

Prayer Diary – May 2022



The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"

Matthew 13:10.

1 Sunday This week's Bible Study looks at the story of Saul's conversion. It is such a powerful example of God's transformative power. We pray everyone in prison would know God can transform their lives as well.	9 Monday There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Pentonville and HMP Wormwood Scrubs.
2 Monday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course beginning at HMP Lewes. For each new course beginning we pray for courage, focus and real transformation.	10 Tuesday The Bible Studies Steering Group is meeting today. Pray that the studies they create will inspire hope for all those who read them. There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course beginning at HMP Rochester.
3 Tuesday Many Anglican Chaplains are attending a training conference this week. Pray that their time together will be refreshing and encouraging. Also pray for Stephen Hawkins and Linda Hassall from the PF Support Team as they attend.	11 Wednesday – Prayer Line request A asks for prayer following attending a service on his wing. He asks for Jesus to come into his life, forgive him, and look after his partner and children.
4 Wednesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course beginning at HMP Send. Pray that there would be a sense of hope from everyone.	12 Thursday There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses beginning today at HMP Berwyn and HMP Low Newton and one ending at HMP Whitemoor.
5 Thursday During Mental Health Awareness Week, we particularly pray for the mental health of people in prison. We ask that they would get the care and support needed while serving their sentences.	13 Friday Pray for our new Fundraising Officer, Jo Henderson as she begins work with Prison Fellowship this week. Ask that she would settle into her new role and into the Support Team.
6 Friday – Prayer Line request J is due in court this month. He has Tourette's and tics and is finding prison hard. His mother is terminally ill and he asks for prayer that he can get out and see her.	14 Saturday We pray that people in prison would know God's love is for them as they read this week's Bible Study from John 13.
7 Saturday The theme of this year's Mental Health Awareness Week is loneliness. We pray particularly for people in prison who feel isolated and on their own. May they be given the help and support they need.	15 Sunday On this International Day of Families, we remember those families that are separated today by prison walls. Heavenly Father, may You bring comfort, perseverance and hope to all who miss their loved ones today.
8 Sunday As people in prison read this week's Bible Study on John 10, pray they would choose to follow Jesus in all aspects of their lives.	16 Monday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course beginning at HMP Altcourse. Thank God for the dozens of committed tutors and group facilitators who make all these courses possible.

17	Tuesday There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Highpoint and HMP Preston.	25	Wednesday In many prisons, chapel groups are still not able to run. We pray that they will be able to start again soon and continue to be fun and safe spaces for people to explore and deepen their faith.
18	Wednesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course beginning at HMP High Down and two finishing at HMP Brixton and HMP Wayland.	26	Thursday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course finishing at HMP Hollesley Bay.
19	Thursday – Prayer Line request A asks for prayer for him and his family. He has not been able to see his children for a long time and prays he can make contact soon.	27	Friday Pray for those in prison who are part of our <i>Letter Link</i> programme; that the letters they receive would fill them with hope and allow them to know that they are valued by God.
20	Friday Pray for Prison Fellowship Ukraine as they continue to serve the country and help those in Kyiv and the surrounding areas.	28	Saturday The Bible Study this week looks at Ephesians 1. Pray that it brings courage and support to everyone in prison who reads it.
21	Saturday Pray that the peace that Jesus offers us in John 14 would be present in every prison and for every person engaging in this week's Bible Study.	29	Sunday – Ascension As we reflect on the ascension of Christ, we remember how abandoned the disciples must have felt. We pray for those in prison who feel abandoned and helpless; that they would receive the support and comfort they need.
22	Sunday Pray for Ryan, our Communications Officer, who is speaking at St Gregory's Church, Marnhull this morning.	30	Monday Today we pray in particular for those arriving into prison for the first time. During such a disorientating and difficult experience, we pray they would quickly find the support they need and remain hopeful as they adjust to life in prison.
23	Monday Pray for prison staff as they go to work this Monday; that they might know God's peace and wisdom as they fulfil their role.	31	Tuesday – Prayer Line request D asks for prayer for the chaplains who are doing a great job in such hard times.
24	Tuesday – Prayer Line request Though she does not yet believe in God, A asks for prayer that she will receive forgiveness and protection. She would also like to engage with the PF Bible Study material.		

"Pray continually" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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