

## General

Following almost 3 years of the closure of No 39 because of covid and renovations, it was wonderful to have people back in the building for our Open Day last month. Thank you for all your support and encouragement. Pray for guidance as to how we make the best use of the facility God has provided for us.

Give thanks for churches who invite PF to speak. We have several deputation meetings this month, pray that people will be inspired to help us, whether by committing to prayer, giving, or volunteering.

Prayer has and continues to be at the heart of all we do at PFNI. Give thanks for the nine prayer groups who faithfully meet each month and for those who host and attend them. Pray that each member will be encouraged and for new groups to start this year.

Give thanks for fantastic volunteers who work alongside us to bring God's message of hope and transformation to the men and women in prison and in the community, for new volunteers, and new opportunities opening up. Praise God that He is always doing a new thing!

## Family

Give thanks for the volunteers who support and make a difference in the lives of our families through visiting, phone calls, taking people for appointments etc. Pray for God's blessing on this ministry and for continued good relationships.

Pray for families supporting a loved one recently released from prison. Pray for sensitivity and understanding for all concerned.

Following Christmas Hope, pray for conversations and visits that will take place with potential new families.

Pray for the Support Group we plan to start in Ballymena, supported by the Prayer Group in that area. Ask that the Lord will guide us as we plan for it, and that it will make a difference for families in the area.

Pray for peace in families and for healing of relationships and hurts from the past.

## Prison

Sycamore Tree is currently running in Maghaberry and Magilligan. Pray for Dean, Joanne, and the volunteers as they teach each course and for the victim of crime as she comes to speak to attendees.

W has recently been released after serving a substantial sentence. Pray that he would be able to adapt to life outside and accept support from those around him.

Pray for M who is currently serving time and struggling with her mental health. Pray for the staff and medical staff who are attending M and seeking to help her at this time.

Give thanks for the interest the men have for the Friday night meeting in Magilligan. Many come faithfully and listen to testimony, song, and God's Word. Pray this continues, and that God will work in the lives of these men in prison and when they are released.

## Aftercare - Women

Pray that Lynne would be able to get in touch with N. We weren't able to deliver her Christmas hamper, and she hasn't responded to any contact. This is very worrying. Pray that wherever N is, she would remember her true worth.

Pray for C whose little son is very, very sick (end of life). C is naturally very upset but has been open to support and prayer. Pray for Lynne as she does her best to love and support in this heart-breaking situation.

Pray for R, who after a very lengthy, patient wait, has just moved into her new home - the first home of her own. She has been doing so, so well, clean of alcohol, drugs, and crime. Pray that this new home will be a place of refuge and peace, and R would stay strong.

## Aftercare - Men

Please pray for D. His friend and neighbour passed away at Christmas. Pray for D as he grieves and takes time to adjust. 'Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.'

Sadly, Keith passed away last month. Pray for his wife and son as they grieve the loss of a husband and dad. Peace, comfort, and rest be upon them.

J is in hospital with a heart condition. Pray for him as he recovers and seeks to see if surgery is available to help in the future.