

Prayer Focus - October

Volunteer

We have many individuals coming forward to volunteer. Pray for opportunities to introduce them into the ministry during a very challenging time. We need God's help to navigate the way forward with new volunteer applications.

Pray for all the links in the chain that enable a volunteer access into prison. Pray for the relationships between DOJ and Prison Fellowship.

Pray for the volunteers who have applied for prison pass renewals over the lockdown period. Ask that God would continue to grant PF access into prison.

Pray for encouragement over each of the PF volunteers. Many are finding it difficult not being able to minister to those they have grown so fond of. We ask for God's perfect timing for 'open doors' back into prison and family homes.

Pray for Grace as she goes on maternity leave this month. Please pray for the safe arrival of baby and the transition to life with two children.

Family

Please pray for broken relationships within families. Ask the LORD to heal and divinely intervene between parents and their child/children, siblings, husbands and wives, etc.

Give thanks for technology that allows virtual visits to take place and helps maintain good contact between family members and friends.

Pray for families as they await the sentencing of their husband/partner, son/daughter, brother/sister. Pray for peace of mind for everyone involved, for the practical implications that a prison sentence will mean: loss of income, separation from a loved one, lone parenting.

Pray for those, who due to COVID, have not been able to visit their family member in prison and who do not have the technology for virtual visits. Pray they may find contentment during this time as the only contact they have is a phone call.

Pray for the appointment of a Family Worker this month for the North West; pray for a candidate with a heart for bringing God's love and restoration to prisoners' families.

Prison

Pray for wisdom for prison Governors and leadership as they gradually remove restrictions in place for families to visit and organisations to run programmes. Pray for effective measures to protect all residents and staff from an outbreak of COVID-19 inside.

Pray for those who seem unable to break the pattern of crime and violence. Pray they will see that this lifestyle is very wrong and has caused hurt and damage to others. Pray for repentance and a desire to leave this life of crime behind and choose Jesus' Way.

Prison chaplains have an opportunity to minister to prisoners and show them the love of God. Pray for grace for them as they challenge offenders to address the often ignored spiritual issues deep inside.

Aftercare

Pray for the new men that contact PF when released from prison and for the work of Aftercare supporting them spiritually, emotionally, socially, and physically.

Depression, loneliness, and suicide affect many of the men we care for. Please pray for good to overcome this evil, and a hedge of protection around them. Pray for Neil as he deals with these difficult areas and the spiritual strength needed to help those in need.

General

PF regularly applies to various Trusts for funding. Pray we will find favour with them and funds for different ministries will come in to enable us to take the work forward.

10th October: World Mental Health Day.
Pray for those with mental health challenges who feel isolated, anxious, and helpless. May they know God's Peace and Hope and find the necessary support to heal and flourish.

Pray for our Christmas Hope Project that we will be able to overcome the challenges brought about by COVID-19. Pray for peace and safety as we work together to make this happen and that we will trust it into God's Loving care.

