

‘What I really want from all this engagement with the word of God and the work of his Spirit in answer to’ your prayers for me ‘is that my heart will be satisfied with God and not with the world.’ I know this is best for me and also most glorifying to God so use Psalm 90: 14 “Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.”

I also need strength and durability so I will trust and remain joyful as there are so many issues in life that I find difficult to handle well. The prayer in Ephesians 3: 16 expresses just what I am looking for “I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being...”



Then I want this strength ‘to produce good deeds for others so that the glory of God will be seen in my life.’ I know this is possible as it is exactly what Paul prayed for others in Colossians 1: 10 “...that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...”

I feel confident that as you pray for an inclined heart, open eyes, a united heart, satisfaction in God, strength and a fruitful life for me you will also pray those things for yourself. I am certain that we can pray no greater things for those in prison and those now released.

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PRISON PRAYER LETTER JULY 2019

Ephesians 6: 19 “Pray also for me...”

Knowing from experience that so many use this prayer letter regularly (and GMCC are so grateful that you do) I want to ask if you would pray also for me. I am going to use an article by John Piper which if you have access to the internet you will find under How to Pray for your Soul. I hope you will not mind praying for a fellow

struggling believer and I know you will agree with the requests as they all come from the Bible.



The first is that my heart will have an inclination towards God and his word. There are so many things that cry out for my attention and entice but I know that nothing is more

important than knowing God and reading his word so use Psalm 119: 36 “Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!”

Then please ask that when I do go to his word I will see ‘what is really there and not just my own ideas.’ Psalm 119: 18 says “Open my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things from your law.” I do not just want to see facts and get information but for my heart to be enlightened with the truth. Ephesians 1: 18 is also a prayer for this very thing “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened.”

I am also ‘concerned that my heart is fragmented and that parts of it might remain in the dark while other parts are enlightened.’ I do not want my heart to be divided like this so please use Psalm 86: 11 “Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.”

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- 1 Pray for the staff team at GMCC as they support clients and await the arrival of a new chaplain.
- 2 Pray for P, who is still having problems staying off drugs but desires to serve the Lord.
- 3 L is very low at the moment and does not know why; pray that his mood will lift and that he will gain insight and hope.
- 4 Mr G has experienced being let down multiple times and feels that everyone is against him; pray that he will find effective support.
- 5 K's trial is this month; pray that the outcome will be just for all concerned, and that she will be able to cope with the process.
- 6 Pray for the courses that are run in Buckley Hall (including Living with Loss and Alpha): for the facilitators and the participants.
- 7 M and S are both keen to move on from HMP Manchester and are becoming frustrated about being there; pray that they will have patience and that there will soon be positive news for them.
- 8 Pray for Mr S who never receives visits and is very lonely.
- 9 J has been in a pattern for a long time of moving from crisis to crisis and failing to take the actions that he is advised to; pray that he will break out of this pattern and recognise his role in achieving change.
- 10 N has been recently released into a community hostel, and wants to remain sober; pray for strength and support for him to do so.
- 11 Pray for C, whose grandad has died.
- 12 Mr J wants to get away from the criminal lifestyle that is linked with his family; pray for wisdom and guidance that he might achieve this.
- 13 Pray for A and D, cousins mourning the sudden loss of their grandad.
- 14 Pray for M, who is quite low and has problems with his relationships, and for R, struggling to cope with family problems on the outside.
- 15 J recently saw his mum for the first time in 7 years; pray that further visits might be arranged.
- 16 Pray for Mr J, who was doing very well but has recently been recalled and is feeling very low as a result.

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- 17 Pray for A, that she will find a safe place to live and will grow in confidence and self-esteem.
- 18 R is stuck in grief; pray for peace and healing for him, and also for N who is struggling to cope with a family loss while inside.
- 19 Pray for C and V who are awaiting news about their deportation, and for K who is far from home in Poland and overwhelmed by the issues this causes
- 20 Pray for Mr DL who has been released into the community and has serious mental health issues, that he and those around him will be kept safe and that he will be given support.
- 21 Pray for release from feelings of guilt and shame for M.
- 22 R is being very stubborn and not working with prison staff; pray that he will have a change of heart.
- 23 Pray for the Sycamore Tree Group due to finish today in Styal: for the facilitator, volunteers, visitors and the women participating.
- 24 Pray for GMCC clients who are currently homeless, that they will be kept safe and that suitable accommodation be found.
- 25 Give thanks for the progress made by L and pray for him and his mentor that this will continue.
- 26 Pray for G, J and T, all of whom are in prison for the first time and struggling to get used to their situation.
- 27 Pray for all prisoners and former prisoners who are awaiting counselling or talking therapies.
- 28 I came to faith in prison and is soon to be released on license; pray for him that he will grow in faith and find life in fullness.
- 29 C has got parole and is keen to live a different life on release; pray that he will sustain his determination and succeed.
- 30 Pray for staff in prison chaplaincies and for opportunities to witness and share the love of Christ.
- 31 Pray for the Sycamore Tree group due to finish today in Forest Bank; for the facilitator, volunteers, visitors and the men taking part.