

Prayer Diary – April 2022



"Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy."

John 16:22

1 Friday We pray for safety and provision for the PF Ukraine team as they seek to help and support people in their communities and in local prisons.	11 Monday As we remember the day Jesus cleansed the Temple, we pray that our churches might be places of radical welcome to all, particularly to men and women who have been in prison.
2 Saturday Today marks the start of Ramadan. Pray that this time of fasting and prayer brings new opportunities to Muslims in our prisons.	12 Tuesday We pray for all the mums who received a gift and card from their child in prison through <i>Angel Tree Mother's Day</i> . May it lead to the strengthening of relationship and deeper connection.
3 Sunday The Bible Study for this week invites people in prison to reflect on John 12. Pray that they would encounter God through the study today.	13 Wednesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course beginning at HMP Wayland.
4 Monday Pray for the recruitment process for our Programmes Coordinator vacancy. Ask God to bring the right person to join the team.	14 Thursday Jesus washed his disciples' feet as an act of service, and said they were to do likewise. We pray that our motivation to serve in prison would always be rooted in love.
5 Tuesday – Prayer Line request S prays that he would be able to get a transfer to Cat D so he can see his family who he hasn't seen for two years.	15 Good Friday Today, we remember Jesus' death for us, and we thank God that His love reaches out to all – even those who have been written off by society, like the criminal who hung next to Jesus.
6 Wednesday There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses ending today at HMP Springhill and HMP Winchester.	16 Holy Saturday Today we wait and mourn in the disappointments and darkness of our world recognising that today, this is where Jesus is. It is only through death that we come to resurrection life.
7 Thursday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending at HMP Berwyn and one starting at HMP Whitemoor.	17 Easter Sunday Hallelujah! Praise God for this gift of love and grace, that through Jesus' resurrection we have the promise of life eternal!
8 Friday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course finishing at HMP Coldingley.	18 Easter Monday We pray today for the vital work prison chaplaincies do supporting the spiritual and mental health of prisoners. We pray that God would provide the resources they require to meet the needs they are confronted with daily.
9 Saturday Pray that people in prison reading this week's <i>Bible Study</i> would know that God makes use of them even if they feel unseen and unimportant.	
10 Palm Sunday This Sunday, we remember that Jesus came in humility, riding on a donkey. May we seek to have that same humility in our ministry.	

19	Tuesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course finishing at HMP Highpoint. May every learner who finishes a course this month be able to hold on to all they have learnt in the challenges ahead.	25	Monday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course beginning at HMP Isis. For each new course beginning this month, we pray for courage, focus, and real transformation.
20	Wednesday – Prayer Line request J prays for all those suffering because of the war in Ukraine. He asks us to pray for him, that he would be able to start his life afresh.	26	Tuesday – Prayer Line request D has lost his faith and asks for prayer that he re-finds it. He recently received a Bible and is reading it.
21	Thursday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course beginning at HMP Isis. Thank God for the dozens of committed tutors and group facilitators who make all these courses possible.	27	Wednesday Our Board of Trustees are meeting today to review the last financial year and plan for the next one. Pray that God would guide these discussions and they would be fruitful.
22	Friday Thank God for the team and the work of Prison Fellowship in Scotland and Northern Ireland.	28	Thursday Pray for probation officers across the country, that God would give them strength and energy to keep going under heavy workloads. May they see the person in front of them through God's eyes, and may God give them creativity and perseverance to work through any problems.
23	Saturday We pray that people in prison would know that Jesus' invitation is for them as they read this week's Bible Study from Luke 24.	29	Friday Thank God for Fran Beckett who has been our Chair since April 2017 and pray for her as she moves on.
24	Sunday Pray for people who have been released from prison this month. Ask God that they will find the housing, work, and support that they need to thrive, and not return to prison. Pray that churches and Christians would reach out in welcome and love.	30	Saturday Thank God for all the Angel Tree Coordinators who have worked hard during the last few weeks to organise the Mothers' Day cards and vouchers from young offenders.

"Pray continually" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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