all violence and conflict cease, and may God's security be very present.
6	**Monday** There are three *Sycamore Tree* courses ending today at HMP Altcourse, HMP Lewes, and HMP Pentonville.
7	**Tuesday** There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending today at HMP Humber.
8	**Wednesday – *Prayer Line* request** S asks for prayer for a fellow attendee of an Alpha course whose mother had been attacked. He also asks for God's help as he comes off methadone.
9	**Thursday** There are two *Sycamore Tree* courses ending today at HMP Risley and HMP Thorn Cross.
10	**Friday** Pray for Angel Tree Co-ordinators who are finalising preparations for this year's programme. Ask God to be with them especially if they are feeling stressed or overwhelmed.
11	**Saturday** As this week's Bible Study encourages us to give thanks, take a moment to thank God for all the good things in your life.
12	**Sunday** On this third Sunday in Advent, we pray for joy to be the surprising gift of this season - that moments of joy would break through despite the challenges and pain of prison life.

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13	**Monday** Many prisons will be hosting Carol Services this week. Pray that they will be a blessing to all who attend.
14	**Tuesday – *Prayer Line* request** B asks for prayer as he is really struggling since his fiancée passed away a few months ago.
15	**Wednesday** There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending today at HMP Winchester.
16	**Thursday** There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending today at HMP Berwyn.
17	**Friday** With *Sycamore Tree* courses completed until the New Year, please pray that all of our volunteers will rest well over the Christmas period.
18	**Saturday** As we explore God's promises in this week's Bible Study, pray everyone in prison would know God's love, compassion and strength.
19	**Sunday** On this fourth Sunday in Advent, we pray for God's love to surround everyone who lives and works in prison. Ask that they will know they are deeply valued and cared for.
20	**Monday** Praise God for the incredible efforts of our *Angel Tree* volunteers who have helped ensure that over 4,000 children will receive a gift from their parent in prison this Christmas.
21	**Tuesday – *Prayer Line* request** J asks for prayer for guidance when he is released from prison to meet the right people and make the right choices.
22	**Wednesday** As the days get lighter, we ask that God would draw close to people in prison who are experiencing seasonal depression.
23	**Thursday** Thank God for the Prayer Line Administrators working throughout the Christmas period to ensure prisoners' prayers are distributed.
24	**Friday – Christmas Eve** Today, we think of the many thousands of children with a parent in prison, who will be missing them tonight, or struggling with the hurt of their absence. We pray they would experience God's comfort and love this night, and that tomorrow would bring joy and hope.
25	**Saturday – Christmas Day** God with us, we thank and praise You for the precious gift of Yourself. Thank You for being born into our lives, for bringing us Your peace and hope. Thank You that You continue to be present in the darkest places. We pray for every weary person in prison, that they will recognise Your presence with them today.

26	**Sunday – Boxing Day** Pray for everyone in prison engaging with this week's Bible Study based on Luke 2:8-20. May it be a light to their feet and bring hope to all who read it.
27	**Monday** Thank God for our Support Team and pray that they are all resting well over the Christmas break.
28	**Tuesday – *Prayer Line* request** S asks for prayer for all those feeling suicidal and for himself as he is feeling overwhelmed by his trial and jury verdict.
29	**Wednesday** We pray for all the chaplains and prison staff working over Christmas and thank God for their service.
30	**Thursday** Thank God for all Chaplaincy Support volunteers, many of whom have been working over Christmas assisting chaplaincy teams in their ministry.
31	**Friday – New Year's Eve** At the end of the year, we give thanks for God's faithfulness and loving kindness, for sustaining and strengthening us throughout the year, and for God's grace, which is offered freely to us all.

"Pray continually" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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