

Prayer Diary – October 2022

“He threw himself to the ground at Jesus’ feet and thanked him”

Luke 17:16

1	Saturday October is Black History Month. Pray for fairness in the criminal justice system, and an end to racial prejudice.	5	Wednesday There are three <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Aylesbury, HMP Northumberland and HMP Winchester. Thank God for all the group facilitators and tutors who give their time to allow these courses to run.
2	Sunday – Bible Study This week’s <i>Bible Study</i> is the 100 th study we have made. Thank God for all those who read along with people in prison. May the studies continue to be a blessing to all who read them. Today, Calum Crombie is running the London Marathon in aid of PF. Thank God for his commitment to fundraising and pray for continual energy as he runs today.	6	Thursday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Low Newton. Pray that the Tutor of this course would be guided in their marking of the workbooks and what the learners have received from the course would remain with them.
3	Monday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Lancaster Farms.	7	Friday – Bible Study As people in prison engage with this week’s <i>Bible Study</i> , pray they would know that ‘there is always a way back to God for those who seek Him.’
4	Tuesday – Prayer Line request N is due for release soon. He is grateful that, since finding God, he is able to stay on the right path and that he can continue praying. Our first ever <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course at HMP New Hall is starting today.	8	Saturday Today, our CEO Peter Holloway is attending Prison Fellowship Northern Ireland’s 40th Anniversary celebration. Thank God for the incredible work done by the PF Northern Ireland team.
		9	Sunday – Prisons Sunday As <i>Prisons Week</i> begins, we thank God for all the churches and communities committing to

<p>pray for everyone affected by prisons in England and Wales.</p> <p>10 Monday Today is World Mental Health Day. After lockdowns had a particularly devastating effect on people in prison, we pray for those who are struggling with their mental health. May they receive the help and support they need.</p> <p>There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Thameside and HMP Wormwood Scrubs and one ending at HMP Brixton.</p>	<p>13 Thursday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Wealston and two ending at HMP Risley and HMP Thorn Cross.</p>
<p>11 Tuesday Thank God for the <i>Bible Study</i> team who create the weekly studies for people in prison. Pray for them as they meet today to edit the <i>Bible Studies</i> for Advent.</p> <p>There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses ending at HMP Liverpool and HMP Portland today.</p>	<p>14 Friday – Bible Study This week’s <i>Bible Study</i> looks at the story of Jacob wrestling with an angel in Genesis 32. Pray it encourages people in prison that their weaknesses can become opportunities to trust God and others.</p> <p>There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Buckley Hall and HMP Coldingley.</p>
<p>12 Wednesday – Prayer Line request D has been encouraging a struggling friend to attend chapel with him but is beginning to struggle himself. Pray for D and his friend that God would speak to them and they would get the help they need.</p> <p>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Swaleside.</p>	<p>15 Saturday On the last day of this year’s Prisons Week, we continue to pray for people in prison, for prison staff, chaplains and everyone affected by prisons.</p> <p>16 Sunday Today, we remember the chaplains who are gathering together as <i>Prisons Week</i> ends. We also ask God that churches would continue to pray for all those affected by prisons.</p> <p>17 Monday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Altcourse.</p> <p>18 Tuesday – Prayer Line request A is in prison for the first time and asks for prayer for his wife who is particularly distressed about the situation.</p> <p>19 Wednesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP High Down.</p>

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| 20 Thursday | We thank God for the incredible work done by all the organisations and charities partnering together for <i>Prisons Week</i> . We pray that God would continue to bless their work as they continue to support and care for all people affected by prison. | 26 Wednesday | There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Full Sutton. |
| 21 Friday | Today is the Prison Ministry Conference, hosted by Alpha UK. Pray for all those attending, that it would be inspirational and encourage them in their ministries. | 27 Thursday | There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Risley. |
| 22 Saturday – Bible Study | This week's <i>Bible Study</i> quotes Joel 2 saying, 'I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten.' Pray this is a source of hope and comfort for people in prison. | 28 Friday | Pray for all our <i>Angel Tree</i> teams who are beginning to receive applications back from parents in prison. May they be blessed with peace of mind during this particularly strenuous time. |
| 23 Sunday – Prayer Line request | W asks for prayer for his family's wellbeing and that he will be able to be released before Christmas. | 29 Saturday – Bible Study | As people in prison read this week's <i>Bible Study</i> , pray that they would be encouraged to go to God when facing hard decisions. |
| 24 Monday | There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Lewes. | 30 Sunday | Following this year's <i>Prisons Week</i> , we pray for those churches who engaged with prison ministry for the first time, and those who were inspired to deeper engagement. May the message of hope and grace resonate and may they become a blessing to many. |
| 25 Tuesday | There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Humber. | 31 Monday | There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Altcourse and HMP Pentonville. |

"Pray continually" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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