

Prayer Focus - October

General

Give thanks for the PFNI Board and for Robin's leadership. Pray that they would remain wise and discerning as they navigate a season of change for the organisation.

Christine, our Administrator has served PF faithfully for the past 9 years and retired at the end of September. We give thanks for all she has done for us. Pray for God's blessing as she begins this new chapter.

Pray as we seek to appoint three new staff members. Pray for God's wisdom as we interview and for His leading to the people of His choosing in the coming days for these positions.

We give thanks for the appointment of the new Director General, Beverly Wall. Pray as she takes on her new role that we will continue to build on the good relationships we have with the NI Prison Service.

Family

Give thanks for families where they have worked hard to remain united despite some very challenging circumstances. Pray for continued unity.

Pray for those who have the responsibility to care for a member or sometimes members of their family. Pray for God's peace to cover each home.

Pray for those who have experienced sudden bereavement and who struggle with the loss of a loved one.

Pray for Sandra and Claire as they continue to help, support, and bring the Hope of Jesus to broken families.

Many of the family members of those in custody face rejection and loneliness. Pray that each one will have a support system and friends, and know they are loved by God.

Pray for those who live with fear as a result of the crime of their loved one. Ask for God's protection and peace.

Pray for D and family, that the Lord will help them, and give them strength as they try each day to do the right thing.

Prison

Pray for Dean, Paul and Joanne who are currently running Bible Studies and Sycamore Tree courses in Hydebank Wood, Maghaberry and Magilligan prison. Pray that each of those attending might be transformed by an encounter with Jesus Christ.

K is due for release. Pray suitable accommodation will be found.

B has been released. Pray he would not return to prison and be able to get help on the outside.

Aftercare - Women

5th October – Pray for Lynne and Debbie as they lead the Women's Aftercare group *Instilling Hope* tonight. The women will be enjoying a pottery class. Pray they will each feel loved and supported and leave with a greater understanding of 'the Potter and the clay.'

Pray for K and her little son W. W will be homeschooled as an appropriate SEN plan has not been put in place and he is deemed too 'difficult' to enter mainstream education. This decision has been very upsetting for K.

J battles with mental health problems. She had been attending Instilling Hope but recently has been very difficult to contact. She also struggles with alcohol and drug addictions. She accepted a Word for Today and is reading it. Pray God will speak to her heart.

Recently, some women have been doing really well, staying clear of alcohol and drugs, and beginning to pray. They have been so encouraged by their own progress but admit feeling fragile. Pray they will stay strong and for Lynne as she walks with them.

Aftercare - Men

Pray for the Voices of Hope as they visit Granshaw Presbyterian Church this month for singing and fellowship. Give thanks for Gary and Mary for inviting us.

Pray for all the men as we plan for Christmas dinner. We trust the Lord for a place to meet and celebrate the real meaning of Christmas before December.

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