

FEBRUARY 2024

PRAYER DIARY

PRISON FELLOWSHIP SCOTLAND

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

**1 Thessalonians
5:11**

1st - 5th February

Thursday 1st February

Give thanks for the growth of the work of PFS over the last few years, and for all God has done. Pray that God will continue to bless the work we do, and it will continue to impact people's lives.

Friday 2nd February

Today is Time to Talk Day. Pray that people affected by imprisonment in all capacities will have people around them they can talk to. Pray people will know they are not alone and get the support they need.

Saturday 3rd February

Pray for those in prison who are missing their families today. Pray they will have peace and find joy in other ways as they process their family being away from them and not feel alone.

Sunday 4th February

Give thanks for all organisations working with those in prison, with their families, and also those that offer support to prisoners on release. Pray for good coordination and effective networking between different organisations.

Monday 5th February

This week is Sexual Abuse & Sexual Violence Awareness Week. Pray for those who have experienced this in their life, and that they will have the support they need around them. Pray they will be able to process and deal with their experiences in a healthy way.

**But you must return to your God;
maintain love and justice,
and wait for your God always.
Hosea 12:6**



6th - 13th February

Tuesday 6th February

Pray for the Sycamore Tree course running in HMP Glenochil. Pray that everyone who attends the course will leave impacted, and lives will be changed.

Wednesday 7th February

Give thanks for all who give to Prison Fellowship financially. The work we do would not happen without these donations. Pray that there would be an increase in financial support for the work of PFS.

Thursday 8th February

Pray for the leadership at Prison Fellowship Scotland. Pray for guidance, wisdom, and resources needed to expand and enhance the mission in bringing hope to those impacted by imprisonment.

Friday 9th February

Pray for HMP Kilmarnock as they continue to prepare for their transition from Serco to the Scottish Prison Service in March. Pray that staff would not feel unsettled by this move.

Saturday 10th February

Pray for Prison officers and the stress they are under on a daily basis as they never know what they will be facing when they open a cell door.

Sunday 11th February

Pray for all the chaplains across the prisons. Pray for wisdom and strength as they navigate the complexities of their roles with insight, offering support to those they interact with.

Monday 12th February

Pray for prisoners who can't seem to break the hold that their addiction has on them. Pray that they would engage with support offered to them

Tuesday 13th February

Pray for children that are living without their mum or dad because they are in prison. Pray for those giving them support especially grandparents and other extended family.



14th - 19th February

Wednesday 14th February

Currently we are running the 50th Sycamore Tree Course in HMP Low Moss since this prison reopened. Give thanks for the group of 4 ladies who have been doing this from the beginning.

Thursday 15th February

The current Sycamore Tree course ends in HMP Barlinnie today. Give thanks for those that attended and all the leaders involved. Pray for the men as they finish the course, and that it will leave a lasting impact on their lives.

Friday 16th February

Give thanks for more people in prison asking to be part of the letter-writing project. Pray it will continue to grow and the letter-writing pairings would work well. Pray for more male writers to volunteer.

Saturday 17th February

Today is Random Acts of Kindness Day. Pray that people will be kind today - from people in prison to those who work in prison or who volunteer. Pray people will take a moment and choose kindness and care today.

Sunday 18th February

Pray for all the church services happening across the prisons today. Pray for the chaplains and staff who are facilitating these and pray the people who attend will feel God close in those moments. Pray for wisdom and guidance for all involved.

Monday 19th February

Pray for the fellowship groups that run in HMP Shotts throughout the week. Pray for the team as it adjusts to a new schedule, and for the men who will join these groups. Pray it will be a safe place where men can learn and ask questions.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

1 Corinthians 13:4



**Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.**



Isaiah 1:17

20th - 24th February

Tuesday 20th February

Today is World Day of Social Justice. Pray for the justice system in Scotland. Pray that the people making decisions will be fair and just. Pray that all people will know they are equal and deserve the same rights.

Wednesday 21st February

Pray for all those who are seeking to try and stop drugs coming into prisons and for all the different initiatives to help people address their drug addiction.

Thursday 22nd February

Sycamore Tree ends in HMP Kilmarnock today. Give thanks for the course and all the leaders involved. Pray for the men as they finish the course, and that it will leave a lasting impact on their lives.

Friday 23rd February

Give thanks for the dedication and commitment of our volunteers, praying for continued blessings on their work – that it will have a lasting impact on those in prison.

Saturday 24th February

Pray for those who are stuck in a cycle of addiction. Pray for a breakthrough in their lives, and that there will be the right support around them. Pray they will know they are loved and can move on.



25th - 29th February



**Bear with
each other and
forgive one
another if any
of you has a
grievance
against
someone.
Forgive as the
Lord forgave
you.**

Colossians 3:13

Sunday 25th February

Pray for volunteers to have discernment and sensitivity in understanding the diverse needs of people in prison. Pray for patience and understanding as they navigate different circumstances, backgrounds, and needs.

Monday 26th February

Pray for increased local church support and involvement in the rehabilitation and reformation for people who have been released from prison. Pray that churches will be a welcoming, safe place for people to go to once released from prison.

Tuesday 27th February

Pray for those who are feeling the strain of having to look after the family on their own because their partner is in prison.

Wednesday 28th February

Give thanks for C who recently got baptised. Pray that he will continue to grow in his faith. Also, give thanks for the other Christians in the prison who are supporting him.

Thursday 29th February

Pray for all the women in prisons across Scotland. Pray for their well-being, strength, and resilience. Pray for support and opportunities for rehabilitation.

