

## General

Our Christmas Hope project is underway. Presently we have 384 hampers and 458 toy parcels to prepare. Give thanks for faithful supporters who have prayed, given financially and helped in practical ways to make this happen. Pray for continued protection for everyone involved at the Haven in Templepatrick.

Give thanks for the generosity of so many in the provision of food to date for the hampers. Please pray that the shortfall in boxes of biscuits, jam, brown sauce, soft drinks, tea and Tubs of sweets will be met.

## Family

Give thanks for the openness of families and their honesty in sharing deeply about issues going on in their lives. Please pray for wisdom and compassion from the Lord as we walk with them through difficult times in their lives.

Pray for families who are struggling to keep going. Pray that family units will be able to stick together and remain united despite daily pressures [especially cases that are pending].

Pray for P as she struggles with anxiety and depression, that she will be able to get the professional help she needs and at the same time know how much God loves her and cares for her.

Pray for D as she struggles with not being able to see her children, and with some major health issues. Pray that she will know God's hope, peace and strength at this time.

Grandparents play a huge part in the lives of many of the children. Some grandparents haven't been able to see much of their grandchildren due to Covid 19 restrictions. Pray for them as they cope with the separation and for the children as they miss them, and the love and support they give.



Congratulations to Phil & Grace on the birth of baby Caleb. Pray for the family as they adjust to having a whole new person in their lives, hearts and home. Pray for strength and energy, and that their home will abound in His peace, grace, and love.

## Aftercare

Thank you for praying for the Aftercare Service. Give thanks for Dean who has come 'on board' to help us provide the best aftercare service we can. He has already contacted many men to offer help this Christmas via our Christmas Hope campaign. Please pray for Dean and all those men he can offer help to.

Many men have become ill during the Covid crisis. Several have been hospitalised or self-isolating at home. Please pray for their full recovery.

Give thanks for all those services who help those in need including hospital and health staff, care workers, hostel workers and organisations who support those during the pandemic. Pray for protection from Covid as we continue to help and support men in the community.

Thank you for praying for J. He has made a substantial recovery and has returned home. Life will be more difficult for him going forward. Please continue to pray for him. He has maintained his faith throughout.

Several men have become unemployed during the Covid crisis. Many other men are seeking employment. Pray for them as they try to find work and survive on the benefit system. Give thanks for employers who are providing work now, especially those who employ ex-offenders.

Give thanks for everyone who has donated to PF. Many ex-offenders are very generous and know how hard it is and want to help, especially at this time of year. Several people have also donated to us for the men this Christmas. We would love to reach out to every person we know this month. Please pray for us and our volunteers as we try to do this.

## Prison

Through these uncertain times and beyond, pray for energy, strength and wisdom for the Governors of our prisons and those who make difficult decisions.

Pray for continued guidance for the chaplaincy teams and others who minister in the prisons. Pray for protection and well-being for the officers and other staff. Pray for peace and patience for the inmates and that they will know God alongside them at this time.



**December 25<sup>th</sup>** 'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'. (Isaiah 9:6-7)