

## Prayer Diary – September 2023

*'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.'*

*Romans 12:2a*

<b>1 Friday</b> Two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses start today at HMP Full Sutton and HMP Portland.	<b>6 Wednesday</b> As the Bible Studies Editing Group meets tonight, intercede for everyone in prison who will read the <i>Bible Studies</i> .  There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Bedford.
<b>2 Saturday – Bible Study</b> This week's <i>Bible Study</i> passage encourages us to 'live at peace with everyone.' Pray people in prison would be inspired to be peacemakers and seek reconciliation.	<b>7 Thursday – Bible Study</b> What encouragement to know what when we pray in Jesus' Name, heaven hears! May everyone in prison reading this week's <i>Bible Study</i> know this.  There are two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Belmarsh and HMP Swansea and one ending at HMP Risley.
<b>3 Sunday – Prayer Line request</b> S asks for prayer for K to find forgiveness for herself and that the people around her would forgive her as well.	<b>8 Friday</b> Today, on <i>International Literacy Day</i> , we pray for all our volunteer letter writers and their penpals in prison.
<b>4 Monday</b> At the start of the academic year, we pray for all parents who are in prison, that they would find ways to stay connected with their children, and particularly to support them in their education.  Two <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses start today at HMP Brixton and HMP Thorn Cross.	<b>9 Saturday</b> Today is the first day of training for new <i>Sycamore Tree</i> Group Facilitators. Thank God for all the amazing people committing to becoming Group Facilitators.
<b>5 Tuesday – Prayer Line request</b> N asks for prayer for his mental health. He is currently suffering from feelings of paranoia.  There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMYOI Swinfen Hall.	<b>10 Sunday</b> Today is <i>World Suicide Prevention Day</i> . We continue to pray for anyone in prison who is experiencing suicidal ideation or

	who has been impacted by a death. God, bring Your comfort, love, and courage.		housing, work and support that they need to thrive and not return to prison. Pray that churches and Christians would reach out in welcome and companionship.
<b>11 Monday</b>	A <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starts today at HMP High Down.		
<b>12 Tuesday</b>	Pray for great connections at the Wales Group Leaders meeting tonight.  There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Highpoint, HMP Leicester and HMP The Mount.	<b>18 Monday – Prayer Line request</b>	J asks for prayer that when he reads the Bible, he would be able to understand it better. He is being released soon and prays he can find the right church to help him on his journey.
<b>13 Wednesday</b>	There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Guys Marsh and HMP Springhill.	<b>19 Tuesday</b>	There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Stocken. Pray for all the learners beginning their journey today.
<b>14 Thursday – Prayer Line request</b>	M is grateful for our prayers and feels they are helping. He asks for continued prayer that he would stay on the right path when he is released.	<b>20 Wednesday</b>	Over the course of a year, we are planning to pray for every prison in England and Wales. This month, we are praying for: Erlestoke, Exeter, Featherstone, Feltham YOI, Five Wells, Ford, Forest Bank, Foston Hall, Frankland and Full Sutton.
<b>15 Friday</b>	Our CEO, Peter Holloway, is away on holiday. Pray that he would have a restful and reenergising time.	<b>21 Thursday</b>	We pray today for our Angel Tree Coordinators and their teams who are beginning to distribute application forms in prisons and are fundraising for the coming Christmas season.
<b>16 Saturday – Bible Study</b>	As people in prison engage with this week's <i>Bible Study</i> , pray they would know that forgiveness is always found in God, and they might also be able to forgive themselves.	<b>22 Friday</b>	Lift up to God everyone who has completed our <i>Pastoral Care</i> training. Thank God for them as they go into prisons and support people
<b>17 Sunday</b>	Pray for people who have been released from prison this month. Ask God that they will find the		

	experiencing loss and bereavement.		
<b>23</b>	<b>Saturday – Bible Study</b> This week's <i>Bible Study</i> is based on the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Ask God to bless everyone who reads it in prison and they would know His grace for themselves.		There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Onley.
<b>24</b>	<b>Sunday</b> <i>Prisons Week 2023</i> is 8 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> October. Bring it before God in prayer. May more people learn about and feel called to pray for everyone affected by imprisonment.	<b>27</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting today at HMP Northumberland and HMP Styal.
<b>25</b>	<b>Monday</b> Thank God for all our Area Coordinators who support our local groups. May they feel seen and appreciated for all they do to make volunteers feels welcome and included.	<b>28</b>	<b>Thursday</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Berwyn.
<b>26</b>	<b>Tuesday – Prayer Line request</b> J asks for prayer for herself and all the women struggling in prison. She asks for prayer particularly for her daughter, that she can make it through the coming year without her mother.	<b>29</b>	<b>Friday</b> Today is <i>Hidden Heroes Day</i> – an opportunity to thank God for those working in UK prisons, immigration removal centres, the probation service and youth justice services. They are often hidden to the world, but today we remember that their dedication and hard work is always seen by God.
		<b>30</b>	<b>Saturday</b> Intercede for everyone in prison still on imprisonment for public protection (IPP) sentences with no release date. In times of such uncertainty when all hope may seem lost, pray they would be given clarity and hope for the future.

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



**We're on PrayerMate!**

Get daily reminders to pray for those in our prisons by scanning the QR code (left) with your phone camera, or visiting <http://praynow4.org/prisonfellowship>