

Prayer Diary – December 2023

'On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.'

Matthew 2:11

1	Friday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending at HMP Coldingley.	5	Tuesday Today, a subcommittee of our Trustees are meeting to discuss who might join them on the Board. Please pray for wisdom in their discussions.
2	Saturday – Bible Study This week's <i>Bible Study</i> encourages us to stay alert during the season of Advent. Pray that God would edify those in prison reading this today.	6	Wednesday The group that writes the <i>Bible Studies</i> each week are meeting to prepare them for January. Ask God for guidance as they put these vital resources together.
3	Sunday Today is the International Day of People with Disability. Remember those in prison who have a disability and pray that they would be able to access the resources they need.	7	Thursday Today the Support Team are meeting for a strategy day and Christmas lunch. Pray for a good time of fellowship. There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses ending at HMP Berwyn and HMP Rochester.
4	Monday There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses ending at HMP Altcourse, HMP Pentonville and HMP Thorn Cross today.		

8	<p>Friday This week, Angel Tree Coordinators across England and Wales are preparing to wrap and send gifts on behalf of parents in prison. Remember them in your prayers and thank God for their hard work and dedication.</p>	<p>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending at HMP Onley. This is the last <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course of 2023. Thank God for His faithfulness.</p>
9	<p>Saturday – Bible Study This week, our <i>Bible Study</i> asks people in prison to identify situations in their lives where they can reach out and offer help. Ask for clarity for anyone exploring these themes.</p>	<p>13 Wednesday – Prayer Line request A asks for prayer for his girlfriend who is also in prison. He asks that we pray for her protection and that she keeps strong.</p>
10	<p>Sunday – Prayer Line request J asks for prayer for his spiritual journey. He prays for guidance and that he may fully experience a relationship with Jesus.</p>	<p>14 Thursday As part of <i>Angel Tree</i>, some parents in prison request that we send an age-appropriate Christian book to their child. Pray that these books will have a strong effect for good in the lives of the children they are sent to.</p>
11	<p>Monday Pray for our CEO, Peter Holloway, as he visits HMP Woodhill and speaks with chaplains and the local group.</p> <p>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending at HMP Brixton.</p>	<p>15 Friday Our new Communications Officer, Rosie Orme, has started work with PF. Pray that she gels well with the team and can use her vision and creativity in this important work.</p>
12	<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>16 Saturday – Bible Study This week, our <i>Bible Study</i> looks at Gabriel’s visit to Mary in Luke 1. Pray that the message of this <i>Bible</i></p>

	<i>Study</i> would resonate with those that read it.		
17	Sunday Many people in prison feel incredibly isolated during the festive period. Ask that God would give them peace and comfort, especially anyone spending their first Christmas in prison.	21	Thursday The Prison Fellowship Carol Service will be available on YouTube at 11am. Pray for encouragement for all PF Volunteers and Supporters who join us.
18	Monday Over the course of a year, we plan to pray for every prison in England and Wales. This month, we are praying for: Leeds, Leicester, Lewes, Leyhill, Lincoln, Lindholme, Littlehey, Liverpool, Long Lartin and Low Newton.	22	Friday The Support Office is closed for Christmas from today until 3 rd January. Remember the staff team in your prayers and ask God that they would have a refreshing break.
19	Tuesday Remember prison staff who will be working over the Christmas period this year. Thank God for their commitment and ask that they would know His peace at Christmastime.	23	Saturday – Bible Study This week's <i>Bible Study</i> looks at Mary's visit to Elizabeth in Luke 1 and the promises fulfilled by God. Pray for anyone in prison who is waiting for God to fulfil a promise in their life.
20	Wednesday – Prayer Line request A asks for prayer for his Nan who is in hospital. He asks us to pray she gets through the next few weeks until he is released.	24	Sunday – Christmas Eve On this holy night, draw us into the mystery of your love. Be with those in prison tonight and bring them comfort.
		25	Monday – Christmas Day Lord, as we celebrate Your coming to the world as a baby, we pray especially for all children opening their <i>Angel Tree</i> presents today, that they may be truly

	touched by the love of their parents who care about them so much.		sleep. He also asks for prayer for court in January.
26	Tuesday Many children will have received a gift from their parent in prison this week. Pray that they will be nurtured in their relationships with their parents and carers.	29	Friday Remember prison Chaplains this week as they will have been leading a number of Christmas-related services. Ask that God would draw near to them and refresh them in this Christmas season.
27	Wednesday Thank God for our amazing Angel Tree Coordinators who have sent thousands of Christmas presents to children with a parent in prison this year. Ask that God would fortify them as many of them prepare for <i>Angel Tree Mother's Day</i> in the New Year.	30	Saturday – Bible Study In Luke 2, we read about Simeon and Anna. Pray for people in prison reading this week's <i>Bible Study</i> . Ask that they would find hope and purpose in difficult situations.
28	Thursday – Prayer Line request A is experiencing difficult circumstances and requests prayer for help and peace so that he can get some	31	Sunday – New Year's Eve At the end of this year, we give thanks for God's faithfulness and loving-kindness, for sustaining and strengthening us throughout the year, and for His grace, which is offered freely to us all.

'Pray continually' 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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