

## Prayer Diary – March 2022



"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ."

### Galatians 6:2

<b>1 Tuesday – Shrove Tuesday</b> As we prepare for the beginning of Lent, we pray for everyone in prison who has been forced to give up so much.  There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Rochester.	<b>9 Wednesday</b> We thank God for Fran Beckett who has served as our Chair of Trustees since 2017 and is stepping down in April. As we search for a new Chair, pray that recruitment goes well and God would reveal the right candidate.
<b>2 Wednesday – Ash Wednesday</b> We acknowledge our own brokenness before God, knowing we are no different to any of the people in prison we serve. Let us humbly seek God's forgiveness and help.  There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses beginning at HMP Springhill and HMP Winchester.	<b>10 Thursday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Isis.
<b>3 Thursday – World Book Day</b> We pray for all the children who received a Christian book as part of <i>Angel Tree</i> last Christmas. May it spark their curiosity and bring them great enjoyment.  There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting at HMP Berwyn, HMP Risley and HMP Whitemoor.	<b>11 Friday</b> The Bible Study this week comes from Genesis 15, looking at God's faithfulness to Abraham. Please pray that those in our prisons would see and experience that same faithfulness today.
<b>4 Friday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Coldingley.	<b>12 Saturday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Ford. For all learners finishing a course this month, we pray that the lessons learnt will give them strength and vision for their life ahead.
<b>5 Saturday</b> This week's Bible Study looks at Psalm 91. Pray that those reading would know God as a safe place in hard times.	<b>13 Sunday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Altcourse.
<b>6 Sunday</b> Pray for Ryan, our Communications Officer, who is speaking at All Saints Church, Meon Valley this morning.	<b>14 Monday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Isis.
<b>7 Monday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Altcourse.	<b>15 Tuesday – Prayer Line request</b> R asks for prayer for his son who is struggling with drug addiction at the moment.
<b>8 Tuesday – International Women's Day</b> Today we remember the almost 4,000 women in prison in England and Wales. Pray that they will find release from addiction, freedom from abuse, and hope for the future.  A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course is starting today at HMP Highpoint.	<b>16 Wednesday</b> Pray for our <i>Angel Tree</i> Coordinators as they work with their groups to enable young offenders to send their mum or carer a Mothers' Day card. Pray that God would open doors and hearts so that this programme might bear long-lasting fruit.
	<b>17 Thursday</b> The Bible Studies Steering Group is meeting today. Pray that the studies they create will inspire hope for all those who read them.
	<b>18 Friday – Prayer Line request</b> R asks for prayer for healing, relief, and peace as he suffers with a skin condition which keeps him from sleeping.

<b>19 Saturday</b>	The Bible Study for this week invites people in prison to reflect on Isaiah 55. Ask that this would encourage and bring peace to everyone who engages with the Bible Study.	<b>25 Friday</b>	We give heartfelt thanks for each and every volunteer who carries God's heart for those in prison, and who faithfully serves in so many ways to see every life in prison transformed!
<b>20 Sunday</b>	Pray for our friends in prison who hope to attend a Chapel service today, that they will find the hope and peace they need in that time of worship	<b>26 Saturday</b>	The Parable of the Lost Son is such an important story for many of those in our prisons. The Bible Study this week explores the themes of reunification and forgiveness in this story. Ask that God would bring the same restoration to lives of people in prison.
<b>21 Monday</b>	On this International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, we acknowledge the over-representation of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnicity people in our prisons. Pray that inequalities in our criminal justice system would be recognised and removed, and for positive action in those communities affected to see lives changed.	<b>27 Sunday – Mothering Sunday</b>	Ask the Lord to bless mothers and carers with a loved one in prison. Pray for mums receiving an <i>Angel Tree Mothers' Day</i> card and gift from their child today.
<b>22 Tuesday – Prayer Line request</b>	O prays that she can be back with her children soon as she misses them desperately.	<b>28 Monday</b>	There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Lewes.
<b>23 Wednesday</b>	We thank God for the faithfulness of Sylvia Mary Alison, founder of PF England and Wales, and the many individuals who caught that first vision for a network of praying groups serving our prisons.	<b>29 Tuesday</b>	There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Styal.
<b>24 Thursday</b>	We thank God for prison staff who often face many challenges each day in their work, but who play a vital role in the lives of the people under their care. Pray for their safety, and that they will work with integrity and compassion.	<b>30 Wednesday – Prayer Line request</b>	J prays that his release is granted and he is able to be with his wife.
		<b>31 Thursday</b>	Remember prison governors in your prayers today. These men and women have very challenging roles. Pray for their safety, for mental clarity and discernment, and for hearts that are merciful and hopeful.

*"Pray continually" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*



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