

Another situation that GMCC has helped with is to complete an application with universal credit. I had limited access to the internet and worried about completing the application properly. The chaplain sat down with me and completed the form, which was very useful, as I am now eligible to make a universal credit application.

Now that I am settled into a place where I feel comfortable and steady, GMCC has helped me look for a job. I lacked confidence in applying for jobs due to my past, but volunteers at GMCC have helped me realise that I can obtain employment. The volunteers have helped with interview preparation questions so I can feel confident and worthy in job applications.

*A GMCC Client*

### **Praise Points**

Please give thanks that the first ever Alpha course has been held at HMP Manchester. Around 10 men attended and engaged really well. Pray that it has brought the men closer to God and that they will continue to grow in faith. Please give thanks for the 8 leaders who have done an excellent job leading the course.

Just finished Living with Loss course at HMP Buckley Hall with 11 prisoners most of them wish to attend the next Christian course

Just finished the Sycamore tree Course at HMP Buckley Hall with high quality work from the 12 prisoners involved 3 will attend next Christian course

Both courses had excellent prisoner mentors and wonderful volunteers who make these courses so successful

Attendance figures for all groups up Thanks for your prayers please keep praying

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**GREATER MANCHESTER COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY**

**PRISON PRAYER LETTER AUGUST 2022**

### **A GMCC Testimony**

I first heard of Greater Manchester Community Chaplaincy (GMCC) when I was in prison. I went to bible study with my chaplain when I was told that GMCC help with housing and benefits applications. After being released from prison, I was worried and anxious about not having any place to live, food to eat and friends to support me. I came to this chaplaincy to explain my situation, and my first impression was that this place was welcoming, safe and friendly. After discussing my situation with them, I realised that the staff and volunteers cared about me and my problems. A problem I encountered was that I had no support circle outside of my family, and I was worried about falling into a state of anxiety and understood that I needed friends. GMCC welcomed me in with open arms and encouraged me to engage with other clients, volunteers, and staff to make friends.

I was recalled to prison for extenuating circumstances and was released in August of last year. I found myself in a difficult situation where I was worried about sleeping at night and obtaining my next meal. I remembered the helpful workers at GMCC who were willing to go above and beyond to help clients like me. I asked for help on the application for accommodation due to my homelessness, and the staff were accommodating. GMCC got in contact with the council on my behalf to arrange temporary accommodation. As the council was not responsive to my requests, GMCC contacted my social worker to help with my case. My social worker respects the chaplain and her colleagues and contacted the council to arrange temporary accommodation. The final result was that I found a place that suits my needs, and I am happy with the help from everyone.



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- 1 J and M who are waiting for a transfer to hospital, pray for favour in the process and a quick recovery
- 2 R who has been struggling with his mental health, pray for the right intervention and an open heart & mind to receive help
- 3 D with issues of identity that he may know God's peace and love as he discovers more of himself
- 4 S who has been struggling with his health, pray for healing and peace
- 5 T whose behaviour has gone downhill rapidly recently.
- 6 R who is waiting for a permanent home, pray for supernatural favour
- 7 Pray for I who loves to attend chapel and is growing in his Faith
- 8 L who has fallen on difficult times but is still trying his best not to return to a life of crime, pray for grace and favour
- 9 S and L who have been isolating from other prisoners and not engaging with staff for a long time.
- 10 GMCC clients who are struggling with the cost of living crisis, pray for the right support and intervention
- 11 R who is struggling with addiction, pray for healing and hope
- 12 P who will be attending the next Christian course searching for God, pray that he finds Christ
- 13 D who struggles with addiction and ill mental health, pray for hope and healing
- 14 M who is appealing his sentence and is very worried about his children, pray for favour and provision for him and his family
- 15 We are planning our first ALPHA course at Buckley Hall since covid in September pray that this will be allowed and well received
- 16 L who is struggling with day to day life, pray for restored hope and the right people around him

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- 17 A who was recently released from prison, pray that she continues on the path she began to restore what was broken
- 18 D who did excellent work on the Sycamore Tree and Living with Loss courses as he matures in his Faith
- 19 K who is wants to meet his victim in the future so he can say sorry, pray that whatever happens he will continue with this heart
- 20 A who struggles being away from family, pray he has the right support and builds community where he is
- 21 K who is feeling very angry at the moment and feels he has nothing to lose, pray for hope and purpose
- 22 For M, D, I, S, C, R, C, J and G who have all been referred to us for the next Living with Loss course, pray that they receive the course well
- 23 S who has a turbulent home life, pray for divine intervention, security and peace
- 24 K who is hoping for cat D HMP in September that all will go well and that the transition will be smooth
- 25 P who is feeling very trapped and hopeless, pray for the right intervention so he feels more hope and purpose
- 26 S who is struggling to find his place in life, pray for direction and clarity
- 27 A who struggles physically and mentally, pray for peace and healing as he continues working through life and faith
- 28 J whose cousin committed suicide aged 22 that he may know the salvation of God and that God is with him through the grieving process
- 29 GMCC staff and volunteers who continue to work incredibly hard to keep things running, pray for strength, wisdom and vision
- 30 R whose mum is very poorly and he is struggling to cope with this news, pray for the right support and comfort while he processes this difficult information
- 31 Staff at HMP Forrest bank as they continue to work hard through many changes