

I know that to do all that we need prayer, we need faith, but we also need finance – GMCC is a relatively small charity, that employs four people – and our premises, chapel space and café in Manchester City Centre are there due to a long standing relationship and positive partnership with Methodist Central Hall. At the moment, we are believing God for further finance to help not only sustain what we do as a charity, but grow, so we can help more ex-offenders truly make a fresh start and find a family and faith in Jesus Christ.

We would love you to continue partnering with us in prayer with this vision, and maybe God is prompting you to give to GMCC, either as a one-off payment, or a regular payment each month – all our bank details are at the end of the prayer letter to enable you to do this.

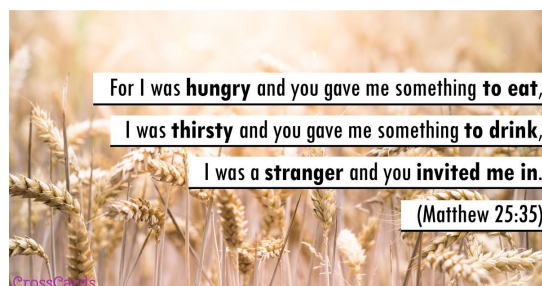
Thank you for your support, prayer, love and financial support for GMCC.

Gavin White, Trustee of GMCC

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ 37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ 40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ - Matthew 25:35-40 (NIV)

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Prison Prayer letter for May 2026

A letter from Gavin White

“A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing.” – Psalms 68:5-6

I have been a trustee with Greater Manchester Community Chaplaincy (GMCC) for over 10 years, and I have always been impacted by the power of this verse in Psalms 68. We serve a God who is a father to the fatherless, and is a defender of widows. God sees the importance of families, and wants all those who are lonely to find a home, a community – where they can find their place in a family. I have always seen GMCC as a family. We provide a place of welcome, of safety, and love and support to help those who are lonely.

Coming out of prison can be a lonely experience. Depending on the length of your sentence, friends and sometimes family can often fall away – leaving offenders to be increasingly isolated, and on their own – this then becomes most apparent on release.



I have met people when they come out of prison, with nothing more than a carrier bag of clothes, and a few pounds to help with resettlement. They also come out with fears, anxieties and worry about how they will cope with their new life. This period is crucial and critical for those coming out of prison, and shows the importance of what GMCC is set up to do. We want to be a family for those who are lonely, and help see prisoners come into a place of freedom, security, and faith – where they can then truly sing again with their faith in Jesus restored.



May 2026

- 1 Pray for Rye Hill Prison that the releases we have between now and the middle of May go smoothly and that we are able to find support and assistance to help the men on their rehabilitation journey.
- 2 We lift up before you Lord the household, relatives and close friends of M whose life ended here last weekend.
- 3 Please pray for all staff & inmates who were deeply affected by M's death.
- 4 Pray for the men at HMP Manchester who are inflicted by negative thoughts.
- 5 Pray for P, one of our clients who is going through his own journey.
- 6 Pray for E, one of our regulars at the café. He has been having a tough time.
- 7 prayer for suitable, safe, female focused recovery homes or supported housing in the Gt Manchester area is much needed.
- 8 For staff at HMP Styal, pray for strength, protection and compassion to deal with the very complex needs of the people we are seeing coming into custody.
- 9 Pray for our prison service, for more Christians to take jobs in these places.
- 10 Pray for K, one of our clients who has recently been off sick for a while, but he is back again and engaging with us.
- 11 Pray for D, one of our other clients who is doing really well in his accommodation. Pray he continues to be stable.
- 12 Pray for A, one of our clients who is processing the loss of a family member.
- 13 Pray for R, our chaplain who has recently been in Buckley Hall Prison to meet staff and volunteers and plan to be in on a regular basis
- 14 Pray for our funding to come in for all our staff to keep their jobs.
- 15 Pray for us as we start our navigating trauma course with clients and anybody who wants to
- 16 Pray for all the prisoners coming out in the next few months.

May 2026

- 17 Pray for those prison leavers who are waiting to receive news on housing.
- 18 Pray for S, one of our clients who is waiting to hear news about his housing situation
- 19 Pray for prisoners who are facing mental health problems and struggle in prison.
- 20 Pray for those who are facing transfers away from their family support network.
- 21 Pray for prisoners who are facing grief from the loss of family members
- 22 Pray for the MPs to release the funds we need to bring back the Education & Meaningful Activities which used to be in this jail.
- 23 Pray for E, one of our volunteers who needs a accommodation miracle.
- 24 Please pray for HMP Styal. health, strength and protection for our Chaplaincy team.
- 25 Pray for staff at all the Greater Manchester prisons. Pray for strength in their jobs.
- 26 Pray for the chaplaincy teams in our prisons who are short of staff.
- 27 Pray for A, one of our long-time supporters who is still battling illness.
- 28 Thank Father God for the truly devote & faithful guys who come to our Free Church Chapel Services at HMP Manchester
- 29 Pray for our daily activities at the centre. Pray we are able to engage more people into the services we offer
- 30 Pray for more prison leavers to join our centre to receive the support needed to positively re-integrate into society.
- 31 Pray for active collaboration with all civic services and GMCC to continue providing good support.