

## Prayer Diary – December 2022

*'...the time came for her to deliver her child.'*

*Luke 2:6b (NRSV)*

1	<b>Thursday</b> A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ends today at HMP Risley.	10	<b>Saturday</b> Pray for the final week of <i>Sycamore Tree</i> at Mountjoy prison in the Republic of Ireland. Ask God to bless the work of Prison Fellowship in the Republic of Ireland.
2	<b>Friday</b> Please pray for the candidates who are being interviewed for the Head of Volunteer Engagement vacancy today. Ask for God's wisdom in the recruitment process.	11	<b>Sunday</b> Pray for prison carol services taking place over the coming weeks. For many in prison, this will be the first carol service they have been able to attend since Covid began.
3	<b>Saturday</b> The <i>Bible Study</i> this week comes from Isaiah and asks people in prison to think about how Jesus challenged norms and expectations of society. Ask that God's transformational love would be more clearly present in our prisons this week.	12	<b>Monday</b> The <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course at HMP Brixton ends today.
4	<b>Sunday</b> Our <i>Angel Tree</i> fund appeal has been sent out, allowing supporters to have their donations doubled for free this Christmas. Pray that we would see a good response to this appeal.	13	<b>Tuesday - Prayer Line request</b> B asks for prayer as he is waiting for a parole decision to release him into rehab.
5	<b>Monday</b> <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses are ending today at HMYOI Isis and HMP Pentonville.	14	<b>Wednesday</b> Remember our <i>Angel Tree</i> Coordinators as they finalise the last few pieces of their programme. Pray that any loose ends would be tied up quickly and without stress.
6	<b>Tuesday</b> The Support Team are meeting in person today to plan for the next two years. Please pray this would be a fruitful time of strategy and fellowship.	15	<b>Thursday</b> Pray for anyone who is spending their first Christmas in prison this year. Ask that they would find peace and comfort in what can be a challenging time.
7	<b>Wednesday</b> Many of our <i>Angel Tree</i> teams around England and Wales will be hosting wrapping parties this week. Pray for the administrative and logistical aspects of these events, as volunteers come together to wrap <i>Angel Tree</i> gifts to be sent this Christmas.	16	<b>Friday</b> Bring Local Group Treasurers before God in your prayers this Christmas as they take care of finances for <i>Angel Tree</i> running locally across England and Wales.
8	<b>Thursday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending at HMP Thorn Cross today.	17	<b>Saturday</b> This week, our <i>Bible Study</i> invites us to consider how Joseph's supportive actions in the nativity story can encourage us to be role models in our communities. Pray this message would resonate with people reading the study in prison this week.
9	<b>Friday</b> Pray for <i>Sycamore Tree</i> Week 6 at HMP Maghaberry in Northern Ireland. Remember the team at PF Northern Ireland in your prayers today.	18	<b>Sunday</b> Pray that anyone attending a chapel service in prison today would be blessed and encouraged.

19	<b>Monday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending at HMP Onley today.	26	<b>Monday</b> The Prison Fellowship Support Office will close on 24 <sup>th</sup> December and reopen on 3 <sup>rd</sup> January. Pray that the Support Team would be rested and refreshed over this break.
20	<b>Tuesday - Prayer Line request</b> J asks for prayer for his son L who is nine years old and is recovering from an emergency operation.	27	<b>Tuesday - Prayer Line request</b> S asks for prayer for his release. He feels in a good place. Please pray that this continues when he is released. Pray for him and his mother to have good health.
21	<b>Wednesday</b> Remember the many people in prison who have been bereaved. This can be especially raw at Christmas.	28	<b>Wednesday</b> Take a moment to reflect on the past year. As you have supported, volunteered with and prayed for people in prison, what has been the highlight? Bring this to God in prayer today.
22	<b>Thursday</b> There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses ending at HMP Hollesley Bay and HMP Warren Hill today.	29	<b>Thursday</b> We remember all those prison staff and volunteers who will be working over Christmas. Lord, would You strengthen them with Your love, and may they in turn be a strong support to those in prison that they interact with.
23	<b>Friday</b> This time of year is often lonely and isolating in prison. Ask that people in prison would know the warmth of God's love and the peace of God's Spirit this Christmas.	30	<b>Friday</b> Pray for all the children who have opened <i>Angel Tree</i> gifts this Christmas from their parents in prison, that relationships will be restored and strengthened
24	<b>Saturday</b> This week's <i>Bible Study</i> is from Hebrews 1 and looks at how we can be sure that Jesus is the Son of God. Pray that God would reveal Himself anew to everyone engaging with the study this Christmas.	31	<b>Saturday</b> As this year comes to a close, thank God for His faithfulness and provision to Prison Fellowship in 2022. Ask that He would draw near to each of us as we begin a new year.
25	<b>Sunday</b> God with us, we thank you for the precious gift of Yourself. Thank you that You continue to be present in the darkest places, and we pray for every weary person in prison today, that they might recognise Your presence with them today.		

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



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