

## Prayer Diary – December 2024



*'And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.'*

– Luke 2:10

<b>1 Sunday</b> On the first day of Advent, we pray that the anticipation of the celebration Jesus' birth would fill believers and non-believers alike in prison with new hope.	<b>9 Monday - Sycamore Tree</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Thorn Cross. We thank God for the tutors, group facilitators, prison staff and the participants that made it possible.
<b>2 Monday - Sycamore Tree</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Pentonville. We pray that each learner would take the valuable lessons they have learnt with them.	<b>10 Tuesday – Sycamore Tree</b> There are <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Liverpool and HMP Portland. We pray that everything learned would have a lasting impact.
<b>3 Tuesday - Angel Tree</b> We pray for our <a href="#">Christmas appeal</a> which begins today. Ask God that it would not only bring in funds and raise awareness for <i>Angel Tree</i> but also be a blessing to every parent in prison and their children.	<b>11 Wednesday – Prayer Line request</b> We pray for people in prison who are being released before Christmas. Please pray they would find safe and secure accommodation away from those that might lead them back into crime.
<b>4 Wednesday – Prayer Line request</b> We pray for all the people in prison who ask God to bless their cells. Ask God that each cell would be filled with God's presence and peace.	<b>12 Thursday - Sycamore Tree</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Rochester. We pray for a restful break for all the volunteers that supported this course.
<b>5 Thursday – Bible study in HMP Leyhill</b> There is an in-prison Bible study group meeting in HMP Leyhill this evening. We pray that it would be a fruitful time together where God's Word is heard and understood.	<b>13 Friday - Prayer Line request</b> We pray today for those who are unwell in prison, and for their friends and family who do their best to support them at a distance.
<b>6 Friday – Pastoral Care</b> At this time of year, we know bereavement can be especially painful. We pray that through our volunteers, especially those delivering <i>Living with Loss</i> , we can provide comfort and hope.	<b>14 Saturday – Bible Studies</b> In our <i>Bible Study</i> today we are thinking about learning from Jesus. Let's remember all those who are learning in prison and give thanks for all the times Jesus helped us to learn.
<b>7 Saturday – Bible Studies</b> In this week's <i>Bible Study</i> , we are looking at Isaiah 40:3-5. Let's pray we prepare the way for the Lord in our hearts this Advent.	<b>15 Sunday</b> Many carol services are taking place in prisons today. We pray that during this season, through word and song, many would experience the life-changing love of God.
<b>8 Sunday – Angel Tree</b> We pray for <i>Angel Tree</i> deliveries. We especially pray for every book and Christmas story entering a home, that they may be read and understood. We thank God that His Word has the power to transform hearts.	<b>16 Monday - Sycamore Tree</b> There is a <i>Sycamore Tree</i> course ending today at HMP Onley. We pray that the graduates would carry with them everything they have learnt.
	<b>17 Tuesday – Letter Link</b> We pray for all our letter writers in prison and outside. We pray they would find moments of connection, joy and comfort.

18	<b>Wednesday – Prayer Line request</b> We pray for people who are worried about work and jobs, both in and out of prison. We pray for opportunities that are both steady and reliable and help them reach their full potential.	25	<b>Wednesday – Christmas Day</b> 'Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.' – Luke 2:11 We thank God for the precious gift of His Son, Jesus.
19	<b>Thursday</b> We pray for relationships between staff and people in prison. We pray for tempers, moods and mental health at an emotional season. We pray for peace and gentle words.	26	<b>Thursday</b> 'She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.' – Matthew 1:21. We give thanks to God that He is a God who saves.
20	<b>Friday</b> People in prison often ask that their friends and family experience God's love. Let's join them in praying this prayer.	27	<b>Friday</b> We know that during the holidays, less staff can mean more time in cells. We pray for all of those people in prison who are experiencing loneliness and isolation.
21	<b>Saturday – Bible Studies</b> This week, we are looking at Isaiah 11:1-4a and the promises of a coming Messiah. One of the books we give out through <i>Angel Tree</i> is called <i>The Christmas Promise</i> . Let's pray for all those in prison and out who may be hearing this promise for the first time.	28	<b>Saturday - Bible Studies</b> Today in our <i>Bible Studies</i> we are encouraged to let the words of Christ dwell within us richly (Colossians 3:16 – 17). We pray these words sink in for all who read them.
22	<b>Sunday</b> We pray for our partner charity The Welcome Directory. We thank God for churches across England and Wales welcoming prison leavers.	29	<b>Sunday</b> We pray for people in prison who came to know Jesus during the Christmas season. Ask God that they would be encouraged to go to chapel today and that they would be supported in their journey of faith.
23	<b>Monday</b> We pray for people in prison struggling with addiction. May they be given the strength and calm they need. We pray for all those supporting their rehabilitation.	30	<b>Monday</b> We thank God for each of our volunteers. And we pray that an abundance of new volunteers would be raised up enabling us to deliver every aspect of our ministry in 2025.
24	<b>Tuesday – Christmas Eve</b> We pray for the families that are feeling the pain of separation today. We pray for comfort and for God's blessing on all the phone calls, visits and communications taking place.	31	<b>Tuesday – New Year's Eve</b> We pray for all involved in prisons in 2025. We pray for staff, politicians, court officials, lawyers and police. May justice be compassion-fuelled in the year to come.

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



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