

Chaplains have altered their approach allowing the work of sharing the Love of God to continue in what we thought were impossible circumstances.

With God, everything is possible. This is what we can take from 2020. In the most unexpected and unpredictable of circumstances we did what needed to be done. God was and is still glorified and we look back with thanksgiving.

My prayer is for this year to be full of miracles just as last year was.

### **Praise points**

J came to our prison 13 months ago, it was his first time in custody. He had had a very traumatic childhood which had left him with serious mental health problems. He also used to self-harm a great deal. At first he was terrified by being in prison. Over time he got to know the staff, who were very patient with him. He received support from the Mental Health nurses and our counsellors. Chaplaincy visited him regularly and he began to reconnect with his faith. J was released last month and I saw him a few days beforehand. Though he was nervous about being released, he told me being in prison had made him better. He felt like he had got help and support for the first time. His growing faith had given him a firm foundation to build from. J left feeling optimistic about the future.

One on ones continue to be really good despite covid.

We successfully filmed a remembrance service that went to all prisons in England & Wales

We have produced daily Advent meditations that have also been distributed nationwide.

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**PRISON PRAYER LETTER JANUARY 2021**

**‘Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. ‘**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

Happy New Year! As we go into this new year, many are full of joy to be leaving 2020 behind them. This is understandable as it has been a year of shattered plans, devastation for many families and uncovering of so many injustices all around us. But as we look back on the year it is so important remember all of the good that has come from 2020 too. In everything there is room to be grateful.

God has never stopped working on our behalf, He has not stopped being good and He has not stopped performing miracles. In this year we have seen church attendance rise, we have seen charities receive masses of support and we have seen the citizens of the United Kingdom join together like never before. We have seen protests and marches, we have seen donations to foodbanks and we have watched as a petition to feed hungry children was enacted by government.

We have also received testimonies from the prisons we work with. More inmates have sought out the Chaplain and asked for prayer and support. Biblical resources have been delivered to people in their cells, giving those around them access and opportunity to hear the gospel. Those who used to attend Chapel services are desperate for them to return, allowing us to see the impact that they have.



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- 1 We hope to resume corporate worship in January and give thanks for the patience and understanding of our residents during the ongoing pandemic
- 2 Drug use went down during Covid but has started to rise again, pray for wisdom for the decision makers in tackling this
- 3 A whose dad has died in Pakistan, pray for hope and comfort as he grieves
- 4 M who is very mentally unwell and due to be released soon. Pray a hospital place is found for him
- 5 We pray for renewed hope and joy in this coming year for all of the prisoners and staff at Styal Prison
- 6 Pray for prisoner D who is seeking to understand God's will for his life in all areas, pray that he hears from God and has support
- 7 C who is moving to a secure hospital soon after waiting for a year. Pray he soon settles in
- 8 Pray for us as we continue to follow government guidelines while making decisions for GMCC
- 9 Prisoner M who was taken off his psychiatric medication and is struggling to stay away from other means of medication, pray for healing and overcoming temptation
- 10 Pray for S who is struggling with alcohol, is homeless and in need of hope as well as physical support. Pray he holds on to Jesus
- 11 Pray for all of the Chaplains in the Greater Manchester Prisons, pray that they are supported in their various roles
- 12 Pray for E whose Mother died recently, that he may continue to do well through bereavement
- 13 Pray for R who regularly suffers with paranoia, pray for peace as he goes from day to day
- 14 A who is facing a long time in prison, pray that fear does not overcome him, pray that he settles and finds peace in his situation
- 15 Pray for A who suffers with depression, pray that he continues to hold on to his faith during this time
- 16 Pray for all the plans being made this year, pray that Gods will will be done within the prison system

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- 17 G who is very difficult for staff to manage but who also needs a great deal of help, pray that he receives the support he needs
- 18 Pray for peace for D who is struggling on the anniversary of his crime, pray that he is able to come to terms with his actions and forgives himself
- 19 T who is worried about his mum, as the man who assaulted her is out of jail soon, pray for peace ad protection for this family
- 20 Pray for S who has a strained relationship with his family, pray for restoration and reconciliation
- 21 Pray for those struggling with loneliness, pray that they are comforted and have hope for their future
- 22 Pray for P who is back in prison and is witnessing all the time that he might be consistent in his walk of Faith
- 23 Pray for those who are weary with the continued effects of Covid restrictions and dangers, pray that they are strengthened and supported
- 24 Pray for GMCC volunteers who continue to be a great support to us even during the uncertainty of Covid
- 25 Pray for the resumption of Church Services and courses early in the New year, that inmates will be able to worship together again in a safe way
- 26 J and C who are both very vulnerable men, pray for favour over their lives as they seek the support they need
- 27 Pray for P who is rehabilitating very well, pray that this change is lifelong and that his faith only grows stronger
- 28 R who has learning difficulties and needs to go a specialist unit, pray that the transition comes quickly and with ease
- 29 P who is having some issues with his accommodation, pray that he continues to cope without getting angry
- 30 B who is due out soon but could be facing deportation so faces a lot of uncertainty.
- 31 Pray for J & D who's hard work keeps GMCC running