

*The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.*

Psalm 145:18

1 Saturday

Today is the *Global day of Parents* and we pray for the estimated 47% of men in prison and 56% of women who are parents to children under 18, that they might know the comfort and gentle guidance of God, our heavenly parent.

2 Sunday

Thy Kingdom Come is a global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. We join in praying for a fresh empowering of the Holy Spirit, so that we may live out our calling to be witnesses to Jesus Christ.

3 Monday

This week in the *National Volunteers' Week*. We thank God for all our volunteers, for their compassion and dedication to this ministry. We pray that God would strengthen and reenergise us for the work ahead.

There are three *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today at HMP Lewes, HMP Wandsworth, and HMP Wormwood Scrubs, and one finishing at HMP Thorn Cross.

4 Tuesday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending at HMP Liverpool today. Pray that every learner would take away hope and courage as they move forward in their lives.

5 Wednesday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses finishing at HMP Bullingdon and HMP Swaleside today.

6 Thursday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course starting at HMP Wealstun today, and four ending at HMP Coldingley, HMP High Down, HMP Risley and HMP Send.

7 Friday

This month we are sending out an appeal to support our *Sycamore Tree* programmes financially. Pray that our supporters might be moved to give generously to this programme.

8 Saturday

Many prisons are still struggling with sub-standard physical conditions. Pray for the political will and funding to quickly make the changes needed for people to live in safe and comfortable conditions.

9 Sunday

Today is Pentecost. We thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, to comfort, guide and empower us.

10 Monday

We are inviting supporters to write a message of encouragement to our *Sycamore Tree* learners through our latest appeal. Pray that each message might buoy the person that receives it, to continue in hope and resolve.

11 Tuesday

The Board of Trustees are meeting today. Thank God for their dedication and pray God will give them wisdom in their decisions.

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses starting at HMP Downview, HMP Portland and HMP Styal, and courses ending at HMP Onley and HMP The Mount.

12 Wednesday

There are two *Sycamore Tree* courses beginning today at HMP Wayland and HMP Winchester, and one finishing at HMP Northumberland.

13 Thursday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course starting at HMP Feltham and one ending at HMP Swansea.

14 Friday

We thank God today for those volunteers who may be physically limited but continue to pray and write letters to prisoners from home. May they know how appreciated and valued they are, and today feel a part of the wider PF family.

15 Saturday

We believe that our God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. Thank you God that this is true for each of us, and for every man and woman in prison.

16 Sunday

We praise God our Saviour, who daily bears our burdens (Psalm 68:19). Today we pray that every prisoner attending a Chapel service or worshipping in their own cell, would know this to be true.

17 Monday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course starting at HMP Thorn Cross, and one ending at HMP Altcourse.

18 Tuesday

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

19 Wednesday

Pray for Ian and Liliana, our finance team, and Edward our Treasurer, as they do their important work behind the scenes to enable our programmes to happen. May they feel valued and supported in their roles.

20 Thursday

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

21 Friday

We pray for *Alpha* and *Christianity Explored* courses being run in prisons this month, that those who are seeking answers and hope might find them through an encounter with Jesus Christ.

22 Saturday

Pray for Joanna, as she sources the books for *Angel Tree* this coming Christmas, that she might find the right books that will speak to and inspire hundreds of children.

23 Sunday

Thank God for the commitment of prison chaplains, who have heeded God's call to walk alongside men and women in difficult circumstances. May they know God's sustaining grace and love in their work today.

24 Monday

We pray today for those in prison who are self-harming or have attempted to commit suicide. God, hear our prayer for those in despair; bring them strength, hope and comfort in their darkness; may they be given the support they desperately need.

25 Tuesday

We remember the men and women who have committed suicide in prison (87 in the 12 months to March 2019). God, you grieve with us for every life lost. Bring your peace and comfort to the families and prison staff who are impacted.

26 Wednesday

There are two *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today at HMP Forest Bank and HMP Hollesley Bay.

27 Thursday

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

28 Friday

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

29 Saturday

There is a *Letter Link* training happening today in Guildford. Thank God for the friendship and dedication that our letter writers offer their pen-pals in prison. May it be a true consolation in a difficult time.

30 Sunday

We thank God for the many churches across the country who are committing to support their local prison, through prayer, leading Sunday services in chapel and many other ways. May the Holy Spirit ignite a growing movement among churches to reach out to and support prisons in their community and parish.

31 Monday

Pray for all our volunteers and staff as they travel around the country for their work, that God would protect them on their journeys, and bring them safely to their destinations.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17