

When I have met prisoners coming out of prison, they don't come out with very much to go be honest. A black bin bag of belongings, and a few pounds in their pocket. They can be very poor, and are in need of help. What they need is hope, and someone to walk with them on their journey of restoration and reconciliation in society.



I believe GMCC plays a key role in this journey for many prisoners. We offer hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and practical support to help with important issues of housing, finance, benefits, addiction, previous trauma and other key issues. We will walk with people, when many walk away. We will stand with those that society have rejected, and pray with them on their journey of restoration and rehabilitation.

Behind every prayer in this newsletter, is a person. A person who needs hope. They need us a charity and ministry to keep showing up, and offering that hope. If you are able to partner with us in this vision, your prayers and financial giving is always so gratefully received.

With my best wishes and blessings,

Gavin White, Chair of GMCC Trustees.

NB: Due to the upcoming changes in royal mail delivery with second class post, we are requesting anyone who currently receives the prayer letter via post is able to receive it via email instead of by post.

Please contact Reggie on chaplain@gmcconline.org or 07387331329. Once our second class stamps have ran out, we will have to send them via first class to ensure they arrive on time which has of course cost implications for us.

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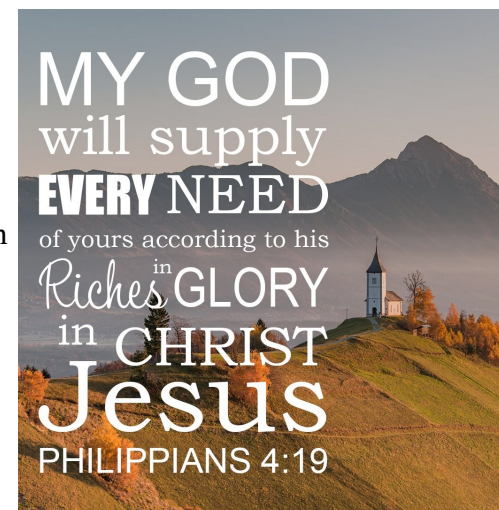
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Prison Prayer letter for August 2026

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:19

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for us here in GMCC since my last article for the prayer letter. We have also seen a generous response in terms of further donations to our work as a charity and ministry. Thank you so much for partnering with us in our mission and vision.



However, we do still face some significant challenges with our finances, and will have to make some difficult decisions in terms of our staffing in September. We continue to submit lots of applications for funding and grants to continue our work, and are so grateful for those that give to our ministry either through one off donations, or regularly each month. Your giving is helping us support and minister to many people in prison, and those who are ex-offenders all across



Greater Manchester.

I am reminded of the importance of our work as I read the words of the apostle Paul in Galatians 2:10 today:

"All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along."

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- 1 Pray for HMP Manchester for the conditions of heat and lack of air due to little ventilation, made worse by the new windows which do not open
- 2 For the shortage of staff, which is already 33% lower than it should be, made worse by staffs annual holidays.
- 3 Pray for the large amount of time which inmates are having to spend locked behind their doors in cells.
- 4 Pray for the fact that drugtaking is on the increase, even people who have never used them before, now turning to them to cope.
- 5 Pray for the finishing of our healing trauma course today. We have done a 6 weeks course with clients to work through trauma.
- 6 Pray for R, our chaplain who will start on the resettlement board at Forest Bank Prison to engage with offenders coming out soon.
- 7 Pray for A, the researcher who has worked with us on the research paper to convince the Government to fund community chaplaincy
- 8 Pray for our new prime minister AB, pray that he will invest more into community chaplaincy and will make it a huge agenda point to create better opportunities for offenders coming out of prison.
- 9 Pray for the general prison government system. Pray that wise decisions will be taken to better support our offenders in prison
- 10 Continue to pray for all of our activities here at the centre. That we will have more people interact with us.
- 11 Pray for continued connection with other organisations, so we can work together to support ex-offenders.
- 12 Pray for us as staff, we are facing possible redundancies at the end of September if no new funding comes in.
- 13 Continue to pray for S, one of our guests, whom we are trying to get into accommodation.
- 14 Pray for all of our volunteers here at GMCC, as they continue to support our clients.
- 15 Pray for all of the prison services across the country.
- 16 Pray for all staff shortages in prison chaplaincy teams.

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- 17 Pray for our continued work with our clients here in the centre
- 18 Pray for protection over all of our prison chaplains and other staff
- 19 Pray for the prisons across Greater Manchester. Pray protection over staff and volunteers as they continue to serve the most vulnerable.
- 20 Pray for all of our chaplaincy teams in Greater Manchester prisons
- 21 Pray for our continued partnerships with civil organisations to support ex-offenders in their recovery journey
- 22 Pray for all prisoners across Greater Manchester who face mental health issues
- 23 Continue to 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.
- 24 Continue to pray for the prisoners coming out in the next few months. Pray they settle into mediation to get their lives back on track
- 25 Continue to pray for all of our clients at the centre who are continuing to engage with our services
- 26 Pray for HMP Manchester. For all who mourn the loss of a relative during their time in Prison.
- 27 Continue to pray for the general prison government system. Pray that wise decisions will be taken to better support our offenders in prison
- 28 Continue to pray against the spice drug that is taking control in many of the prisons
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- 30 Continue to pray for funding to come in for GMCC.
- 31 Pray for Chaplains taking Annual Leave that it may prove a real time of rest and recuperation and enable them to return refreshed.