

Prayer Diary – August 2023



'And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.'

Romans 5:5.

1 Tuesday The Board of Trustees is meeting today. Thank God for their dedication and pray God will give them wisdom in their decisions. There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses ending at HMP Onley and HMP The Mount.	10 Thursday Over the course of a year, we are planning to pray for every prison in England and Wales. This month we are praying for Dartmoor, Deerbolt, Doncaster, Dovegate, Downview, Drake Hall, Durham, East Sutton Park, Eastwood Park and Elmley.
2 Wednesday – Prayer Line request C asks for prayer for his daughter. They are missing each other while he is in prison.	11 Friday We pray for everyone who came along to our <i>Exploring Prison Ministry</i> event last month – may God continue to grow their heart for people in prison and provide opportunities to serve Him in prison.
3 Thursday A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course is starting today at HMP Risley.	12 Saturday – Bible Study This week's <i>Bible Study</i> reminds people in prison that although we may feel like we have let God down, He is always there to help.
4 Friday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending at HMP Coldingley.	13 Sunday We thank God for all of the churches who continue to support and encourage Prison Fellowship. We pray His blessing on each one of them as they meet today.
5 Saturday – Bible Study This week's <i>Bible Study</i> is based on the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. Pray that people in prison reading it would know God can also meet their needs.	14 Monday Lift up to God everyone being released from prison this week and pray particularly for anyone needing to travel back home.
6 Sunday Our Operations Manager Stephen Hawkins is being ordained today, enabling him to do even more work in prisons. Please keep him in your prayers.	15 Tuesday – Prayer Line request C called to say that he is feeling very low. Ask for God's peace to surround him.
7 Monday Thank God for our amazing patrons, Bishop Rachel Treweek and Rev Jonathan Aitken. We pray for their continued good health and blessings upon their ministries.	16 Wednesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending at HMP Wayland.
8 Tuesday – Prayer Line request S prays for everyone in prison around the world especially those battling suicidal thoughts. He prays too that people's real stories come out and they are better understood.	17 Thursday We pray for Bob Wilson and the <i>Prisons Week</i> team as they prepare for this year's event. We ask that God would use it to raise further awareness of people in prison and the amazing work done by all the <i>Prisons Week</i> partner organisations.
9 Wednesday We pray for everyone in prison who is in education and training for a qualification. As they study, we pray the right opportunities would open up for them.	18 Friday A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course is starting today at HMP Altcourse.

19	Saturday – Bible Study As people in prison read this week's <i>Bible Study</i> , pray they would 'take courage' and know God is with them in difficult times.	26	Saturday – Bible Study This week's <i>Bible Study</i> helps us think about being a living sacrifice. Ask God that this message would resonate with those in prison engaging with the study.
20	Sunday – Prayer Line request J asks for prayer for compassion and guidance about an incident with a prison officer. He feels very bad and asks for forgiveness.	27	Sunday As many of us worship in churches throughout England and Wales, let us take a moment to remember those worshipping in prison chapels today.
21	Monday A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course is starting today at HMP Lindholme.	28	Monday Lift up to God everyone in prison who do not receive visits or contact from people outside. Pray they make positive connections in prison and find the support and care they need.
22	Tuesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending at HMP Humber.	29	Tuesday – Prayer Line request N prays that her son would answer her calls and for an opportunity for reconciliation with a former friend.
23	Wednesday As our latest appeal begins to hit doormats and arrive in inboxes, we pray it would resonate with people and encourage all who read it.	30	Wednesday A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course is starting today at HMP Wymott.
24	Thursday A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course is starting today at HMP Berwyn.	31	Thursday We pray for everyone in prison who is experiencing loneliness today. May they know God's presence with them and may they experience the companionship they need.
25	Friday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending at HMP Buckley Hall. Thank God for the group facilitators who give their time to make these courses run.		

'Pray continually' 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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