

## General

November is a season of remembrance. During this month remember those who serve in our prisons- prison governors, prison staff, those who work in health care and other departments as they attend to many different needs and Covid 19 challenges.

Remember the prison chaplains as they have the opportunity to support people at a hard time in their lives, to be a listening ear, and to give prisoners hope. It can be a very demanding job; pray they will know God's help, protection and sustaining power for each day.

Planning for Christmas Hope is already underway, but Covid 19 has added a whole new dimension to our preparations. Please pray primarily for the protection of the health and wellbeing for all involved- from the Family at the Haven, the volunteers and staff, to those who visit or stay on site.

Pray and give thanks at this time for one another. Opportunities to meet for prayer and share about the work of PF in churches are all on hold, but we give thanks for the many who faithfully pray and practically support the work and staff of PF each day.

## Family

Give thanks for answer to prayer in relation to the appointment of a new Family Worker for the North West. We welcome Claire to the team; pray for her as she settles into her new role, pray for wisdom and direction as she begins to make contact with families.

Family visits in prison were suspended last month. Pray for those who are unable to see loved ones and rely on technology to keep connected. Ask the God of comfort to uphold each family through this separation and protect family relationships.

Pray for the children of prisoners as they go through the confusion and pain of their lives changed on account of their loved one's behaviour and imprisonment. They face the challenges of drugs, bullying, abuse, poverty and family breakdown. Pray that they come to know Jesus who can give them a brighter future.

Christmas is especially difficult for prisoners and their children. We want to bless each family through Christmas Hope and practically show that they are not alone. Pray for sufficient provision of food, toys and finance so that we can meet all the requests from the prisons.

## Aftercare

Pray for all those in Prison right now, especially those who will be released or have been released recently. Many support services are either closed or restricted. Services for addictions, mental health and counselling are very limited. Many continue to be released as homeless. Give thanks for those who continue to offer support and care to those who have none. Pray for Prison Fellowship as we try to cope with the great need currently. Pray, give and support us to increase and improve our Aftercare Service.

Many men have become completely isolated in the community. They are alone and depressed. Pray for their safety. Pray they know that they are not alone, that God knows them, cares for them and values each of them.

J became very ill last month. Pray for his recovery. He has maintained his faith throughout and asks that you pray for him to be well enough again that he may be able to look after himself and get back on his feet again. Give thanks for his friends in Prison Fellowship who have been keeping in contact with him throughout.

Give thanks for R who has been found to have no case to answer and is now able to try and rebuild his life. He has been supported by Prison Fellowship and his church for many years. Give thanks for all those who stood by him during his time of need. Pray that he will be able to put this behind him and move forward to a bright future with Christ.

The need for Aftercare is greater than ever. Pray for people to support us with donations and practical support. Providing Aftercare during the Covid crisis is intensive, costly and difficult. We need more help than ever, many of the situations are very dark and hopeless, but with God's help we believe we can do everything through Christ who gives us strength.

## Aftercare- Women

K, one of the women Lynne worked closely with in prison and on release, died recently. Praise God she had made a commitment to Christ. Pray for her mum, a younger brother and sister that they will experience God's love and care for them.

Pray for D who has been clean from heroin for a year and is trying hard to rebuild her life. Pray for strength for each day.

N recently gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. While in Hydebank she completed the Sycamore Tree course. With another young toddler in the house her hands are full!