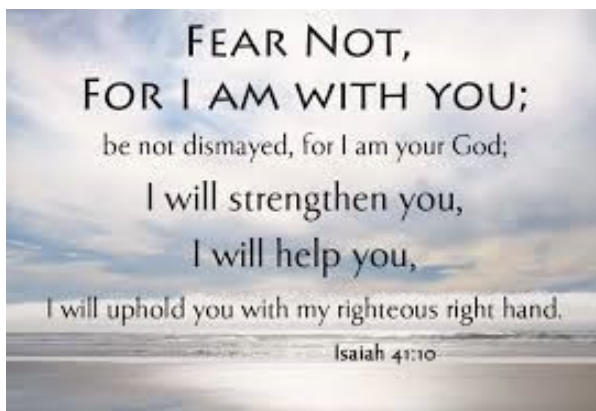


In regards to GMCC, this will be a difficult year as the 3 years of funding we received from the National Lottery comes to an end, we must now look to find another funder in order to keep the centre running. As we are a small staff team this responsibility lies with myself and James (volunteer co-ordinator) and sometimes applications can take months to write and be assessed, but I know that the Lord is with us, showing us the way to go and giving us strength and encouragement to make the right choices. So please pray for GMCC and all our staff, volunteers, clients, customers and partners and with your prayers and God's guidance we can achieve anything.

To end this message it's only right to say thank you to the National Lottery for the 3 years of funding which they have provided for us, I am grateful for all that GMCC has done over this time and the many people we have helped in any way, this was all made possible because of the funding we have received from them and all the generous donations we have received from many of you, who receive the prayer letters, over the years.

Very Best Wishes
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PRISON PRAYER LETTER, FEBRUARY 2025

I can't believe we are now into the 2nd month of 2025.

Sometimes January is a difficult month with not much to look forward to or get excited about, we have celebrated Christmas and taken all the decorations down and are left with a feeling of emptiness. The weather is cold and dark and we have to go back to our normal day to day lives—whether that be work or school or whatever other responsibilities we have.



So make February a month of praise and celebration and thank God for all that we have and all that we have to look forward to. Only HE knows the plans he has for us and those plans are for us to prosper and for a future filled with hope.

Many times I am guilty of focussing on the negative things that happen in my life because the feelings of upset are stronger and longer lasting than those of joy and happiness. I never forget something bad that has happened but do sometimes overlook all the small amazing things that happen to me each and everyday—things like wonderful family and friends, good health, a job I enjoy and a roof over my head.

So for the rest of the year I am making every effort to focus on the good and be grateful to God for all that he has in store for me, he is with me through the good as well as the bad times and I will remember this and I encourage you to do the same.

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- 1 Please pray for our new Message Trust worker at HMP Hindley who will begin work here in February – that his ministry here will be fruitful and a real blessing to the establishment.
- 2 Keep C in your prayers who is recovering from a stroke, may his health continue to improve.
- 3 Thank you Lord for bringing S to the centre to volunteer, may he make a difference to the lives of many clients and service users.
- 4 Lord please let D know that we have noticed his absence, we pray that he receives the help he needs to remain on the right track and would love to welcome him back.
- 5 Lord we pray for the friends and family of C, a regular at Café Central, who suddenly passed away last month, may she rest in peace.
- 6 We ask for your prayers for chaplains to fill our vacancies with a RC and Anglican chaplain at HMP Elmley.
- 7 Please pray for all the men due to be released in the next month – that they will have accommodation confirmed and will be able to make a fresh start
- 8 We pray for a favourable outcome when R attends his court hearing.
- 9 Pray for the improved health of our chaplain at GMCC, let her know she is greatly missed and in our thoughts and prayers.
- 10 Keep K in your thoughts that his mental health improves and he feels safe in his everyday life.
- 11 Thank you Lord that S's conditions have now been relaxed and he can have more freedom. Keep him safe and on the right track.
- 12 For those in government who oversee the needs of prisons that they may fund the service as it deserves that prisons may become more effective places of rehabilitation and creativity building purpose and direction into the lives of those we look after.
- 13 Pray for the chaplaincy team at Styal, that they continue to help and support the women there.
- 14 Pray for A, who has suffered a bereavement, give him and his family strength at this difficult time.

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- 15 Please give S strength as he struggles with all the challenges he faces caring for others.
- 16 For the probation service that they may find helpful and creative ways to support those under their care.
- 17 We pray for all our partner agencies, especially the big life group and all the big issue vendors who come to the centre.
- 18 Pray for the staff at GMCC as they seek sources of funding for the centre.
- 19 For those working with prisoners with alcohol and drug addiction that the prisoners might engage with the professionals creatively and positively that they might find ways of overcoming their
- 20 Thank the Lord for all the answers to prayers we have already received this year.
- 21 Lord watch over T, a volunteer at GMCC who has received some worrying news. Show her the way forward and guide her and her family through this tough time.
- 22 For those coming into custody especially for the first time that they might find support and help from staff and chaplaincy.
- 23 Please pray for A's dad who is unwell at the moment
- 24 Please pray for the chaplains and chaplaincy volunteers in HMP Hindley – that we will be able to support the men here effectively and meet their spiritual and pastoral needs
- 25 Pray for A who is anxious about new neighbours moving next door, pray for peace and harmony.
- 26 Pray for all past clients of GMCC, that they remain on the right track and are succeeding in life.
- 27 Pray for all the prisoners who are newly released that they find support in the community.
- 28 For continued patience and understanding for those in our care especially for those with mental health challenges.