

Prison Prayer letter for October 2026

Although this is an end to a season, this is also a start of a new one that GMCC is needing to navigate to the best of their ability. I am sure and am convinced that even though we are finishing our time here, that all the volunteers continue to provide their amazing services to the GMCC community. I have worked with full commitment to the vision of the charity and I am sad to leave my position. I was truly in hope and faith more funding would have come in to stay on here for another three years or more. The prison prayer letter will be continued and sent out to all of you, so you can stay up to date and pray for all the prisoners and prison leavers.



Please do continue praying for all involved in making all these tough decisions and please do pray for the staff that are leaving, that God will provide them with alternative work and for some of our staff that will stay on voluntarily for a while, keep them in your prayers too.

It has been and always will be a huge pleasure

to have communicated with you all as I have been sending out the prison prayer newsletter every month. I am going to miss all of you and pray that you would be blessed beyond measure and that God will provide all you need in your personal lives and churches to fulfil the Great Commission.

With love and blessings,
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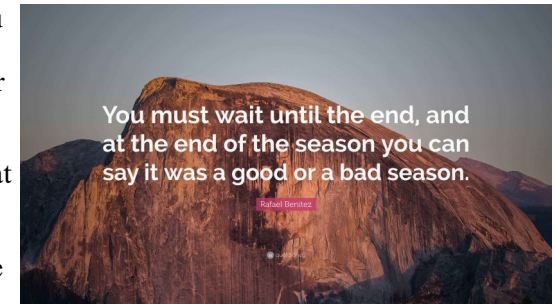
End of a season

I would like to share with you some news. As you all know, we have been in a position for a while now where we have been calling for financial support to continue working at Greater Manchester Community Chaplaincy. As staff we have had a great time working at this great charity who has been active to bring hope to a broken world. We have supported so many of our clients, we cannot count it anymore. We have seen incredible people come and go as staff and volunteers. The mission stays the same to help offenders and ex-offenders of all faiths and none to positively re-integrate into society. This mission will never change. We have supported our clients in housing support, supported them in court cases, personal mentoring and discipleship, and so much more.

For myself, our manager, and other paid staff members, that journey is coming to an end. The charity will continue to operate though on a voluntary basis. All of our volunteers will stay and continue to work with all of our clients and visitors. This is a painful moment that was inevitable. We applied



for a lot of funding pots, but on various occasions we have been denied funding. The clock is now ticking and sadly the decision was made by the board that not enough sufficient funding had come in for the paid staff to continue their jobs. This is of course absolutely heart breaking. Even though the charity will continue its operations, for us as staff, who have given their all for over 10 years and shorter times to provide this support to our clients and also engaging with civil and community services all these years.



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- 1 We give God thanks for all the changed lives of our clients and prisoners that we have engaged with over the years.
- 2 Pray for all of our paid staff at gmcc as they have left, but volunteers are staying on.
- 3 We give God thanks for all the amazing years we have had at gmcc and for the continuation of the project to support offenders and ex-offenders.
- 4 Pray for the ongoing work in the local prisons by the chaplaincy teams.
- 5 We give God thanks for all of the prison leavers who have come through our doors and are continuing to come and engage with our services.
- 6 Pray about the rise in drug use in our prisons — even people who had never touched drugs before are now turning to them to cope.
- 7 Pray for men and women shut in their cells for hour after hour. No one should have to endure that, and we long for it to change.
- 8 Pray for the men in HMP Manchester who are on Alpha, that it helps them draw closer to God.
- 9 Pray for protection of all the prisoners in our prisons across the country
- 10 Pray for the general prison government system. Pray that wise decisions will be taken to better support our offenders in prison
- 11 Today is the start of prison week. Please pray as we as churches and organisations seek God for compassion.
- 12 Today during prayer week, will you pray for all the victims of crime.
- 13 Today during prayer week, will you pray for all offenders and those in custody.
- 14 Today during prisons week, will you pray for families affected from the choices made by prisoners that leave a mark on the lives of the families.
- 15 Today during prison week, will you pray for prisoners to have remorse of the offenses they have committed and that ended them up in prison.
- 16 Today during prison week, will you pray for all the staff in probation service.

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- 17 Today during prison week, will you pray for all of the prisons across Greater Manchester.
- 18 Today during prisons week, will you pray for the police. Pray for protection for every single constable who keep the streets safe.
- 19 will you pray for the courts and for the chaplaincy out in the community. Pray for protection over them.
- 20 Pray for HMP Manchester. all who mourn the death of a young Man who died shortly after Release.
- 21 Pray for K a young Man who has endless amounts of energy that he cannot channel purposefully.
- 22 Pray for all the wonderful volunteers who provide invaluable support via visits, ALPHA and Bible Study.
- 23 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.
- 24 Pray for Chaplains and their own Faith development. May they always find the time and space to reflect and pray.
- 25 Pray for Time for Change Ministries, that their latest gift to Prisons, 'The Bible in a nutshell' will be a useful and valuable resource.
- 26 Pray for all sides of the 'early release' question, that it may lead to progress without hurt , trauma and further recidivism.
- 27 Pray for volunteers who are the jewel in the crown of so many Chaplaincy Teams.
- 28 Pray for all the trustees within gmcc. Pray for wisdom for the way forward as a charity.
- 29 Pray for the legacy of GMCC to continue for years to come.
- 30 Pray for new workers and new funding to come in to employ new people for GMCC.
- 31 We give thanks for those who have given their all to the work of GMCC.