Prayer Diary – September 2024



'Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.'

Psalm 51: 10

¹ Sunday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today at HMP Highpoint, HMP New Hall and HMP Styal.

² Monday

Today, we pray for Catherine De Souza as she begins her new role as CEO of PF. Ask for God's hand to be upon her as she leads PF into a new, exciting season.

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today at HMP Bronzefield and HMP Thorn Cross.

³ Tuesday

Our Programmes Coordinator, Tim, is speaking as a victim of crime at HMP The Mount today. Pray for Tim and ask that his story would touch the hearts of the learners on this *Sycamore Tree* course.

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course starting today at HMP Stocken.

⁴ Wednesday

Our Bible Studies editing group are meeting this evening after a summer break. Thank God for their hard work and pray that these resources would help to bring hope and healing to those in prison.

⁵ Thursday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending today at HMP Berwyn.

⁶ Friday

We have Angel Tree Coordinator training this evening. Thank God for these Volunteers and ask that His hand would be upon them and the *Angel Tree* programme.

In this week's Bible Study, we read about Jesus as the Healer. Pray that those reading would feel able to give Jesus all the things in their lives which require healing.

We have Letter Link training today. Ask God to guide this

training and to equip all our new letter writers as they embark on this beautiful journey of building pen-pal friendships with those in prison.

⁸ Sunday

As we celebrate International Literacy Day, we thank God for all those in prisons who teach literacy skills. May this education enable those in prison to access employment opportunities on their release.

⁹ Monday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today at HMP Brixton and HMP Thameside.

¹⁰ Tuesday

On World Suicide Prevention Day, we think of all those in prison suffering with their mental health. Ask God to bring His comfort, strength and peace to all those hurting today.

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course starting today at HMP Portland.

11 Wednesday

There is a *Prisons Week* event in HMP Altcourse today. Ask God to be present and for the event to be fruitful.

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today at HMP Guys Marsh and HMP Springhill.

12 Thursday – *Prayer Line* request

D has called *Prayer Line* apologising for the mistakes that led him to prison. He asks for peace. Please cover D in prayer, asking for the peace of Jesus to fill his heart and for hope for the future.

¹³ Friday

Today, we are holding Sycamore Tree Group Facilitator training. Ask God to equip these new Volunteers with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in this role.

14 Saturday - Bible Study
We are reminded about God's great love for us this week as we study John 3:16. Pray that those who read this passage would know how much God loves them.

¹⁵ Sunday

We think of all those in prison attending chapel today. Ask that God's presence would fill every prison chapel and every heart present in these services.

¹⁶ Monday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today at HMP High Down and HMP Lindholme.

Our Communications Officer, Rosie, begins her maternity leave today. Pray that God would be with her and her family during this exciting new season. Pray also for Jo, our Fundraising Officer, who will be leading on communications until Rosie's return.

¹⁷ Tuesday

Over the next two days, we are running *Pastoral Care* training. Thank God for this ministry and the willing hearts of those volunteering.

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course starting today at HMP Leicester.

¹⁸ Wednesday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course starting today at HMP Wayland and one ending at HMP Forest Bank.

¹⁹ Thursday

There are Sycamore Tree courses starting today at HMP Belmarsh, HMP Fosse Way and HMP Parc. Thank God for all the Sycamore Tree courses

beginning this month and pray for all the learners as they begin this life-changing programme.

²⁰ Friday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending today at HMP Buckley Hall.

- Saturday Bible Study
 We explore the theme of servanthood in this week's Bible Study. Pray that those reading would find ways to love and serve others in their prison.
- Sunday Prayer Line request
 F asks for healing as he is
 struggling with pain in his
 back. Ask for the healing
 touch of God to be upon F
 and all those in prison who
 need physical healing.

²³ Monday

Today, we thank God for our Area Co-ordinators who keep things running smoothly across our local groups. Ask that God would continue to equip them with strength and endurance to continue this vital role.

²⁴ Tuesday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending today at HMP The Mount.

²⁵ Wednesday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today at HMP Northumberland and HMP Oakwood.

²⁶ Thursday – *Prayer Line* request

M asks for prayer over his family, who have distanced themselves from him since his sentencing. Pray God into this situation, asking Him to provide M with strength to accept these circumstances. Pray also that M would receive support from others.

²⁷ Friday

Prisons Week runs from 13th to 19th October. Lift this event up to God in prayer, asking that it would be fruitful and bring more willing hearts to serve and love those in prison.

- Our passage this week reminds us of the power of prayer. Thank God that prayer is the root of PF and ask that those reading this study would feel able to reach out to God, in all circumstances, through prayer.
- ²⁹ Sunday

On Hidden Heroes Day we celebrate all the people working within HMPPS. As they work hard behind the scenes, they are often missed by the world. Praise God that He sees them and their wonderful work!

Monday – *Prayer Line* request

A would like us to pray for the women in her prison, many of whom are suffering with their mental health. Today, lift all imprisoned women to God, asking for His comfort and peace over their lives.

'Pray continually' 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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