Prayer Diary – May 2023



'I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.'

1 Corinthians 3:6

1 Monday – Prayer Line request

D only has a short amount of time left on his sentence but is struggling to get through. He asks for prayer for safety and strength to move forward.

2 Tuesday

Pray for everyone attending the *Letter Link* training today.

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP Highpoint.

3 Wednesday

Pray for our Programmes Coordinator, Tim, who is taking part in *Sycamore Tree* at HMP Aylesbury as a victim of crime. Pray that his story would touch the hearts of the learners.

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP Wymott.

4 Thursday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP Berwyn.

5 Friday – Bible Study

As people in prison read this week's *Bible Study* on John 14, pray that, just as the disciples were comforted by Jesus, they too would be comforted.

6 Saturday – Coronation Day

We gather today to pray for Charles our King on the day of his coronation. May God grant him wisdom and grace in his work. Lord, help him fulfil the promises made at his coronation today.

7 Sunday

Pray for everyone in prison who will be attending a chapel service today and for those who are still unable to do so. May God meet them where ever they find themselves today.

8 Monday

Pray for the PF Northern Ireland team who have recently finished *Sycamore Tree* courses in HMP Magiligan and HMP Maghaberry.

9 Tuesday – Prayer Line request

P asks for prayer for his nephew who was born prematurely and is having some health issues. He also asks for prayer for provision for his children and partner while he is in prison.

10 Wednesday

Pray for everyone attending the Managing Chaplain Conference today, that their time together will be refreshing and encouraging.

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP Swaleside. Intercede for the learners as they begin their journey.

11 Thursday

The *Bible Studies* editing group is meeting today. Pray that the studies they create will inspire hope for all those who read them.

12 Friday

Pray for all of the young people who are living in prison at this time. Ask that their time in prison would be peaceful and restorative. Thank God for those whose job it is to care for them.

13 Saturday – Bible Study

We pray that people in prison would know that no issue they struggle with can separate them from God as they read this week's *Bible Study* from 1 Peter 3.

14 Sunday

Thank God for the work of Prison Fellowship in the Republic of Ireland. As we support them to run *Sycamore Tree* in Irish prisons, ask that God would bless those courses.

15 Monday

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.

16 Tuesday – Prayer Line request

J's partner is suffering from depression. He asks that we pray for her as she is in a very dark place at the moment.

17 Wednesday

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.

18 Thursday

Today is the beginning of *Thy Kingdom Come* – a global ecumenical prayer movement. Pray that God's Kingdom would come in prisons throughout England and Wales.

19 Friday

The topic of this year's Mental Health Awareness Week is anxiety. We pray particularly for people in prison who feel anxious and distressed. May they receive the support they need and know God's peace in their lives.

20 Saturday – Bible Study

The *Bible Study* this week looks at 1 Peter 5. Pray that it encourages anyone in prison who may be going through a tough time.

21 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 to receive support and comfort.

22 Monday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP Altcourse.

23 Tuesday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP New Hall today, while three courses are ending at HMP Bullingdon, HMP High Down and HMP Preston.

24 Wednesday

The Board of Trustees are meeting today. Thank God for their dedication and pray God will give them wisdom in their decisions.

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course finishing at HMP Aylesbury. Pray for Tim, our Programmes Coordinator, who will be attending.

25 Thursday

There are Sycamore Tree courses beginning at HMP Hollesley Bay and HMP Warren Hill and ending at HMP Low Newton and HMP Rochester.

26 Friday – Prayer Line request

It is B's first time in prison and he does not feel he is built for it. He asks for prayer for himself and for his nan who is unwell.

27 Saturday – Bible Study

Pray that everyone in prison reading this week's study on 1 Corinthians 12 would know and experience the Holy Spirit.

28 Sunday - Pentecost

Today is Pentecost. We thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit that comforts, guides and empowers us.

29 Monday

Loving God, we rejoice and give thanks for the many gifts You have given us. Pour upon us Your life-creating and sustaining Spirit so that we may serve and work to Your praise and glory and build up the fellowship of the church. Amen.

30 Tuesday – Prayer Line request

S asks us to pray for him and his family. He asks that he will become stronger in his faith and better at understanding what God is teaching him.

31 Wednesday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP Winchester.

"Pray continually" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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