

This has allowed so many beautiful things to come out of this time of uncertainty. The love for the NHS, the support for the most vulnerable, the kindness of neighbours just to name a few, are the responses that make us see the goodness of God in the world.

While this beauty has come out of this hard time, we also need to remember and acknowledge the loss, fear and uncertainty that this time has brought. We need to remember the vulnerable, the alone and the abused. This time will mean different things to different people based on the choices we all make.

As Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 says, there is a time for everything. Now appears to be a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to embrace and a time to refrain. These things, although seemingly opposites appear to all be true at this time.

I pray that we are able to see and meet the need where we are. I pray that we have perfect peace from above and I pray that each choice we make is fueled by love.

Blessings,

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## **God is still God**

### **A note from our Chaplain**

The past few weeks have been a rollercoaster. The world has changed in unprecedented ways and our usual routines and habits have been drastically interrupted.

During this time I have had ample opportunity to reflect and respond to things beyond my control. I have observed that nothing in this life is really in our control other than how we choose to respond to situations placed before us.

I have chosen to respond by holding on to the promises of God. A God who promises to be here in times of trouble, my God who is my provider, God who treats us with love and makes things come together for those who love him and a God who will never leave us alone.

I have heard it said that our faith is truly tested when things do not go our way and we are thrown into the most difficult circumstances. While I believe this is the case, we are in a rare state, where every single person around us is also going through the same situation.



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- 1 Pray for prisoners, who are kept in close quarters and are therefore at risk of Covid 19, that God would protect them.
- 2 Pray for prison staff who are trying to cope with the added pressure that Covid 19 has brought to their roles
- 3 Pray for prison governors that they have wisdom as they make difficult decisions in this unprecedented time
- 4 Pray for GMCC clients as they navigate life without the services and routines that have helped them cope, pray for peace beyond understanding
- 5 Pray for services still providing support, that they will be safe as they carry on the vital work
- 6 Pray for the homeless, that they get the help they need to cope with these difficult circumstances.
- 7 Pray for J who was released last month and is homeless he has no where to go no family, that he will be safe and accommodation will be provided.
- 8 Prayer for the men in Health care and Segregation who are already in isolation and unwell at Hindley Prison, that they will recover
- 9 Staff at Hindley Prison, they are doing a great job and putting themselves at risk every day as are the nurses and health care workers that they will continue to have the strength and support to go on
- 10 D, J and R who are waiting for spaces in secure units and things have been delayed that they have peace and patience in this time
- 11 For GMCC staff as they try to continue this vital work during this time
- 12 Please pray for the managers at Hindley who are having to make decisions every day as the situation changes all the time
- 13 For those who have left prison and have had to come back into a very different society that they can cope
- 14 Pray for those who are anxious and fearful, that they have hope for a good future
- 15 For those who are isolated and vulnerable, that they are not forgotten but rather supported.
- 16 For those with difficult home lives, that this would be a time of beace rather than stress

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- 17 R who struggles with depression and paranoia, that he is not overwhelmed but has hope
- 18 L who is very troubled and unable to switch his mind off, that he has the support he needs
- 19 P who now has many responsibilities, that he is able to focus and continue doing good work
- 20 P whose aunt has just died. He has lost a lot of relatives whilst in custody. Pray that he finds support and peace at this time
- 21 A who is in recovery, that the limitations on his movement do not hinder the amazing progress he has made
- 22 J who is working hard with the agencies here to come to terms with some of this issues, that someone is able to get through to him
- 23 A who lives alone, that he is getting the support he needs and finding new routine
- 24 J who is very lonely and isolated and who is worried about his mum that he finds good people to be around and that he has hope & peace.
- 25 M and A who are released soon. They are problematic people who will struggle on the outside that this time will be different and they will have hope for a better future.
- 26 J who lives alone, that he has the right support and motivation to carry on
- 27 All of our key workers and NHS staff who are going to work as usual, that they will find comfort and peace as they go on
- 28 I who lost his son a few weeks ago and his nan has also died, that he will have the support and comfort that he needs.
- 29 Those who have lost their jobs during the pandemic, that they will not be overwhelmed and that God will provide for them
- 30 S and M who recently made commitments to Christ, that they grow in knowledge and faith with each passing day
- 31 Pray for those going through grief, that they will not be alone, and have the comfort they need