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GREATER MANCHESTER COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY

PRISON PRAYER LETTER December 2019

I had taken drugs since being a teenager but have never come close to feeling a physical sensation that powerful before. What followed was the most miraculous, intimate encounter I had ever known and the warmest feeling of joy, hope and love. I am still carrying that joy, hope and love today and exist to carry it to others in desperate need

It would be absurd to even try to do justice to explaining what the Lord Jesus has done for me in so few words but I could give a few examples of His great deliverance and mercy. He delivered me from several serious addictions. Broke many patterns of destructive behaviours that had me bound. Took a man badly struggling with his mental health and renewed his mind to its strongest point. Released me almost instantly from what many believed should be a lengthy jail sentence. His miraculous intervention has even saved me from what would have been certain death. I have seen God move powerfully and witnessed awesome miracles but my favourite one will always be that miraculous moment when a person first meets Jesus.

Community Chaplaincy has been a great and treasured part of my life for years now. I love those brethren that carry a light into dark places. If anyone is living in a dark place right now I urge you to step into the Lords light. It isn't a call to an easy life but it is a call to a victorious one. You don't need to struggle on in your own strength when you can march forward in God's strength. He is the faithful one who will never abandon or forsake you. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Rom 10:13)

Hallelujah! Blessed be God forever.

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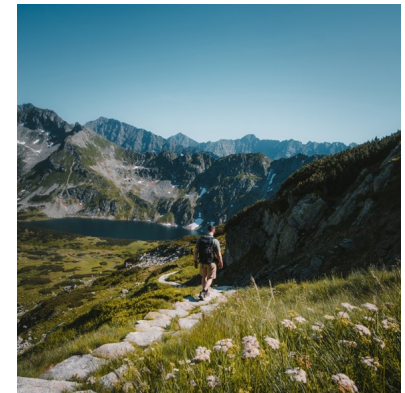
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This months article has been written by a wonderful client that often visits Greater Manchester Community chaplaincy. He regularly blesses staff and other clients with his zest for life and desire to see all know the love of God. We hope this article gives you a glimpse into the work that we do here at GMCC and more importantly, how God changes each life uniquely.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost." (Luke 19:10)

A walk with Jesus is a journey filled with great testimonies. As I sit here considering the last amazing six years of my life, my mind returns to that powerful first encounter with the Most High. That fork in the road where my life's trajectory was radically redirected.



Sat in what I could only describe as the ruins and rubble of the life I'd been building, trying to figure out how things had unravelled so drastically. I was confused and confounded, struggling to understand a bizarre series of events that made no sense. Was this even reality? Or had I slipped into some crazy nightmare fantasy world? "I give up! I can't work this out." Not an ounce of sincerity was in my next declaration but mocking disbelief "It must be God," I said. No sooner had the words left my lips than I got this electrical shudder that blasted through my whole body. "Wow! What was that...God?" bang! It came again but even more intense.

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- 1 E and L who are deeply troubled young men.
- 2 Also for TC due to be released in November after a long time with us
- 3 L who was released in October, that he is doing well.
- 4 Pray for good conversations at our Christmas dinner today
- 5 P who is desperate for a move to another jail and is learning to read.
- 6 That D will settle down at Thorn cross and be ready for release soon.
- 7 Please pray for the Sycamore Tree course started this month
- 8 L who was released in October, that he is doing well.
- 9 Christmas Bibles studies at Buckley Hall every Monday afternoon
- 10 A and D whose mum has died.
- 11 K who is doing very well with the Emmaus Bible studies
- 12 A and D who transferred to other jails and were regulars at chapel, that they are settling in.
- 13 Pray for D who has had a long term infection that it gets treated and does not return
- 14 Christmas Carol services at Buckley hall
- 15 J who is an IPP prisoner and who feels very trapped in the prison system.
- 16 Pray for J who was ill recently, that he continues to recover well

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- 17 Pray for our student volunteers as they go home for Christmas
- 18 That those who have just finished the Sycamore Tree course will put the principles & values they have learnt into practise.
- 19 K who has been struggling to get in touch with his mum and is worried about her.
- 20 Please pray for the Sycamore Tree course started this month
- 21 Pray for P recently released from prison, that he does not go back to his old lifestyle and gets the support he needs from probation
- 22 B whose nan has died.
- 23 Pray for D who is suffering with addiction
- 24 K who is missing his children.
- 25 Pray for prisoners who are missing their families today
- 26 A and A whose brother has died.
- 27 K who is missing his children.
- 28 Pray for families of offenders who are missing their family members
- 29 Pray for M who lost a close friend recently
- 30 R who continues to be very frustrated about his situation.
- 31 Pray for staff who are working away from their families during this season