

Ten years after this I remember being in rehab and asking a member of staff to take me to church. I am grateful that everywhere I have been, I know that the Holy Spirit has been with me.

Throughout my life and travels I have been able to worship God with all I have learnt and understood of Him. There has never been a place that He is not with me. When I found GMCC it was the start of a more spiritual journey for me and I am grateful.

Scott

GMCC Client

Praise points:

GMCC had a lovely end to 2022 and we are grateful to have the funding for three more years

11 prisoners at Buckley Hall finished the Living with loss course with most of them moving on from their grief

Christmas celebration was well received, and the Gospel was shared.

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PRISON PRAYER LETTER, FEBRUARY 2023

From a GMCC Client

Hello, my name is Scott. I have lived in Manchester all of my life. I went to a catholic school where I was raised, baptised and christened. I was an altar boy and I took Holy Communion. I always loved church as it got me out of going to class.

My life has been chaotic, I have been homeless, suffered with addiction, mental health issues and poverty. I grew up in a dysfunctional family and I am also a survivor of childhood rape.

I lost faith in humans but I gained faith in church. I knew that I had the Holy Spirit with me even though I can't explain how or when He came. I just felt different. I often keep my belief and faith to myself. It is the one thing I knew was always there and very precious so I hold it close.

I remember being a child and pinching the body of Christ at every mass, so when my dad came home drunk and my sister and I were scared and crying, I would lock us in the room, split the body of Christ between us and say 'we'll be ok now we've got Christ in us, we'll be ok'.

I know that the Holy Spirit has with me always. Looking back I see that I was a functioning addict. There were many times I could have and probably should have died. I was even shot at with the bullet missing me and harming the person next to me.



FEBRUARY 2023

- 1 The Alpha course that began in January, pray that the men on the course are impacted greatly and have changed lives
- 2 M whose dad is in hospital and very poorly at the moment, pray for comfort and support during this difficult time
- 3 J moving to a new prison, pray for a smooth transition and that he settles in well
- 4 L who has not been engaging in services lately , pray for support and hope for him
- 5 S, R and D who were released in January, pray for the right support as they work towards a good life outside prison
- 6 T feeling fragile, pray for the right people around him to help him settle in and become more confident
- 7 R who has had a setback, pray for the ability to cope with new situations and peace through the process
- 8 L and R who are waiting to hear about court dates, pray that they are free of anxiety in the waiting.
- 9 Christianity Explored course starts for 6 weeks with some of those who attended Living with Loss on it at Buckley hall, pray for a time of connection and revelation
- 10 J who has been ill, pray for continued healing and a good recovery
- 11 A who is in real distress and needs to be admitted to a secure hospital as soon as possible, pray for favour and understanding as he is treated
- 12 P whose dad has died, pray for people to mourn with him and comfort him as he remembers his dad
- 13 D who was in hospital and is now home recovering, pray for continued healing and support
- 14 Those on suicide watch in particular prisoner A, pray for peace and wisdom for everyone involved including other prisoners and staff

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- 15 New Sycamore Tree (restorative justice) every Friday Jan to March Pray for eyes and hearts to be opened at Buckley Hall
- 16 L who is struggling to maintain his faith in jail, pray for the right support and encouragement
- 17 A who struggles with depression, pray for ongoing support and that he keeps seeking help
- 18 Prisoners worried about cost-of-living crisis hitting their families, pray for provision for the families and hope for the prisoners
- 19 D who found out both parents have died in the last few years, but he has reconnected with his siblings, pray for healing for the loss and continued restoration with his siblings
- 20 S who has been ill and has underlying conditions, pray for continued healing and ongoing peace
- 21 W who cannot see any hope for the future, pray for heavenly intervention and support from the right people
- 22 Please pray for Gus Eyre as He sings and shares the gospel at our Sunday service, pray that his words resonate with the men in chapel
- 23 W whose mum has died pray for support and comfort as he mourns this loss
- 24 J who has recently moved into new accommodation and is trying to do better for himself, pray that he keeps this motivation and has good support
- 25 Those suffering with bereavement, pray for hope for the future and the ability to mourn properly
- 26 A who is feeling very frustrated due to all the bang up, pray for coping mechanisms as he settles in
- 27 P who is worried about his daughter who is in a secure children's home, pray for peace as he waits for news
- 28 E who is awaiting life changing news, pray for favour in the process