

# Prayer Focus

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October 1st. Pray for the Football project in Hydebank with the young offenders. Give thanks for the volunteers who are involved in the programme.	2nd. Lynne returned to work with the women in Hydebank last month. Pray for fresh vision, energy and help with balancing work and family life.	3rd. Continue to pray for B. He has successfully completed his probation period at work and is now a full time employee.	4th. Give thanks for the amazing work of God's Spirit in Magilligan. Pray for a new meeting which Norman is planning to start.	5th. Pray for young men and women brought up in care, who have a very low selfesteem. Pray they know they are loved by GOD.
6th. As we gather in our churches today, we remember our brothers and sisters in prison also meeting to worship- we are all one in Christ Jesus.	7th. Pray for L whose marriage has ended. Pray for her children that all their needs will be met. Pray that L makes wise decisions.	8th. Pray for staff in Hydebank, with increasing pressure as the female prison population continues to rise.	9th. Pray for finances needed to run Sycamore Tree courses within the prisons; currently we are unable to run these due to lack of funding.	10th. R has been released from prison. He is struggling and seeking God's help. Pray for us as we guide and help him.
11th. S has come to faith and is so excited about it; he is busy on the landing telling the good news. It is amazing.	12th. Give thanks for the new multi-faith centre that is being built at Magilligan; pray it will be used to the glory of God.	13th. Pray for churches, that they might have an expanded vision to see prisons as part of their area, and prisoners as part of their community.	14th. Pray for J whose marriage is very difficult. J is weary and tired, pray for grace and strength to keep going. Pray for household salvation.	15th. B is due to be released. Pray she would have the strength to resist temptation on the outside and overcome her addictions.
16th. Pray for the 'Lifeplan' group in Maghaberry to continue to grow and lives are changed, as they give their time to reading God's Word.	17th. Thank you for praying for S. He has found work after being unemployed for a long time. Pray for him in his new job.	18th. V is going through a difficult time in prison; pray he will come to his senses, cooperate with staff, and have a change of attitude.	19th. Give thanks for churches who invite PF to speak. At present staff have 17 different meetings to take before the end of this year.	20th. Pray for M who is keen to go to church upon release. Pray she will find a suitable, welcoming church family.
21st. Pray for J as she seeks to support her son, while grappling with poor mobility due to ill health.	22nd. Give thanks for fantastic volunteers who want to bring a message of hope and transformation to men and women in prison.	23rd. Pray for B whose trial is due to begin. Pray she would have the strength to cope with the verdict and possible custodial sentence.	24th. R has several difficult situations to deal with at home and is in pain. Pray for help for him each day.	25th. S has reading issues but he tries to read his Bible. Pray he will get the necessary help through the education department.
26th. Give thanks for our generous supporters today. When we pray for a specific need, they contact us providing what we need. It's a miracle.	27th. Give thanks for faithful volunteers who are helping two men who have come to faith, and who accompany them to church.	28th. M recently lost her mum and sister to accidental overdoses. She has given up hope. Pray she begins to look to God for peace.	29th. Pray for more young offenders to sign up to the football program and attend each week.	30th. Pray for T who is due to be sentenced shortly. Pray for strength for her and her family at this time.
31st. The men at Hope Works will be getting together tonight. Please pray for them as they meet up for food, fellowship and free time.	November 1st. T is really missing his family and speaks often on the phone with them. Pray he will find spiritual comfort from reading God's Word.	2nd. Give thanks for our PF Board members. Pray for discernment and inspiration as they guide the organisation's work.	3rd. Give thanks for Churches who accept and welcome ex-prisoners into their congregations. We are so thankful for their help.	4th. Pray for P and his family. It has been very hard since his release. Pray for each of the family to know there is hope.
5th. G has been released from prison for some time now. Pray she would continue to do well and find support in her local church.	6th. A new Bible study group has started up in Maghaberry. Pray for the men to see that it's a safe place to ask questions.	7th. J has been diagnosed with a long-term illness. Pray for help for him to manage and for the difficulties this will bring.	8th. Pray for Ali as she leads the Voices of Hope practice today and for the men in the choir. Pray as they visit churches.	9th. Pray for former inmates who are trapped by alcohol and drug addiction; pray they will experience God's love and faithfulness.
10th. Give thanks for the churches who give so generously to the work of Prison Fellowship. We are blessed by their kindness.	11th. Pray for R who is very lonely. Ask the LORD to provide a Christian friend for mutual help and encouragement.	12th. D, a member of prison staff, has had to take early retirement due to ill health. Pray he comes to know Jesus' love for Him.	13th. Pray for George and Logos (LMI) as they offer the distance learning Bible study programme to ex-offenders.	14th. Robin speaks at the Restorative Justice Conference today. Pray for his interaction with others, and better practices implemented.

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Pray for E. Pray that he would be well enough to return to Prison Fellowship soon, and enjoy time with the other men.

#### 16th.

Pray for the men and women of the Prison & Police Service, Probation Board and the Justice system in their challenging roles.

#### 17th.

Pray that those in prison will see they are more than what people have labelled them throughout their livesthey are precious to God.

#### 18th.

Pray for a lady following the death of her husband. Pray that she will know the care and provision of her heavenly Father.

#### 19th.

Give thanks for a former prisoner who has been able to get his business going again. Pray that God will continue to work in his life.

#### 20th.

A has come to faith and is doing well; he will be released soon, pray for him and his future wife to experience God's blessing.

#### 21st.

Pray for T as he seeks to be reunited with his children. Pray for the children who have not seen their father for many years.

#### 22nd.

Thank you for praying for the Voices of Hope choir. They have been visiting churches all year and have invites for next year. Amazing.

#### 23rd.

Pray for the men who are struggling with suicide and thoughts of self-harm. Pray they will be safe and know they are loved.

#### 24th.

R, a member of prison staff, has taken retirement. Give thanks for him as he has been a great encouragement to our work.

#### 25th.

Pray for all the practical arrangements of having 80-90 people for our Christmas dinners at the Centre, pray each goes away blessed.

#### 26th.

Give thanks for Hunter and Wilma, and their generosity in allowing us to use the Haven each year for hamper/toy packing.

#### 27th.

M is due for release. He is a Christian and carries his New Testament to work every day. Pray he is welcomed into his church.

#### 28th.

Pray for volunteers who help Prison Fellowship by befriending ex-prisoners. These men can be the most marginalised in society.

#### 29th.

Thank you for praying for K. He has been released but is struggling with anxiety and depression. Pray for help to battle this.

#### 30th.

Give thanks for the men who help us each week. It's amazing to see God at work in the lives of released prisoners.

#### December 1st.

Pray for staff who oversee the preparation of the sheds at the Haven, and all the physical work of putting each hamper and gift together.

#### 2nd.

Pray for E who is housebound and can be difficult to talk with. Pray that God's grace will be revealed before it's too late.

#### 3rd.

Pray for families as we approach Christmas. As well as financial pressure, it is a lonely and difficult time for them.

#### 4th.

J is now released. Pray he settles well into the hostel, and is able to meet his young son that he talks a lot about.

#### 5th.

Thank you for praying for A. He started a new job. This is real answer to prayer. Pray for him as he works each day.

#### 6th.

Pray for all those in need of a hamper this Christmas. Pray for provision for the food, and for the volunteers who deliver them.

#### 7th.

Remember Prison Governors in your prayers today in their challenging role. Pray for safety, discernment, and wisdom for their work.

#### 8th.

Pray for those preparing to leave prison and make a fresh start; pray for a way forward to build a meaningful life away from crime.

#### 9th.

M has asked for prayer regarding her husband leaving and divorcing her. Ask God to heal the wounds that have been left behind.

#### 10th.

Pray for S, a young woman whose mum is in prison. She struggles with that relationship and would like to be reconciled with her mum.

#### 11th.

Pray that A, who struggles with poor health and hurt due to broken relationships, will come to know Jesus and true hope in Him.

#### 12th.

Pray for J. We don't see him much anymore, but continue to pray for his salvation and that one day he will know Christ.

#### 13th.

Pray for men who have become addicted to substances in prison. Pray for us as we support these men when they ask for help.

#### 14th.

Give thanks for employers and people of influence who offer work and a fresh start to ex-offenders.

#### 15th.

Give thanks for the Chaplaincy & Prison Staff who help to promote our work. Pray they are encouraged when they grow weary.

#### 16th.

Pray for A as she looks forward to the release of her son, and all that this will mean for both of them.

#### 17th.

Pray for former inmates who are trapped by alcohol and drug addiction; pray they will experience God's love and faithfulness.

#### 18th.

Pray for B who is asking serious questions about God. Pray that God would speak to him in these days.

#### 19th.

Give thanks for Moira who has been reaching out to an ex-prisoner and helping him in the community. A real example to us all.

#### 20th.

Pray that people will give joyfully and generously, and that the financial needs of the work would be met.

#### 21st.

Praise God for His faithfulness to this ministry, for His love that never fails, and His mercies to us, which are new every morning!

#### 22nd.

Thank God for churches that support our work with prayer, donations and volunteers. Ask God to continue to open new doors in this area.

#### 23rd.

S has been granted access to his children. Pray for the whole family – that God will minister to each of them.

#### 24th.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9:2)

#### 25th.

Immanuel, God with us. Thank You for entering into our humanity. 'Come, Lord Jesus, among the people we work with and shine Your light.'

#### 26th.

We remember all the Prison Staff who will be working over Christmas. 'Lord, strengthen them with Your love.'

#### 27th.

Addiction and homelessness are very real for released prisoners. Pray for them and for God to bring them across our path.

#### 28th.

Thank God for all the PF volunteers who have given their time and skills so generously over the past year. 'Renew them in You, Lord.'

#### 29th.

Give thanks for all the organisations, churches and community groups who help former prisoners. We are so grateful for their support.

#### 30th.

Take a moment to reflect back on the past year, as you've prayed for, volunteered, and supported prisoners – Give thanks for His faithfulness.

#### 31st.

'Faithful God, thank You for your unending love, for never leaving or forsaking us. Lead and guide us in the coming year.'

#### **Monthly Prayer Groups**

1st Monday: 7.30pm Bangor 1st Tuesday: 2.30pm Belfast 1st Tuesday: 7.45pm

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1st Wednesday: 8.00pm Londonderry 1st Friday: 10.30am Randalstown 2nd Monday: 4.00pm Kilkeel 3rd Monday: 10.30am

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3rd Monday: 1.30pm Coleraine 3rd Monday: 7.30pm Fermanagh 3rd Thursday: 7.30pm Magherafelt 4th Friday: 7.00pm