

is an experience that will forever stay with me. It has been a privilege to be welcomed by the various Chaplaincy's and Charities across Manchester to witness and be a part of the work that they do.

MY time here has taught me a great deal about community and resilience. Working with GMCC clients has taught me what it means to bear one and others burdens. The willingness to share and uplift each other, to offer encouraging words or physical help in times of need is excellent. Watching love and acceptance being placed above differences in age, expressions and beliefs is a wonderful thing to see. Working at GMCC has been a wonderful and enlightening experience.

Thank you to everyone who has supported GMCC financially and in prayer. Thank you to the Prison Chaplains that work with GMCC and support the work we do. Thank you to partner agencies who help us support our clients. Thank you to my colleagues, both staff and volunteers who have made my time here such a joy.

Most of all thank you to the GMCC clients, the people who I came to support who have poured out so much love not just to me, but to each other. You have made my time here so special and I will not forget it.

And of course, I am grateful to God for the blessing that GMCC has been in my life, long may this work continue.

“Carry each others burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

Galatians 6:2

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**PRISON PRAYER LETTER JANUARY 2024**

### **To all GMCC Supporters**

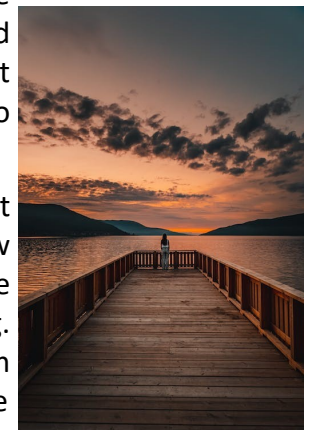
Four and a half years ago I said hello to Greater Manchester Community Chaplaincy. Since then we as a society have lived through some unimaginable changes and seen some incredible things.

This month I say goodbye to GMCC and as I reflect on my time here, I am grateful for all of the different experiences I have had while working here.

In this role you tend to see the best and worse of people, and of society. You see people in some of the worst circumstances of their lives and the way that society has failed them. More than once I have heard the sentiment that people only care when you hit rock bottom even though there were many points for intervention. This is a sad reality that far too many people experience.

In these moments, it is easy to get downhearted and at times hopeless; but then more times than not, something beautiful happens. You see the strength of community, you witness the love that people carry for one another, you see heaven on earth. Being able to see first hand how people in community share and support each other is a blessing I will continue to cherish forever.

This role has given me the opportunity to visit prisons on a regular basis and see how Chaplaincy within prisons changes lives. The message of the Gospel is living and breathing. Watching the realisation a person has when they grasp the truth of God's unconditional love



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- 1 Pray for the upcoming year, pray that God continues to bless the work that goes on at GMCC
- 2 For R as he continues building a relationship with his family after years of trauma, pray for hope and healing
- 3 For S as he struggles with addiction, pray for self control and the right support
- 4 For J who is waiting for an operation, pray for favour in the waiting and a successful surgery
- 5 For GMCC as they go through a process of change, pray for the right person to step in and blessings all around
- 6 For C who is on a journey to faith, pray for clarity and that he hears from God
- 7 For all at HMP Manchester as they welcome the new year and all it has to bring, pray for improvements and provision for all staff and prisoners
- 8 Pray for Chaplains at Buckley Hall as they prepare for the upcoming year, pray for wisdom, peace and provision
- 9 For S who is hoping to be placed in accommodation, pray for favour in the process and peace in the waiting
- 10 For P who has a parole hearing soon, pray for favour in the process and that the right decision is made
- 11 For S who is taking more responsibility in church services, pray for more personal and spiritual growth
- 12 For R who is struggling to manage difficult emotions, pray for strength wisdom and support
- 13 For S who is struggling with the loss of his mother, pray for comfort, hope and support
- 14 For L who struggles relating with people, pray for the right people around him and that God will continue to protect him
- 15 For L who is trying to be more sociable, pray for continued support and strength

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- 16 For I who has had some health issues and is going for an MRI scan, pray for hope and healing
- 17 For A who struggles with severe anxiety, pray for hope and healing
- 18 For B who is struggling to maintain healthy relationships, pray for wisdom and the right people.
- 19 For A who is leaving prison soon, pray for the right church and ongoing provision to help keep him on the right path
- 20 For E who is struggling with mental health, pray for the right support and for strength
- 21 For GMCC volunteers as they start on another year of serving the people of Manchester, pray that they are blessed and favoured.
- 22 For Chaplaincy and staff at HMP Forest Bank, pray that the upcoming year is one filled with good and positive change.
- 23 For E who has had some traumatic experiences recently, pray for a change in circumstances and increased blessings
- 24 For A who finds the dark days of winter incredibly hard, pray for the support and community needed to get through
- 25 For M who has been struggling with various health issues, pray for healing and strength
- 26 For B who is adjusting to life outside of prison, pray for a good community and the right influences
- 27 For P who has become isolated, pray for the strength to reach out and open up
- 28 For A who is struggling financially, pray for provision & support
- 29 For G who is growing in faith, pray for more knowledge of God and a deeper understanding of the gospel
- 30 For W who's faith is growing, pray for more growth and support every day
- 31 For S who has had to go to a health clinic, pray for healing and support