

## Prayer Diary – January 2024

*'A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.'*

Luke 19: 2-4

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| <p><b>1 Monday – New Year’s Day</b><br/>As we begin this new year, we thank God for new seasons and opportunities. Ask Him to bless PF and its Volunteers, Supporters and Support Team. Pray that God’s light would shine brightly in the prisons of England and Wales in 2024.</p>  | <p>Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and France. Thank God for these ministries and the opportunities to work together.</p>   |
| <p><b>2 Tuesday</b><br/>New Year can be difficult for those in prison, who may feel deflated and discouraged as another year passes. Ask God to strengthen them and provide opportunities for transformed minds and lives this year.</p>   | <p><b>8 Monday</b><br/>There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting at HMP High Down and HMP Woodhill today. Pray for all learners beginning their <i>Sycamore Tree</i> journey this month.</p>  |
| <p><b>3 Wednesday</b><br/>The PF Support Office reopens today after Christmas. Pray that the Support Team returns to work refreshed and recharged for 2024.</p>  | <p><b>9 Tuesday</b><br/>Today we pray for Welcome Directory, an organisation helping faith communities to support prison leavers. Pray for God’s guidance and blessing over their work this year and for more churches to become involved in this ministry.</p> |
| <p><b>4 Thursday</b><br/>Today is World Braille Day. We remember those in prison who have impaired sight and thank God for all the resources available to support them.</p>  | <p><b>10 Wednesday – Prayer Line request</b><br/>A asks for prayers for his family, specifically his younger sister whose husband passed away last year. He also asks for prayer over his own stress and anxiety.</p>   |
| <p><b>5 Friday</b><br/>As many <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses begin this month, pray for the Tutors and Volunteers as they prepare to meet new learners and lead them through the <i>Sycamore Tree</i> journey.</p>  | <p><b>11 Thursday</b><br/>The group that writes the weekly <i>Bible Studies</i> is meeting today. Ask God to guide them as they put these crucial resources together to be sent into prisons.</p>   |
| <p><b>6 Saturday - Bible Study</b><br/>This week’s <i>Bible Study</i> explores different seasons of life and encourages us to thank God, even through hard times. Pray that those in prison reading this would discover God’s gentleness and love, especially in times of hopelessness.</p> <p>As Epiphany begins, we pray that God would be the guiding star in our lives and for His light to shine over the lives of those stumbling in the darkness.</p> | <p><b>12 Friday</b><br/>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> Tutor Training event today. Please pray for those stepping into these roles and ask God to equip them with the skills they need to lead and encourage <i>Sycamore Tree</i> learners.</p>                |
| <p><b>7 Sunday</b><br/>Please pray God’s blessing over the national ministries we work with in the Republic of</p>   | <p><b>13 Saturday – Bible Study</b><br/>This week, our <i>Bible Study</i> focuses on God as the Creator and light of the world. Pray that those who find themselves in darkness may be encouraged by the message of this <i>Bible Study</i>.</p>                |
|  | <p><b>14 Sunday</b><br/>Today, thank God for all the <i>Angel Tree</i> Volunteers and the work they do. Pray for the <i>Angel Tree</i> Co-ordinators as they spend their time collating Christmas feedback from last year’s programme.</p>                      |

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| 15 | <b>Monday</b><br>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting at HMP Lindholme today.  |    |  |
| 16 | <b>Tuesday</b><br>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting at HMP New Hall today.  |    |  |
| 17 | <b>Wednesday</b><br>Today we are holding an <i>Exploring Prison Ministry</i> event online to grow our volunteering team. Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom in those people who feel called to volunteer with PF in 2024.<br><br>There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses starting at HMP Northumberland and HMP Winchester today. | 24 | <b>Wednesday</b><br>Today is the International Day of Education. Remember all the Tutors in prisons, asking God to strengthen and encourage them this new year, as they teach and inspire those in prison.   |
| 18 | <b>Thursday - Prayer Line request</b><br>A asks for prayer for his friend who is suffering from a lot of health problems at present.<br><br>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting at HMP Belmarsh today.  | 25 | <b>Thursday</b><br>Over the course of a year, we plan to pray for every prison in England and Wales. This month, we are praying for: Lowdham Grange, Maidstone, Manchester, Moorland, Morton Hall, New Hall, North Sea Camp, Northumberland, Norwich and Nottingham. |
| 19 | <b>Friday</b><br>Today we thank God for those Volunteers involved in <i>Prayer Line</i> , collating the prayers of those in prison. Thank God for this resource and pray that more people in prison will reach out and use it.  | 26 | <b>Friday</b><br>Today, thank God for the <i>Letter Link</i> writers who regularly write to those in prison. Pray that more people in prison would request pen pals through this resource.   |
| 20 | <b>Saturday – Bible Study</b><br>This week, our <i>Bible Study</i> looks at Psalm 139 and how well God knows each of us. Pray that the message of this <i>Bible Study</i> would bring comfort to those that read it.  | 27 | <b>Saturday – Bible Study</b><br>This week's <i>Bible Study</i> explores God's response when people ask for His forgiveness. Pray that this message would resonate with those that read it and for transformed lives.  |
| 21 | <b>Sunday</b><br>Today we thank God for the Chaplains and Chaplaincy teams in prisons. Pray that God would re-energise them this year to continue supporting the people in prison and thank God that they offer those in prison a place to explore faith.   | 28 | <b>Sunday</b><br>As churches gather today, we thank God for those supporting PF financially, practically and prayerfully. Pray that more churches would join PF this year.   |
| 22 | <b>Monday</b><br>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting at HMP Lewes today.  | 29 | <b>Monday</b><br>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting at HMP Thameside today.   |
| 23 | <b>23 Tuesday</b><br>Today, our Area Co-ordinators are meeting in London. Pray for safe journeys and an effective time together.  | 30 | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Our Board of Trustees is meeting today. As they plan for the year, thank God for their generosity and pray for wisdom in their decisions.  |
|    |   | 31 | <b>Wednesday</b><br>There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting at HMP Forest Bank today.  |

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



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