

Prayer Diary – March 2023



*'Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say:
here am I.'*

Isaiah 58:9

1	Wednesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Highpoint.	9	Thursday Pray for our Angel Tree 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.
2	Thursday – World Book Day 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 ending at HMP Lancaster Farms and HMP Risley.	10	Friday We give heartfelt thanks for 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!
3	Friday There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Berwyn and HMP Thorn Cross and one ending at HMP Buckley Hall.	11	Saturday – Bible Study The <i>Bible Study</i> for this week invites people in prison to reflect on John 4 and the encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman. Ask that this story would encourage everyone who reads it to come to Jesus.
4	Saturday – Bible Study This week's <i>Bible Study</i> looks at Psalm 121. Pray that those reading in prison would know God as their ever-present help in times of need.	12	Sunday In the lead up to <i>Angel Tree Mothers' Day</i> , pray for a successful programme with everybody communicating clearly and working well together.
5	Sunday Pray for our CEO, Peter Holloway, who is preaching at Worthing Baptist Church today.	13	Monday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Lewes. Pray that the Tutor of this course would be guided in their marking of the workbooks.
6	Monday Pray for Tim and the <i>Angel Tree</i> team as they review <i>Angel Tree</i> , that they learn lessons that will make the programme even more successful this year.	14	Tuesday A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course is starting today at HMP Portland.
7	Tuesday A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course is starting today at HMP Onley.	15	Wednesday There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting at HMP Northumberland and HMP Wymott. Pray for all the learners and volunteers as they start the course today.
8	Wednesday – International Women's Day Women make up just 5% of the prison population in England and Wales but their needs are very different to the requirements of those in the male estate. Women typically receive short sentences that disrupt their lives and do not allow enough time for effective rehabilitation. As we strive to recognise and value women today, let us also bring women in prison before God in our prayers.	16	Thursday – Prayer Line request A gives thanks to everyone involved for their prayers and she credits her faith for putting her in the best frame of mind. She asks for prayer that things continue in this vein as she feels ready for a new stage of her life.

17	Friday– Bible Study As people in prison reflect on Ephesians 5 and how God calls us into the light, pray they would feel motivated to continue to live in the light.	23	Thursday 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.
18	Saturday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Warren Hill.	24	Friday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Coldingley.
19	Sunday – Mothering Sunday Please pray for all the mothers and significant parental figures receiving <i>Angel Tree Mothers’ Day</i> gifts from their child in prison. Ask God that this act will grow and strengthen their connection and it would bring healing to any broken relationships.	25	Saturday – Bible Study The story of Lazarus in John 11 is a remarkable example of prayer in action. As people in prison read the story in today’s <i>Bible Study</i> , pray they would know that God will always hear their prayers.
20	Monday There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses ending at HMP Altcourse and HMP Onley. Pray for all the learners completing the course, that it would be a transformative moment for them.	26	Sunday Pray for people 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.
21	Tuesday On this International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, we acknowledge the over-representation of ethnic minorities in our prisons. Pray that inequalities in our criminal justice system would be recognised and removed, and for positive action in those communities affected. There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Liverpool and two ending at HMP Humber and HMP Preston.	27	Monday There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses ending at HMP Brixton and HMP Wormwood Scrubs.
22	Wednesday – Prayer Line request P asks for prayer for his mum and daughters. He also prays for more confidence to trust God in the challenging moments of his life.	28	Tuesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP New Hall.
		29	Wednesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Spring Hill.
		30	Thursday There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses ending at HMP Guys Marsh and HMP Hindley.
		31	Friday – Prayer Line request H is losing her home and possessions and prays that she can find a solution for their safekeeping.

“Pray continually” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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