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GREATER MANCHESTER COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY

PRISON PRAYER LETTER OCTOBER 2022

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

<sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

## Deacon Pru

### Praise Points

For the goodness of God in His majesty prisons and the opportunity to share the best news ever with staff and prisoners

80% of prisons have held an Alpha course and 28.000 prisoners have been on the course praise the Lord

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This is that time of the year when we are putting away summer clothes, t-shirts, shorts and sandals and wondering whether our winter coat or boots will last another year.

I wonder who you consult for fashion advice. Possibly the pages of the New Testament are not the first place we would turn to but Paul in a letter to the Ephesian church lists garments and accessories appropriate for a life of faith in Jesus Christ. In chapter 6 he likens this to armoury amongst which is the belt of truth, (and there's nothing like putting on a belt to remind us of the truth!), the breastplate- of righteousness, the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit. I like the version of the Bible which suggests, "As shoes for your feet, put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace."

I've been thinking about this and wondering what would be appropriate for proclaiming the gospel of peace. Perhaps different shoes for different circumstances – slippers when we are in an intimate setting with family and friends, walking boots when we are going through a difficult time or an uphill struggle, running shoes when we have good news to share. Or perhaps Paul is saying that we ought not be concerned with small things (like which shoes are "right") and put on whatever will make us more effective in the important task of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with everyone we meet.

I pray with you that we will know ourselves empowered by the spiritual clothing God provides.



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- 1 Pray for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Alpha course that is due to begin on 21<sup>st</sup> September at HP Manchester, pray all goes as it should
- 2 Pray for R who recently moved into a permanent home, pray for a home filled with peace and joy
- 3 Pray for the men who have recently received Bibles, that they will receive the Word of God for their lives
- 4 Pray for L who has been struggling with mental health, pray for the right support and intervention
- 5 Pray for M who has an operation soon and no support system, pray that it all goes smoothly and they have the right people in place
- 6 P whose sister has just died, pray for comfort and support during this difficult time
- 7 F who has been through a difficult time since leaving prison, pray for hope for the future and a change in circumstances
- 8 Pray for the family of R who died in sad circumstances in august, pray for comfort as they grieve
- 9 S who is waiting for a transfer to hospital, pray for favour in the waiting
- 10 E who is struggling with the rising costs of living, pray for provision and hope.
- 11 E whose behaviour is very challenging and destructive, pray for intervention that can help him heal
- 12 Staff at HMP Forrest Bank, pray for continued wisdom and support
- 13 M who has multiple mental health conditions and has no access to support, pray that he and his family receive the help they need
- 14 pray for S whose Mother has a brain tumour that has started to cause massive issues
- 15 A who feels trapped inside his own head and does not know what to do.
- 16 S who has been struggling with his living situation, pray for favour in the process

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- 17 J whose sister is expected to die very soon, pray for comfort for J and the rest of the family as they face this difficult reality
- 18 Pray for S whose son was badly burned in a fire in the summer with 32% burns, pray for healing for his son and peace of mind for S
- 19 L who has lost a close family member, pray for support through the grief and healing relationships with family
- 20 R who is feeling very anxious and believes he is under threat here, pray for protection and peace
- 21 Pray for A who has isolated lately, pray that she has the help she needs
- 22 A whose dad has died, pray for people to grieve with him and ongoing support
- 23 B who had been given weeks to live, pray that his last days are full of love and joy as he spends time with loved ones
- 24 Pray for alpha course at Buckley Hall, the men on it and the six volunteers who are leading it
- 25 S who passed away, pray for her family and friends who are grieving this huge loss
- 26 E who is struggling to settle to life on the wing, pray he receives the support and community that he needs
- 27 L who is trying to change his life for the better, pray for continued enthusiasm on this journey
- 28 Chaplains at HMP Styal who continue working hard, pray that they are blessed in their work and personal lives
- 29 P who is out soon and who does not think he will cope outside of prison, pray for the right support system
- 30 Pray for All the men & women on Christian courses throughout England and Wales, that they will receive what they need
- 31 GMCC volunteers who continue to give their time for free in some difficult circumstances.