

Prayer Diary – April 2023

'You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil.'

Psalm 23:5

1	Saturday – Bible Study Prison can be a very challenging environment, creating difficulty when making relationships. As people in prison reflect on relationships through this week's <i>Bible Study</i> , pray they would have the self-giving mindset of Jesus.	6	Thursday Pray for our Programmes Coordinator, Tim, who is at HMP Downview as a victim of crime for the final week of their <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course. There are also <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses ending at HMP Berwyn and HMP Thorn Cross.
2	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.	7	Good Friday Today, as we remember Jesus' time in prison before His death, we thank God that His love reaches out to all – even the men who were crucified with Jesus.
3	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 people who have been in prison.	8	Holy Saturday We wait and mourn in the disappointments and darkness of our world, recognising that today, this is where Jesus is. It is only through His death that we and those we serve can come to resurrection life.
4	Tuesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Pentonville.	9	Easter Sunday Hallelujah! Praise God for this gift of love and grace, that through Jesus' resurrection we have the promise of life eternal! Pray for those in prison who need to be reminded of this promise today. May all who need it receive resurrection life today.
5	Wednesday – Prayer Line request J asks us for prayer. It is his first time in prison and he feels lonely. He keeps being asked if he would like a visit but is unsure.		

10	<p>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.</p>	<p>Psalm 16, pray that people in prison would also receive God's inheritance.</p>
11	<p>Tuesday Our Sycamore Tree Tutors are gathering for an online meeting today. Pray it would be a great time of fellowship and learning.</p>	<p>16 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.</p>
12	<p>Wednesday Remember all the mothers and parental figures who have received a card and voucher through <i>Angel Tree Mothers' Day</i>. May they be received as gifts of love and affection, and prompt a reciprocation that helps to foster love and support for both parent and child.</p>	<p>17 Monday Please pray for the PF Hull and East Riding group as they meet this evening to select a new Group Leader and to seek God's guidance for the future.</p>
13	<p>Thursday – Prayer Line request P calls to request prayer for the lady in her neighbouring cell who is very angry. P prays that she would find some peace and allow others in the wing to have a settled sleep.</p>	<p>18 Tuesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Portland and three starting at HMP Bullingdon, HMP High Down and HMP Preston.</p>
14	<p>Friday Pray for the team in the Republic of Ireland who started a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course at Mountjoy Prison last week.</p>	<p>19 Wednesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMYOI Aylesbury and two ending at HMP Northumberland and HMP Wymott.</p>
15	<p>Saturday – Bible Study When people enter prison, they are often stripped of all their possessions. As we read about David's experience of having his inheritance stripped away in</p>	<p>20 Thursday A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course is starting today at HMP Rochester.</p>
		<p>21 Friday Our CEO, Peter Holloway, is on <i>Friday Round Up</i> on UCB1 today. Pray for all those listening, that they would be inspired by his words and heart for people in prison.</p>

22	<p>Saturday – Bible Study This week's <i>Bible Study</i> reminds us that God is a loving father. Pray people would be able to see and experience the love of God today.</p>	27	<p>Thursday A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course is starting today at HMP Risley.</p>
23	<p>Sunday – Prayer Line request L prays that he gets through his sentence unharmed and he is able to make a better life for himself on the outside.</p>	28	<p>Friday A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course is starting today at HMP Buckley Hall.</p>
24	<p>Monday Thank God for our amazing finance team, Rosemary and Ian, and for their hard work processing the financial year end.</p>	29	<p>Saturday – Bible Study 'God is in the business of transformation, whoever we are and whatever our circumstances.' Pray that people in prison reading this week's <i>Bible Study</i> would know that is possible for them.</p>
25	<p>Tuesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Liverpool.</p>	30	<p>Sunday Thank God for all the Angel Tree Coordinators who have worked hard during the last few months to organise the Mothers' Day cards and vouchers from young offenders. Pray they would be able to rest.</p>
26	<p>Wednesday – Prayer Line request S prays for her mum who recently had a stroke and may need additional medication.</p>		

"Pray continually" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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