

job. He has helped me come to terms with the fact that things may be different for quite a long time. He has strengthened me in my times of weakness, uncertainty and frustration.

I now have a new understanding of what it is to boast in my weakness. This period in history has left me feeling persecuted, angry, powerless and so much more, however I am clinging to the one that is greater than it all. I am boasting in this weakness because the power of God is now so evident in the peace that has never left me, in the love that is in my heart and in the compassion that I cannot help but express.

His power has been made perfect in my weakness.

Blessings,

Anna

Chaplain at GMCC

**Praise points:**

Amazing opportunities to talk about our Faith and to share some of the 365 promises about not being afraid; with both staff and prisoners

No one in the Care and separation unit for the first time in the 17 years I've been here Praise The Lord

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PRISON PRAYER LETTER AUGUST 2020

**But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties.**

**2 Corinthians 12: 9-10**

Recently I have not felt very strong. I have struggled with being alone during lockdown, not being allowed to hug my friends when I do see them, and feeling that my purpose has been stripped away. This time of social distancing has shown us how resilient we are as people but has also highlighted the difficulties we face, that are usually not evident as we are busy getting on with life.

It is uncomfortable to feel weak, powerless and useless. Of course there are things I have done to fill the time, much like everyone else right now, but the masses of zoom calls, creations and social media interactions do not replace the face to face interactions that I love about my job.

Throughout this time I know that the only thing I can depend on, the only thing that has not changed is my Father in heaven. His grace has been sufficient. Every morning His mercies have been new. He has been with me in every moment allowing me to process the feelings of joy and despair as I navigate this new way of doing my



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- 1 Pray for wisdom for the GMCC trustees as they make decisions during this time of uncertainty
- 2 We are hoping to be able to start running small groups and Sunday services at Styal this month so please pray this goes smoothly and there are not outbreaks of Covid to set us back
- 3 Please pray for DB who is struggling to find accommodation, that God provides his needs
- 4 E who has gone to a secure hospital after a long wait, that he receives the care and attention he needs
- 5 T whose father has died, that he is supported through his grief
- 6 B who is finding it hard to come to terms with a much longer sentence that he was expecting, that he finds hope in his situation
- 7 Pray for R who is having difficulty with his living situation, that God provides his every need
- 8 M who is hoping to move to a specialist unit where he can get help, that he is shown favour in this process
- 9 Wisdom for Governing governors as restrictions are slowly lifted and for continued peace in our prisons
- 10 For DE who is a very talented young man WHO SAYS HE HAS NO HOPE AND FEELS PERSECUTED, that he is encouraged and built up in this distressing time
- 11 A who is struggling with the crime that has landed him back behind bars after 2 months out, that he is supported as he processes his feelings
- 12 P who has lost his mums in recent weeks, that he gets the support he need in this time of grief
- 13 Please pray that we will be able to start our courses and services asap; especially Living with Loss.
- 14 Pray for A who has struggled with depression, that he is supported throughout all of the changes in society right now
- 15 Pray for salvation for L. who is receiving letters from the gracious Father of the girl he killed in a motor accident that this kindness will bring him to redemption
- 16 Pray for those who attend GMCC's weekly prayer meeting, that they continue to be encouraged by Father God as we wait to return

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- 17 S whose mother has recently passed away, that he is supported through his grief
- 18 A whose uncle is terminally ill, that he is able to be supportive and receive support durig this difficult time
- 19 Pray for GMCC staff and volunteers as they begin to come into the workplace, that they are protected and fearless
- 20 Please continue to pray for the women in Styal lockdown conditions are tough and people's mental health is being effected so pray for strength and hope
- 21 W who lost his father, that he is supported in his grief at this difficult time
- 22 The family and friends of MW who took her life, that they are given the support that they need while they process the grief
- 23 S who is struggling to accept that he can no longer contact his partner and children, that he is supported and encouraged as he comes to terms with these decisions
- 24 T who has lost his mother, that he is supported and comforted during the grieving process
- 25 Comfort for T. who came to light a candle in memory of his sister , that he is met with kindness and compassion throughout his processing
- 26 S. who has asked to attend the next Living with Loss course along with J.J.H. S. M. A. J. D. P. D. D. A. P., that they have this opprtunity
- 27 D who has been given a 27 year sentence at the age of 45, that he finds hope in this situation
- 28 P who has recently lost his mother, that he is comforted and supported in his grief
- 29 Pray for J and his family as they continue to look after an elderly family member in these difficult times
- 30 P who has gone downhill very suddenly and is hard to deal with , that his struggles are brought to light, so that he can receive the hep he needs
- 31 For all who are fearful at this time both Staff and Prisoners alike AND FOR MORE OPPORTUNTIES TO BOAST ON JESUS