

them on their life journey. We pray also for all those who work in prisons: for all Chaplaincy volunteers, who live out Matthew 25:34 every week in supporting the team of seven Chaplains in Wakefield. For those who help in the Monday night fellowship groups, the over sixties club, the Living with Loss and Emmaus courses, and all those who visit the men, write letters and pray.

#### Week 14: HMP Brixton

##### Please pray for:

- The men in the prison - that they would understand their need to come to Christ and He would transform them and equip them for a productive life
- The prison staff - that they would have the strength to serve in an often difficult environment
- The Christian community - that men on release would be welcomed into church communities and that those communities would befriend and mentor them

#### Week 15: HMP Stocken

Thank you Lord, for all those you call to minister in your name in prisons. Send your Spirit on them to give guidance, strength and protection. We bring to you the life of this prison - all who live, work and visit here. Give wisdom, patience and tolerance to management and staff as our expansion goes forward and new wings open. There are also many prisoners who are having problems coming to terms with the pressures of prison life - you know their needs, Lord, please help them. 'All around is change'- Lord bless our previous Chaplain in his retirement, strengthen the team in our daily work, and send us a like minded replacement. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### Week 16: HMP Feltham

We have a very high turn over at HMP Feltham and we have different lads coming through the prison each week. In response to this, our Chaplaincy team try to make as big an impact on them as we possibly can.

As a result, please pray for energy for our team and for God's continued blessing on our work.

We are also looking to find funding which will enable us to run Sycamore Tree; so please pray that we will be successful in this.

Thank you.

## PFI

### Week 18: PF Scotland

In a population of just over 5 million, Scottish Prisons contain 8,000 inmates. It is one of the highest proportionate prison populations in Europe. Prison Fellowship Scotland operates in 11 out of the 14 Scottish prisons, working alongside prison Chaplaincy to provide fellowship groups, weekly services and Sycamore Tree courses (amongst other activities). A central office staff of two coordinate the activities of our 175 volunteers and we thank God for His faithfulness over the last 30 years.

##### Please pray for:

- The weekly Prison Fellowship groups and services across the prison network and that all the men and women attending would be blessed
- New fellowship groups being started in 2011 in Dumfries and Low Moss prisons
- New Sycamore Tree courses in Barlinnie, Dumfries, Inverness and Aberdeen prisons
- New opportunities emerging to work with the women inmates of Greenock, Inverness and Aberdeen prisons
- The distribution of gifts to prisoners' children through Angel Tree at Christmas and, for the first time in 2011, a linkage with Scripture Union Scotland which resulted in 13 children attending summer holiday camps
- Resources, that these would be made available to maintain and develop the work of Prison Fellowship Scotland

### 10th – 26th Nov 2011 is Prisons' Week

[www.prisonweek.org](http://www.prisonweek.org)

Lord you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

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# PRAYER GUIDE

AUTUMN/WINTER 2011

## Prison Fellowship

### Week 1: PF Volunteers

Heavenly Father, thank you for the privilege of coming to you in prayer. Thank you for all the PF prayer groups who faithfully pray, and for their dedication to persevere in prayer for the long haul. Please encourage and inspire these groups, and may your Holy Spirit guide them to pray for what is on your heart. We ask that you would raise up more people to pray, and establish groups to pray for the prisons in England and Wales which do not currently have PF prayer groups. Amen.

Christine – Group Leader

### Week 2: Angel Tree

Dear Father – please bless all the fundraising activities which are taking place for Angel Tree 2011. We trust you Lord to provide all that is needed in the way of finance and resources because you promise this to us in your Word. We pray that each present selected will be exactly right for each child, as you know each one of them intimately and love them so much. This is your work Lord and we ask your blessing for all the volunteers involved in the purchasing, wrapping and posting of the presents for Christmas 2011. We pray that it would all go smoothly and also that there would be joy for the children in receiving a gift from their father or mother in prison.

Tricia – Angel Tree Coordinator

### Week 3: Sycamore Tree

A belief in a future, a hope that lasts, an expectation of justice that satisfies – these are fruits of your Spirit planted in the hearts of our learners by you, Father. Only you could have done this, only you can bring streams from the desert, wholesomeness from brokenness, and new life from the wreck of the old.

Adonai, who can counsel like you? Lord, who can teach like you? Abba, who can give like you? Father we are astonished by you and honoured to work for you. May we continue in your service for ever and ever.

Ciaran – Sycamore Tree Tutor

#### Week 4: Letter Writing

Precious Heavenly Father, we thank you and give you glorious praise for the Letter Writing ministry. This is a ministry which is used to reach out to prisoners and extend the love of Jesus to them. We pray that you will touch more volunteers by your Spirit to be part of this wonderful ministry, for your glory. Father God, we cannot do anything without you. We pray that you give your wisdom to the existing Letter Writers and also to the new volunteers as they take the step of joining this amazing ministry. Thank you Lord, and we believe that you have heard us as we have agreed in prayer, in accordance with your word in Matthew 18:19-20, in Jesus' matchless name. Amen.

Ronke – Letter Writer

### Prisons

#### Week 5: Prison Staff

Lord God, we pray for the men and women who work in prison, that you would support and strengthen them to work for your glory. We pray that they may be able to deal fairly in their daily living and that you would make yourself more known in each prison in order that we can see revival start in that place. We ask that you would bring peace to prison staff in a time of financial uncertainty and particularly that you would be with those unsettled by possible privatisation, and that you would bring healing and restoration to all who work in prison.

Tim – PF paid team

#### Week 6: Christian Prisoners

Loving heavenly Father, we hold before you prisoners who know you as their Lord and Saviour. Encourage them on their journey, and when a difficulty comes their way come alongside them and strengthen their spirit. Guide their lives so that they know how to deal with the challenges their new life will present; develop in their lives the true meaning of 'turning the other cheek;' and instil within them the knowledge over right from wrong. We ask that this week, they may walk more closely and praise you more meaningfully.

Paul – PF paid team

#### Week 7: Prisoners and their families

Lord, we pray for prisoners and for their families, as we remember them before you knowing that you care for each family. We ask you to enable families and prisoners to enjoy

and benefit from the short time they have together on visits. Be a help and support to them in their separation, comfort them and keep relationships strong. Bring your healing and peace into their lives by your spirit and use us and other members of your church to support them. Fill them with your hope for the future.

Martin – PF paid team

#### Week 8: Restorative Justice

Heavenly Father, thank you Lord for your many blessings. Thank you that you are a God of forgiveness, of restoration and of reconciliation. We give you thanks and praise for the opportunity to be involved in your work in Restorative Justice. Father we pray that you would burden this nation with a desire to see hearts changed and lives transformed in prison and that many offenders, victims, families and communities would be blessed as we see Restorative Justice being adopted more widely and that you would be glorified as these Kingdom principles become the norm. Amen.

Gita – PF paid team

### PF Groups

#### Week 9: PF Exeter (South West)

##### Give thanks that:

- Despite the very high turnover of men, we have been able to make good relationships and have seen the Holy Spirit change many lives
- The recent Sycamore Tree course was very well received and there is great enthusiasm for another course depending on funding support from local churches

##### Please pray for:

- Angel Tree - for continuing generous local support and for a good response from the men
- The South West Community Chaplaincy's network of mentors for men and women as they come out of prison
- The security issues arising from the new regulations which need to be resolved

If you would like to contribute a prayer please contact: [info@prisonfellowship.org.uk](mailto:info@prisonfellowship.org.uk)

#### Week 10: PF South Liverpool (North West)

We ask for your prayers for all the men in HMP Kennet and their families, may God's peace and grace restore and strengthen family ties. We are thankful for God's provision for Angel Tree and ask that God will continue to touch the lives of those families throughout the year and remind them of His love for them. We commit the Chaplaincy team to God's protection and ask that He will strengthen, uplift and encourage them in all that they do. Please pray for the prison staff, for good health and peace during any challenging times.

#### Week 11: PF Grantham and District (Midlands)

As the Coordinator of PF in Grantham and District I would like to give thanks to God for the faithful and dedicated visiting to individual prisoners by members of our group. May God be with them as they listen to concerns and anxieties. Pray for the worship we take on the third Tuesday evening of the month, that it may be uplifting and the men have a greater awareness of the closeness of God. Pray also for the increasing number of older men who have care needs.

#### Week 12: PF Vale of Glamorgan (Wales)

Dear Heavenly Father, you made everyone in your image and we pray you will enable the prisoners in HMP Parc to appreciate their true worth in your eyes. We long for those who are tormented by anger to be released and all the men to be restored through knowing your love and forgiveness. Lord, please help us to express the love of Jesus to the men who come to our weekly meetings in the Chapel and thank you for their enthusiasm and lively interaction. We're also encouraged by supportive officers, several of whom have joined in discussions. Finally Lord, you know our urgent need for volunteers and we pray that you will multiply our group.

### Chaplaincies

#### Week 13: HMP Wakefield

We pray Lord, for all those victims of crime whose lives have been changed forever. We ask that you give them your blessing and your perfect peace. We pray also for the families of the men here in Wakefield, who have not committed a crime but are still serving the sentence, be with them in their struggle. We also pray for prisoners; for those who have committed crimes and for those unjustly imprisoned. We pray that they will all experience Christ in their lives. We ask you Lord to bless and guide