

Sadly, society is fascinated by the perceived darkness of our Prisons. The media rightly reports error and failure. It is a shame they tell only a part of the story. As a people of the light, we seek to find it wherever grace takes us. I am constantly inspired by the ability of Chaplains and Volunteers to bring hope and positivity to the most unlikely situations. This gift, to willingly walk alongside a soul in torment, can bear enormous fruit. Whether it is battling an addiction, a mental illness or sheer frustration, life can be bleak for many in our Prisons.



It is refreshing therefore to report that this can be overcome. Sometimes, that journey from a very desperate place can begin with a smile, with a conversation, with the humanity and time of another. Thank you to those wonderful colleagues who make this happen.

We are Shepherds, I suppose, and those behind bars are our flock. Like the Good Shepherd of the Gospels, we are always on the lookout for the lost sheep. As we know from Matthew 18:14 '...it is never the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be



lost.' As you go about your ministry of prayer and good works this year look after the light you carry. It is precious and priceless when shared.

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Prison Prayer letter for January 2026

## Happy New Year 2026

If you are reading this, you deserve a Big Thank You. As a result of your work, prayers or both, you are doing wonderful things in the cause of Prison Ministry. I hope that you are resolved this year to continue. As we hear in Matthew 25:40, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'



The New Year offers a feeling of hope, a feeling of possibility. The Gyms will be so busy for the next few weeks, but it won't last! Good intentions, eh? I hope and pray that whatever plans and dreams you have for the year ahead bring you peace and happiness.



You don't need me to tell you about the many, complex challenges faced by the Criminal Justice System. Many of you will have experienced some of them first hand. Let us start this year with a firm intention to keep praying for progress and improvement. There are so many good people, striving on a daily basis, to enhance

progression and reduce reoffending. Let us keep them, their safety and their determination, in our thoughts and prayers.

January 2026

Pray for MM, Who is in Dulham prison in Wales. He needs your prayers. Will have a chance to get out soon.

Pray for PJ, who is at Forest Bank. He is coming out again soon.

Pray for JB, who is on remand in Forest Bank.

Pray for D, who gave his life to Jesus, but needs prayer.

Pray for DM, who is at Forest Bank. He needs some prayers from you.

Pray for all the prisoners in HMP Manchester

Pray for all the prisoners in HMP Elmley

Pray for all the prisoners in HMP Risley, Warrington

Pray for all the prisoners in HMP Buckley Hall, Rochdale

Pray for all the prisoners in HMP / YOI Styal, Wilmslow

Pray for P, who has recently come out of prison after being recalled.

Pray for D, who is one of our clients and needs your urgent prayers.

Pray for all of our clients who will be settling back into the centre after we have been closed for two weeks.

Pray for K, one of our clients who has the opportunity now to join a local church in Manchester.

We give thanks for our upcoming Anniversary celebration to celebrate 20 years of community chaplaincy in Greater Manchester.

We give God thanks for the new contacts made in prisons.



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# 20 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

Join us to celebrate the past 20 years of chaplaincy service in the Greater Manchester Community, hear stories from clients and volunteers, receive a short word from our staff team and enjoy some delicious food!!

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To help offenders and ex-offenders of all faiths and non to re-integrate positively into society

**11AM - 1PM**

**28TH JAN 2026**

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