# **Prayer Focus - March**



## **Family**

Pray for all the Christmas Hope follow up calls. Give thanks for many conversations and that those contacted know how much Prison Fellowship cares for them. Please continue to pray for good follow up by family workers and volunteers.

Pray for families who have recently had a family member committed to prison for the first time. Pray for peace.

Pray for the family members who travel to the prison for a visit, week by week and especially for those who find this difficult or is a financial challenge. Thank God for the people and organisations such as NIACRO who provide a friendly face and get alongside visitors to make the experience easier.

The separation caused by having a family member in prison is especially difficult at times of bereavement or sickness. Please pray for families going through this that they might know the Lord's comfort and strength.

Pray for those who are elderly with a loved one in prison. Pray for physical and emotional strength.

### Prison

Pray for our prisons currently running Sycamore Tree Courses that those attending might be transformed by an encounter with Jesus Christ.

Pray for A who is going through a particularly difficult period. His dad is very ill in hospital and would appreciate prayer.

Pray for the Alpha courses in Magilligan and Lifesplan in Maghaberry and Hydebank, and for those attending. Pray for wisdom in conversation and the Lord to move in these men and women's lives.

Pray for M, S and A- a father and 2 sons- who have been remanded in custody, that this will cause them to rethink their lives and that Christ offers a better way.

D has been released and is meeting with Christians. He has come to know God personally and feels he is on the right path.



10<sup>th</sup> March - On Mothers' Day, we remember all those mothers who are separated from their children by a prison sentence – for mums in prison, and for mums with

a son or daughter in prison. We pray for God's comfort and strength to be near them.

#### Volunteer

Praise God for each one of our volunteers who do a wonderful service in prison and in our communities. We are so thankful for men and women giving their time to serve God within Prison Fellowship NI.

Praise God for new volunteer interest from different churches. Pray for the new opportunities opening within our Centre in Belfast.

Pray for each volunteer who steps forward to reach men and women in prison. Pray for spiritual and emotional protection in all they deal with and hear each week.

Give thanks for male volunteers who have started to support men who have a family member in prison. Pray that this support will make a difference.

Give thanks for each volunteer who carries God's heart for those in prison, their families, and those released. They faithfully serve in so many ways to see every life transformed!

## Aftercare - Women

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Pray as the 'Instilling Hope' group meet tonight, that women would leave feeling loved, encouraged, and closer to God.

R is journeying through an addiction set back. Pray for strength to make the best choices and for encouragement along the way.

Pray for women who have no desire to change their lives. Many are trapped in addiction, negative environments and feel hopeless. Pray they will want change and look to Jesus.

#### Aftercare - Men

Pray for the Voices of Hope as we visit the Fellowship Hour at Milltown this month. Pray for everyone who sings and comes along.

Pray for men recently released from prison, especially those who are homeless or have nowhere to go to.

B is looking for a job. He has nearly finished a joinery qualification and would love to try out his new skills.

Pray for the new men who contact PF when released from prison, and for the work of Aftercare supporting them spiritually, emotionally, socially, and physically.