



Seeing lives transformed

# PRISON FELLOWSHIP

# PRAYER GUIDE

SUMMER 2010

**'Lord, thank you for your presence in prisons.**

**We ask that you continue to stir our hearts and those of offenders everywhere.**

**We commit ourselves afresh to your service, to be beacons of your love and to allow your light to shine in dark places.'**

## Day 1

*"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."* (Matt 7:7-8) Give thanks that we can come to God in prayer and that He so faithfully answers us.

## Day 2

*"Lord, thank you for your presence in prisons."* Give thanks to God that He loves every single one of us and that He is there with those in need; those whom society cast aside.

## Day 3

*"We ask that you continue to stir our hearts and those of offenders everywhere."* Ask God to fill your heart with love for those in prison and that offenders will respond to His voice.

## Day 4

*"We commit ourselves afresh to your service..."* Thank God that we are able to serve Him and can be part of the plan He has for prisons in England and Wales.

## Day 5

*"...to be beacons of your love and to allow your light to shine in dark places."* As it states in Matt 5: 14-16, pray that God will help us all to be a light in a dark place for His glory.

## Day 6

Pray for Chaplaincy teams across England and Wales as they seek to bring the love of Jesus into such a dark and difficult environment.

## Day 7

Pray for all those in authority, that they will govern wisely and that budget cuts would not be unrealistic; that those who love God's righteousness will speak out and administer justice fairly to all.

## Day 8

Pray for the MPs that make up our new government, that those MPs elected would have wisdom and courage as they represent and serve their communities. Pray that restorative justice programmes will be considered seriously.

## Day 9

Give thanks for the many lives that have been transformed through Sycamore Tree and pray for the opportunity to introduce the course to prisons where it has not been run before.

## Day 10

*"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."* (Colossians 3:13) Pray that God will be with all victims of crime and help them to forgive and to heal.

## Day 11

*"But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."* (Matt 5:44) Give thanks for all those who go in as Surrogate Victims for Sycamore Tree. Pray against fear and bitterness for all victims of crime and ask for God's peace to reign in the lives of all those affected.

## Day 12

Pray for the 2,556 under 18's in prison and give thanks that we are trialing Sycamore Tree with juveniles. Pray that we would have the capacity to develop and expand this programme.

**Day 13**

Pray for our volunteers, that they would know how much they are appreciated and how vital they are in furthering PF's work.

**Day 14**

*"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."* (John 15:12) Pray that this will become a reality, that all of us will show more love to one another, especially those who are outcast from society.

**Day 15**

Thank God for everything that has been achieved through Angel Tree and for the exciting future ahead of us. Pray that many more children will be reached.

**Day 16**

Pray that more prisons will take on Angel Tree and that offenders will continue to take this opportunity.

**Day 17**

Pray for the families who have recently had a loved one go into prison. That they will be able to adjust and that they will be able to maintain their relationships.

**Day 18**

Pray for the recruitment of new volunteers so that we can reach even more prisoners and their families with the message of hope.

**Day 19**

Pray that our Almighty and merciful God will inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts, and bless those who do His work to set the captives free.

**Day 20**

Pray for all PF prayer groups. Thank God for their faithfulness and for the new groups that have started in the past year.

**Day 21**

Pray for new prayer groups to be formed where there is a need, and for those groups that are few in number to be encouraged. Pray that our work promoting PF and recruiting volunteers in June will lead to growth.

**Day 22**

Pray that God will open our ears and eyes, our hearts and lives, to receive His vision in the coming days, and do the work that He has planned; bringing healing, restoration, and wholeness to all those affected by crime.

**Day 23**

Give thanks for all those who financially support this ministry and enable its continued development. Pray that essential work will never be prevented by financial limitations.

**Day 24**

Pray that God will be with His servants around the world and fill them with peace as they work to help prisoners and their families.

**Day 25**

Give thanks for the work of Prison Fellowship International who work in prisons and with prisoners' families to transform lives in 118 countries worldwide.

**Day 26**

Pray for Prison Fellowship Trustees, that God would guide them and give them wisdom as they continue to oversee the work of Prison Fellowship.

**Day 27**

Pray for our Regional Coordinators as they travel around their region visiting prayer groups, Chaplains and prisons.

**Day 28**

Pray for the forthcoming launch of our Letter Writing scheme, that more people will get involved as these letters can sometimes be the only outside communication a prisoner receives and can be a great source of encouragement.

**Day 29**

Thank God for all those who already write regularly to prisoners and pray that they would have wisdom and sensitivity in all their communications.

**Day 30**

Pray for prisoners and their families approaching release, for what can be a time of both excitement and apprehension. Pray that they may receive the help and support they need for a positive future.

**Day 31**

Give thanks for everything that has been achieved through Prison Fellowship and pray that this ministry will continue to grow.