

So thank you for your continued support of us and our colleagues in the prisons of Greater Manchester. Thank you for your continued prayerful support of the people we try to support. Thank you for your continued support of the many people who work in the prison service and justice system.

We will continue to pray for you too, because by praying for each other and with each other we remind ourselves of our part in the great working out of God's kingdom. We remind ourselves that we are sisters and brothers together in Christ. We remind ourselves that in the power of the Holy Spirit we go forward together in God's name.

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PRISON PRAYER LETTER NOVEMBER 2017**

'On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us as you help us by your prayers' 2 Cor 1:10



I used to be a chaplain at Manchester Airport. Spend any time in an airport environment wearing a yellow jacket and you will be amazed at how many people ask you for directions. I guided people to check in with minutes to spare. I became quite good at knowing the quickest route to each terminal from anywhere else. I learnt which airline operated from which terminal. I even became an expert on the positioning of car parks because so many people discovered their car wasn't where they thought they had left it two weeks ago. Sometimes it was a case of giving directions; often it was much better to walk alongside them and guide them to their destination.

Those of us in prison whether prisoners, staff or even chaplaincy members are isolated from the wider world and the wider church by the very nature of our institutions. We need to be constantly reminded of our part in the bigger picture, we need others to remind us they are alongside us, we need people to walk alongside us to care, guide, nourish and support us. That is why this prison prayer letter is so important. It reminds us there is a bigger world out there, a bigger church out there. God is in here but God is also out there.

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1. J, J, M, S, all have bereavement issues. Please pray for each one of them especially for the closeness of the Holy Spirit while they are in prison.
2. B has just been told that he has lung cancer. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors and nurses caring for him and God's healing and grace.
3. HMP Buckley Hall Chaplaincy has requested prayer for the Sycamore Tree Course commencing again today at the prison.
4. Preparations for Christmas services and celebrations have already begun in the prison. Please pray for strength and extra energy for the Chaplains.
5. L has had suicidal thoughts. Please pray that he will be given help in coping with this problem and also reach out to the Lord Jesus for healing and grace.
6. Please pray for the Sunday services at HMP Buckley Hall and the outside teams who attend to conduct them.
7. Please pray for the ladies and staff at HMP Styal as they remember the death of CG who took her own life last year.
8. J's son died in suspicious circumstances. Please pray that the truth will be uncovered and that she will get some closure over time.
9. The Sycamore Tree course has commenced at the prison and the Chaplains request prayer for all attending including the facilitators who give their time.
10. A's son was tragically killed in a car accident at the age of 23. Please pray for God's comfort and strength for her and her other children who are trying to deal with their grief.
11. Please pray for the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit for one of the Chaplains who has suffered bereavement and the team as they work together sharing the responsibility to support the women in their care.
12. S is very demanding in prison and worried about how he will cope on the outside when he is released next year. Please pray for his parents who find him very difficult to cope with.
13. B has lost his mum. Please pray for God's special help for him during this time of bereavement whilst he is in prison.
14. S is a Christian but is really struggling with events from his past. Please pray for God to provide someone to help with this and for S to find peace.
15. V has lost his nephew and J has lost his uncle and need prayer to be able to grieve and to have hope for the future.

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16. P has started to attend chapel, pray he will remember how much God loves him and will reach out for His grace.
17. R wants to be transferred to be closer to his family down south and is struggling being so far away. Please pray this will happen soon for him.
18. A has lost his step Mum and Gran. His Gran was his main carer. B also has lost his grandmother. Please pray for the closeness of the Holy Spirit in their sadness.
19. M and M have lost their Grandads. Often the men feel the loss of Grandparents just as much as their own parents. Pray for friends around them to bring comfort and strength and that they will know God's peace.
20. A is soon to be released and is desperate not to return to prison. Please pray that the right support will be in place to help him.
21. Please pray for officers in the prisons who are feeling more stressed as they try to do their job.
22. G, J and A have lost their dads. Please pray for God's comfort for these men. This can be a very difficult time for men in prison.
23. G is suffering due to relationship problems. Please pray this situation will improve.
24. B is struggling with housing issues prior to release and needs prayer for this to be sorted out very soon for him.
25. S is finding the newly imposed smoking ban in prison a very stressful experience. Please pray for help for him and for others also in prison.
26. M who is in prison for the first time is finding the regime very difficult to cope with. Please pray for him to settle quickly and be given help to cope.
27. T is struggling with being bullied. Please pray for wisdom for the staff in dealing with this.
28. K wants to find faith and to grow as a Christian. Please pray for him to have good leadership and fellowship.
29. M has a possibility of a place in a Christian House after release. Please pray that the Lord will provide this if it's the right place for him.
30. H was returned to prison after only 5 days. Thankfully he was released again a few weeks later. Please pray for him to have supported accommodation and that he will not return again to prison.
31. F was released last month. Please pray that God's hand will be over him and that he is plugged into a church.