



PRISONS WEEK 2026

Prayer Meeting





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THE PRISONS WEEK PRAYER

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and his Spirit, now and every day.

Amen.



INTERCESSIONS

- In today's Gospel, we hear of a King who prepares a banquet and invites all to come. Confident in God's generous love and mercy, let us bring before him the needs of the Church and of the world. We pray for the Church throughout the world. May we faithfully proclaim the good news that all are invited into God's kingdom.
- **Give us grace to welcome those who feel forgotten, excluded or ashamed, and help us to reflect Christ's compassion in all that we do.**



INTERCESSIONS

- We pray for all who are in prison. For those who are afraid, lonely or despairing; for those who carry deep regret; for those seeking a new beginning; and for those who have found faith while in custody. May they know that they are not beyond God's love and that Christ walks beside them even in the darkest places. We pray for victims of crime and for all whose lives have been marked by violence, abuse or loss.
- **Bring healing where there is pain, peace where there is fear, and hope where there is despair. Help us always to seek justice with compassion and truth with mercy.**



INTERCESSIONS

- We pray for prison chaplains, prison officers, governors, probation staff, healthcare workers, volunteers, and all who serve within the criminal justice system.
- **Grant them wisdom, patience, integrity and compassion in their daily work, and sustain them in the demanding responsibilities they carry.**



INTERCESSIONS

- We pray for families affected by imprisonment. We remember spouses, partners, parents, grandparents and especially children who live with separation, face stigma, uncertainty and loss.
- **Strengthen them with your love, surround them with supportive communities, and give them hope for the future.**



INTERCESSIONS

- We pray for those leaving prison and beginning again. Open doors of opportunity, provide suitable accommodation, meaningful work, supportive friendships and welcoming churches. We give thanks and offer our prayers for all those organisations working on the resettlement of those leaving prison.
- **Help us to see each person not through the lens of their past but through the hope of the new life that Christ offers.**



INTERCESSIONS

- We pray for ourselves. Where we have judged others harshly, forgive us. Where we have ignored your invitation, draw us back.
- **Clothe us with the new life of Christ, that we may live as people transformed by your grace and become faithful witnesses to your kingdom.**
- **Merciful Father, Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**



THE LANGLEY PRAYER

Father of compassion, be close to the lonely, be hope for the anxious, and to those in darkness be their light.

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need, strengthen us and all the Langley Family to comfort the fearful, to lift the broken-hearted and to assure the isolated of your love, and ours; for the glory of your kingdom and the beauty of your name.

Amen.



YOU'RE INVITED – PRISONS WEEK FILM



DAVID'S STORY – A LANGLEY CLIENT



PRAYER GROUPS

- Group 1 – Day 1: Bishop to Prisons
- Group 2 – Day 2: The Bible Society
- Group 3 – Day 3: The Welcome Directory
- Group 4 – Day 4: Junction 42
- Group 5 – Day 5: Langley Trust
- Group 6 – Day 6: Caring for Prison Leavers
- Group 7 – Day 7: Assemblies of God



THE GRACE

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.



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