

I've been on a difficult journey, having lost my way in a "desert" of selfishness, unfaithful to God for many years. But "if we are faithless, He remains faithful". God has been a perfect Father to me. He has disciplined me severely, as I deserved, as His son, but has never despised me. I have come to him, heavy-laden, and have seen the goodness of the Lord.



GMCC has been a spiritual "well" to me, a rare source of life in a "dry" world. A place where I can be myself, accepted, finding rest.

"Though my sins be as scarlet, they shall be as snow".

I no longer despise the day of small things. I am as a mustard seed multiplying, secure like a child weaned by its mother.

Can these dry bones live? Yes!

Client
K.



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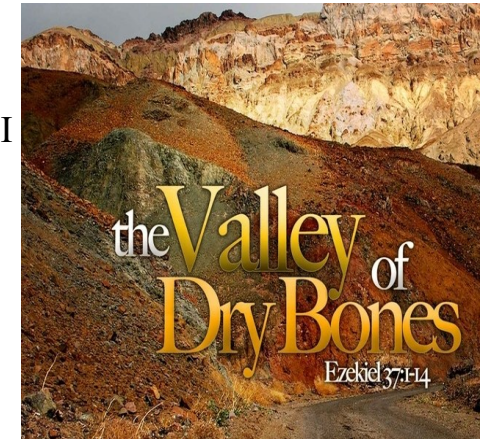
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Prison Prayer letter for July 2026

Can these dry bones live?

Having been in 3 prisons over a period of 16 months, I know how it feels to have had everything stripped away. Independence, work, family, money and dignity, replaced by fear, remorse, anxiety, depression and isolation.



But God had finally had the opportunity to help me. To remove my heart of stone and replace it with a heart of flesh. I reached out to Him in a way that I had never done before, since I was born again at the age of 23. 2 divorces. 30 years of living in a wilderness of false horizons and wells that did not satisfy. Wrapped up in myself and limited in my ability to be a channel of God's love.



Nowadays, we take running water for granted. But people used to rely upon wells, such as the one at which Jesus revealed Himself as the provider of "living water" to the Samaritan woman.

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- 1 Pray for R, our chaplain, who has had a tough time in his personal circumstances
- 2 Pray for more funding to come in. We have been struggling with finding more funding to continue our work here at GMCC
- 3 Pray for the prisoners coming out in the next few months. Pray they settle into mediation to get their lives back on track
- 4 Pray for the prisoners that are facing transfers away from their families.
- 5 Pray for the general prison government system. Pray that wise decisions will be taken to better support our offenders in prison
- 6 Pray for the prisons across Greater Manchester. Pray protection over staff and volunteers as they continue to serve the most vulnerable.
- 7 Pray for all of our chaplaincy teams in Greater Manchester prisons
- 8 Pray for K, one of our clients, who has been struggling with his health recently
- 9 Pray for P, one of our clients as he has been coming up with great ideas to raise funds for GMCC. Pray for us as we seek ways to empower him in doing this
- 10 Pray for E, one of our volunteers, who had to deal with some personal family bereavement
- 11 Pray for our navigating trauma course that we have started after we had to postpone it due to unforeseen circumstances
- 12 Pray for all of our clients at the centre who are continuing to engage with our services
- 13 Pray for our continued partnerships with civil organisations to support ex-offenders in their recovery journey
- 14 Pray for a new chaplain at Salvation Army in Manchester that works with ex-offenders
- 15 Please pray for D. who is isolating himself behind his door at the moment. This is in HMP Manchester.
- 16 Please remember another D. and his 'attendance' at his Nan's funeral by video link.

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- 17 Pray for K, a member of the Chaplaincy Team in HMP Manchester, asks for Holy Spirit inspiration as she supports men attending video-linked funerals.
- 18 We lift up before the Lord S, P. & others who have medical issues which are not being given proper attention.
- 19 Please, Father God, would you give some encouragement to those men who're truly repentant & ready to re-enter society, yet getting no help to be rehabilitated.
- 20 Pray against the spice drug that is taking control in many of the prisons
- 21 Pray for HMP Manchester. For all who mourn the loss of a relative during their time in Prison.
- 22 Pray for M who has lost his way and is struggling to return to a stable path.
- 23 Pray for L who has returned to HMP Manchester and hoping that his time here will be more fruitful on this occasion.
- 24 Pray for those approaching the end of their Sentence. We pray that they can find caring guides in the community to help them readjust to the new challenges life on the out will present.
- 25 Pray for Chaplains taking Annual Leave that it may prove a real time of rest and recuperation and enable them to return refreshed.
- 26 Pray for the many agencies and individuals who support Chaplaincy Teams with resources and prayer. Bless their noble efforts that they may continue this spiritual lifeline.
- 27 Pray for D, one of our clients who is going through a difficult time with mental health and addiction
- 28 Pray for protection over all of our prison chaplains and other staff
- 29 Pray for our continued work with our clients here in the centre
- 30 Pray for R, our chaplain, as he starts going into one of our local prisons to join the resettlement board
- 31 Pray for all prisoners across Greater Manchester who face mental health issues