

The story is of course much longer with a lot more to share. Briefly I carried on nursing whilst I studied at the Nazarene Theological College and I managed to get a Master's degree after seven years study. So many people asked me, suggested and dropped hints about being ordained. My insecurities told me I wasn't good enough, however when you are the daughter of a king you are precious and worthy and His love enabled me to see this.

I was ordained in 2010 and led a church for seven years. I now have the privilege of working as Resettlement Chaplain at Forest Bank Prison. The post I am in is incredibly challenging but right now I believe it is the right place for me to be. There are amazing life changing experiences amongst the residents and I am so pleased that God trusts me with these souls. My vision is to improve links between the prison and the faith groups and charities that are in a position to offer support and to help rehabilitate these men to the life that God meant them to have.

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Thank you

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PRISON PRAYER LETTER MAY 2018**

**“As for me, the Lord has led me on the journey...” Genesis 24: 27**

It's such a good idea to look back and reflect on a journey. Where we were, where we were going and how we got there. I believe it is so important to share our stories and tell others what God has done for us. It gives us time to reflect and appreciate the wonder of His Son and the love He offers us.

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As a child I went to Sunday School and Church with my family. I have wonderful memories of pantomimes, whit walks and Sunday School sports days. I remember being in awe of the vicar and looking up at the huge stain glass windows, the image was Moses with two tablets of stone, I remember even then realising there was something quite real and exciting about all this.

Although I have great memories I also remember feeling quite insecure as a child, out of place and sometimes very lonely. These insecurities often carry through to adult life, with a pattern of not knowing who we are and where we belong, until of course Jesus Christ comes into your life and that great big chasm is filled.

I left home at 17 and started nursing and so the party began, years of late nights, broken relationships and loneliness that was hard to describe. One day however I bumped into a friend and she told me that she had become a Christian. She had changed and this was so tangible in the way she looked and acted. My friend Fiona invited me to church that Sunday and six weeks later I had a very significant conversion experience. Strangely enough it was the testimony of a man who had been in prison for something he had not done, listening to him made me realise that I had been in a different kind of prison. I had experienced a few very tough years, I was a single mum with a three year old son and now I found myself giving my life to the Lord. I realised that through the dark times I had not been alone, Jesus had indeed carried me and it was time to live my life His way.

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1. Pray for all those who attended courses during Lent or any of the services over the Easter period. May faith be born in many and grow in others.
2. **M** is due for release in May and is struggling to get free from drugs. Pray that he will win this battle and live in freedom both before and after release.
3. **J** has been consistent in avoiding further offending and worked hard at resolving the issues in his life. Pray for tangible blessing to encourage him.
4. **N** is in need of prayer as he comes to terms with the death of his ex-partner. He also has a damaged knee. Pray for the healing and care he needs.
5. **S** has applied to be a mentor on the Sycamore Tree course. Pray that he will develop new skills and grow in the gifting that he already has.
6. **M** needs to know that as he repents God will forgive him for the crime he committed. He also requests prayer that the flashbacks he is having will cease.
7. **J** has only limited hearing and as a result struggles in small group discussion times. Pray that he will be able to join in and fully contribute.
8. **C** finds it very difficult to cope and struggles to settle when he has to move to a new wing. Pray for peace and for any underlying issues to be resolved.
9. **R** is facing a long time in prison. Pray that he will be able to come to terms with this reality and that he will resolve to do all he can to learn and develop.
10. **S** is worried about his dad who has started drinking again. Pray that he will ask for God's help himself and see an amazing answer to prayer.
11. **J** has just turned 60 and it is his first time in custody. Pray that he will be kept safe and that he will take every opportunity to use the time wisely.
12. **M's** son is very poorly in hospital at the moment and as a result he is really worried about him. Pray for healing for his son and comfort and hope for M.
13. **B** is very angry and self-harms a great deal as a result. Pray for safety for him and wisdom for those who care for him with a breakthrough in dealing with his issues.
14. **S, P, G** and **G** have all lost their fathers in the last month. Pray for comfort for them as they mourn as well as a sense of hope for the future.
15. **D** has had a number of bereavements in the last few years. Pray for God's grace to bring strength and comfort as he goes through this difficult time.
16. **D** has been awaiting sentencing for over 18 months and will be sentenced in May. Pray for justice with mercy and the ability to cope with the decision.

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17. **P** has been struggling a lot recently and is beginning to doubt his faith. Pray that he will know renewal and learn how to deal with the difficult times.
18. **H** is due for release in May and knows that his mum is dying. Pray that he will be able to spend time with her and find the strength to deal with this most difficult of experiences.
19. Pray for two men at HMP Buckley Hall who want to confirm their faith. The Bishop is due to hold a confirmation service in May.
20. **P** was doing very well and attending chapel courses but then lapsed due to a drug episode. He is now back and says he does not want to fall again. Pray for faith to grow and the grace and strength for him to steadfastly continue.
21. **S** has been released but is known to be back on the streets and very unwell. Pray for his safety and accommodation with the necessary support.
22. **N** is really struggling to find somewhere to live and wants to make a new start. Pray that the right opportunity will come and he will be fully committed.
23. **G** had very bad experiences as a child that has caused him a lot of mental health issues. Pray for healing and the support he needs to recover.
24. **S** suffered abuse as a child which resulted in a broken life. Pray for healing and support. May he experience God's love and the sense of value it brings.
25. **M** is back in prison again which has become a regular part of his life. Pray that this will be the last time and that he will discover a new way of living.
26. **J** is finding life outside of prison very difficult and has a plan how he can return. Pray that the support he has received will help change his mind.
27. **M** needs accommodation but helping him is made more difficult by the poor state of his mental health. Pray this will improve and things will change.
28. **T** has had years of drug abuse that have taken a toll and left him looking trapped and unhappy. Pray he will respond to the invitation in the gospel.
29. **M** has again made contact with GMCC as he begins another attempt to get free of drugs. Pray for strength and a heart that finds satisfaction in the Lord.
30. **A** is helping on a bereavement course. Pray that he will be consistent in his own walk and mature in his faith.
31. Please pray for spiritual breakthrough as we work with men and women to help with their material needs but also share the good news about Jesus.