

General

'Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading.' – (O.Chambers)
As we begin this New Year, we commit all of our work to those in prison, their families, and those released into God's Hands, trusting that He will guide us on His path of love and grace.

Pray for wisdom in all the decisions we need to make in PFNI's development. We are currently reviewing Family Work as we want to ensure that our support is properly focused on the needs of those who have a loved one in prison.

Family

Pray for the phone calls and visits this month by volunteers and Family Workers as a follow-up to Christmas Hope. Ask for good conversations, for good connections and that the Lord will guide our steps towards the families we need to support.

Some of our families have children who are quite ill and are feeling alone in their struggles. Pray they will know God's help and that people care.

Pray for strong family units, that the Lord will help families to find help in Him and come out stronger.

Pray that God will draw close to many of our families for whom December and January are exceptionally painful and emotional.

Volunteer

Praise God for many new volunteers who came forward to help with Christmas Hope and the ministry going forward in the New Year.

We praise God that He is drawing many men and women to serve in this ministry. Pray that each can use their gifts and abilities to serve God.

Pray for our Centre in Belfast, that soon we will be able to open the doors for programmes and support services. Pray that through volunteers and staff, we can use 39 University Street as 'a haven of opportunity' for men and women.

Prison

Remember all the Prison staff and Chaplains who will work over Christmas. *'Lord, would You strengthen them with Your love and may they in turn be a strong support to the men and women they interact with.'*

Pray for those in prison who are struggling in darkness – with mental health, thoughts of suicide, bereavement, and grief. Ask that they would come to know that God is with them in their despair and can bring Hope and Peace.

Pray for men whose families struggle on the outside, for children who are suicidal and for mothers who find it hard when the father figure is not there to help.

Pray for the loneliness of inmates at Christmas time. Incarceration during Christmas is one of the lowest times of a prisoner's life whilst being separated from family. Ask for God to speak His love to them during this time.

Aftercare - Women

At the start of this New Year as we plan activities, may His will and way be clear to us.

Pray for V who has recently got married to D. May they each remember what they have learned about Jesus through PF engagement and choose to trust in Him.

Contact has been lost with N. This is upsetting. Please pray for a breakthrough in this.

Aftercare - Men

Pray for those who are released, or due to be released soon. *'We pray that You will provide safe places for them to be released to with good accommodation and support. We pray for Your peace for those who are feeling anxious and frustrated as this is a very difficult time for them to make the transition from prison to the community.'*

Addictions can cause such devastation in the lives of individuals and their relationships with family and friends. Pray for those who are controlled by drugs and alcohol, that they will want to be set free from the bondage of their addictions.