

Family

Pray for the many families across Northern Ireland whom Prison Fellowship seek to support. Due to Covid 19 almost all contact has been via phone.

Pray for wisdom and an openness to resume the one to one visit where possible.

Pray for those who have become used to 'not going out' and are reluctant or fearful to engage face to face.

Pray for families who have a loved one struggling with an addiction to drugs or alcohol. Ask the Lord that they would know an increase in strength, grace and hope for their son, daughter, husband, wife... Pray for the Lord to work in the lives of those who are bound by addiction in all its forms.

There are some families who have not been able to 'do' virtual visits during lockdown and therefore rely on a phone call from prison for contact. Pray that before too long they will be able to see and chat with their loved ones again.

General

Pray for the re-engagement following lockdown. Pray for discernment as we recommence visits in the prisons, and wisdom as we talk with people while maintaining social distance. Pray for safety for PF staff and volunteers.

Pray for guidance as we plan for the new Autumn season especially as we consider how to deliver Christmas Hope in this new environment, making contact with churches and the following up of our contacts within the prisons.

Pray for God's leading as we seek His guidance in moving forward with our building programme at 39 University Street. We are still in the very early stages of the process identifying funding, developing working plans and inviting prospective tenders.

Tracie finished her work with PF last month as she and Brian are in the process of doing another ministry. We are so sorry to lose her, so please give thanks for her and her support to many families during the past several years. Pray as she and Brian begin this new chapter that they may know God's blessing.

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Aftercare

At this time of year, the men try and get away for a 'wee day out.' This year we will miss heading out to see our friends, enjoying fellowship with our prayer supporters, playing games, eating nice food and attending the worship service.

We trust that all this is temporary and ask you to pray for all the men and volunteers who have attended in the past, those who faithfully donate to us, the prayer group who host us, and Brendan and staff who welcome us every year. Pray for our 'wee day out' next year and that we will see them in 2021.

The temporary closing of the centre to visitors has helped us to see how valuable it is to have a place to meet, eat and pray. Men who have not come to visit us in a long time are now in contact to see if we are open. Men who used the centre, sometimes every day, are graciously waiting for it to open again. Rather than be discouraged we are continually seeking God's guidance at this time. The seeds God has sown are rooted in good soil. Pray for the staff, the centre and all the men that use our services.

Many men who have been in prison are struggling with loneliness, addiction, abuse, mental health, poverty and homelessness. Pray for Neil and everyone who helps him each week to cope during these difficult times.

Some men continue to flourish and follow Jesus, helping and encouraging others as they go. Neil specifically asks you to lift up the men who have decided to follow Jesus, pray for them and that they

Prison

As plans are in process to lift some lockdown measures, pray for wisdom for those in leadership, and safety for all prison staff. Pray they will know the right timing to allow programmes and activities that are so vital for prisoner's mental health and rehabilitation to start up again.

Prison chaplains play a vital role in supporting prisoners and prison staff. Their work has become even more challenging during Covid 19.

Pray for their personal health and strength as they continue to care for prisoners with reduced staff and volunteers. Pray that they might know the delight and joy of serving the men and women in their care.