

Prayer Diary – August 2024

*'The Sovereign Lord has given me the tongue of the learned,
that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who
is weary.'*

Isaiah 50:4

1	Thursday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Berwyn and one ending at HMP Risley.	4	Sunday – Prayer Line request J has been told that he will not be a priority for hostel accommodation upon his release and therefore he will need to find private rental housing. Pray that J will be supported in finding accommodation and that he won't be homeless upon leaving prison.
2	Friday Today, we lift to God all the mothers in prison, especially those who are expecting and those in mother and baby units. Ask for God's protection over them and pray that they would receive all the necessary support to keep themselves and their children safe.	5	Monday Today, we thank God for our Government and especially for our new justice leaders. Ask for God's favour upon their work and pray that, through this new season, we would see positive changes in our criminal justice system.
3	Saturday - Bible Study We may all struggle to have patience sometimes. But fortunately, God's patience towards us is unlimited. Pray for those reading this week's <i>Bible Study</i> , that they would know this loving characteristic of God and would trust Him even during hard times.	6	Tuesday There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> courses ending today at HMP Liverpool and HMP Rochester.

- 7 Wednesday**
As the Probation Service prepares for an increase in early releases from September, ask that God would equip staff so all necessary support is put in place for those leaving prison early.
- 8 Thursday**
Our *Bible Studies* writing group won't be meeting this month due to summer holidays. Pray that they can have a restful break and thank God for all the work they do.
- 9 Friday**
Thank God for all the chaplaincy teams in our prisons today, praying for strength and endurance as they continue to support all those in their care.
- 10 Saturday - *Bible Study***
In this week's *Bible Study*, we are reminded that Jesus can satisfy our spiritual hunger. Pray for those who are searching for purpose and identity, that they would find comfort in reading these words.

- 11 Sunday – *Prayer Line request***
B is serving her first prison sentence and says she feels confused. Pray for B and all those in prison for the first time, that they will be supported by staff and that God's hand would be upon them as they adjust to prison.
- 12 Monday**
As we celebrate International Youth Day, we pray for all those young people in young offender establishments. Ask for God's hand to be upon their lives and for Him to guide them in their futures.
- 13 Tuesday**
There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending today at HMP Huntercombe.
- We are holding Sycamore Tree Tutor training today. Thank God for these new Tutors. And pray that they would be equipped to inspire and encourage future learners on our *Sycamore Tree* courses.

14 Wednesday
There is a *Sycamore Tree* course starting today at HMP Forest Bank.

15 Thursday
A large percentage of people in prison are currently on remand. Pray for the backlogs in court hearings to be resolved. And ask God to ease the anxious minds and hearts of all those awaiting sentencing.

16 Friday
There is a *Sycamore Tree* course starting today at HMP Buckley Hall.

17 Saturday - Bible Study
In this week's *Bible Study*, we read about the wisdom that God gifted to Solomon. Pray that those reading would feel able to ask God for wisdom in their own decisions and actions today.

18 Sunday – Prayer Line request
A asks for prayer over his partner who is expecting a baby. He prays the pregnancy goes well and for his partner and children to be supported while he is in prison.

19 Monday
As preparations for *Angel Tree* are in progress, we pray for our Angel Tree Coordinators who work hard to organise the gifts sent to children with a parent in prison. Thank God for these Volunteers and ask His blessing upon *Angel Tree* 2024.

20 Tuesday
We thank God for our *Prayer Line* Volunteers who collect and co-ordinate every prayer received from prison. Ask God's blessing over these faithful Volunteers and their work.

21 Wednesday – Prayer Line request
N has asked for prayer as his nephew recently passed away at a young age. Pray for N and all those in prison experiencing loss and bereavement.

22 Thursday
Today we think about those in prison with no visitors. Ask God to comfort them in their isolation. And pray that they might sign up to our *Letter Link* programme where

	friendships can be built with our letter writers.		Call on God to use this event to raise further awareness of prison ministry and pray that more hearts will be opened to support people in prison.
23	Friday Today, we are praying for all the healthcare staff in prison. Overcrowding is having an impact on healthcare services and many people in prison are currently awaiting medication and care. Pray God into this situation, asking Him to equip the staff and protect those awaiting support.	27	Tuesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Onley and one ending at HMP Humber.
24	Saturday - Bible Study We are prompted to 'stand firm' in this week's <i>Bible Study</i> , as we explore the armour of God found in Ephesians 6. Pray that those struggling would utilise this spiritual uniform and ask God for strength.	28	Wednesday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course starting today at HMP Wymott.
25	Sunday – Prayer Line request J requests prayer over the current Alpha course he is taking part in and asks that his faith would grow stronger as he learns more about God.	29	Thursday There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Lancaster Farms. It is our National Prayer for Prisons event this morning. Pray for the Volunteers attending and ask that this time spent together in fellowship would be fruitful.
26	Monday Today, we are praying for the <i>Prisons Week</i> team, as they prepare for October.	30	Friday We are holding a gathering today for our <i>Pastoral Care</i> Volunteers. Thank God for this ministry and the empathy of the Volunteers.

31 Saturday - *Bible Study*

The Bible tells us 365 times, 'Do not fear' and we explore one of these moments in this week's *Bible Study*. Pray that

all those reading would be reminded that even in the darkest times, God can bring strength and steadiness to our lives.

'Pray continually' 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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