

APRIL 2022

PRAYER CALENDAR



1 **The Prudent and the Foolish** (Prov 22:3)

Lord, so many cycles of crime and error begin because we choose to continue on a path that we know will not lead to anything good. On this April Fool's Day, we pray for greater awareness so that we may exercise prudence and take the necessary precautions to keep ourselves safe.

2 **Fresh New Look**

We pray for the unveiling and release of the new Prison Fellowship Canada branding this month! May the Lord use every bit of the new colours, design, and imagery to captivate hearts for the cause of Christ through this ministry.

3 **Volunteer Encouragement**

We lift up our faithful PF by Phone volunteers and ask the Lord to emphatically speak a word of encouragement over them as they serve and even in their private devotional time. They encounter so many difficult things on the phone lines; may they always have the wisdom and grace to respond as Jesus would to every caller.

4 **PF by Phone Callers**

We lift up prisons and jails across Canada and ask the Lord to draw many new callers to the line. We pray that however, they come, that they will be touched by the very Spirit of God through the calls and leave changed from the experience.

5 **Bridgecare Teams**

We pray that the omniscient Spirit will go before us and prepare the way of bringing forth Bridgecare teams in every city where returning citizens are returning so that we can equip and prepare volunteers to receive these members of society back with great care.

6 **Brand New!**

There are a lot of pieces to an organizational rebranding. We pray for wisdom to consider every piece carefully and for a smooth and successful transition into the future of Prison Fellowship Canada with a warm and welcoming reception by our partners and supporters.

7 **Angel Tree Camp Partnerships**

We lift up Christian camps across Canada and pray for the continued blessing of God upon those past and returning partnerships this year once again, but also for new connections to new partnerships across the country in areas where we are inspiring, equipping and mobilizing the local church to respond to the families in their community who are affected by parental incarceration.

8 **Bridgecare Client Encouragement**

So much of the reintegration journey begins with the instability of constant change and many unknown variables. We pray for greater encouragement for the hearts of these returning citizens to meet the challenges of reintegration with our support, but also with an unrelenting zealotness to succeed!

9 **Angel Tree Children**

We pray that no child with an incarcerated parent misses out on the opportunity to go to camp this summer. May more chaplains promote the program to prisoners this year. May incarcerated men and women be led to the posters and apply; may supporters cheerfully donate the funds needed for PFC to send kids, and may Christian camps have sufficient room for each child to attend.

10 **Transitions**

We continue to pray for wisdom and grace as we labour to release our newly branded materials to volunteers, supporters, churches, chaplains, and other partners. May the Spirit of the Lord give us an eye for attention to recognize the details in every piece that needs updating and changing.

11 **Freedom Reigns!**

We pray for the spiritual freedom that only comes from knowing the risen Christ! May the narrow sightedness of only considering our present sufferings be broken off prisoners everywhere, and may they experience the fullness of life that Jesus comes to offer.

12 **Dreams & Visions**

We lift up prisoners and volunteers all across Canada who meet in person in or out of prison and through the PF by Phone lines. We pray for divine clarity to bring healing and restoration through the insight given in dreams and visions. May we avail ourselves to this very necessary resource from God.

13 In-Prison Returns

We lift up prisons across Canada and pray for an expedient and safe return for volunteers to in-prison ministry. We pray that our volunteers will gracefully submit to the requirements to return to serving the words of eternal life among the prison population.

14 The Forgiveness Journey

We pray for many opportunities this year for prisoners to experience the journey of forgiveness and experience the only forgiveness that comes from God through His Son Jesus the Christ! May there be many open doors of opportunity for this curriculum.

15 Good Friday

As we pause and reflect on what the Lord has done for both us and prisoners alike, we pray that the reality would deeply penetrate our hearts and minds today in the places where we need it the most; that the restoration that His sacrifice was intended to bring would be more fully realized in each one of us.

16 Fundraising Events

We lift up our regional managers as they coordinate events across Canada to raise awareness and support for the meaningful work of ministry to prisoners. May the Lord give them His Spirit of creativity, and may many come forward to support the events in a variety of ways with the differing giftings of the body of Christ.

17 Support for Caregivers

We take a moment to consider and pray for the many caregivers across Canada who have stepped in to support families with children when a parent is incarcerated. May the Lord continue to lead them to find support through Angel Tree, but may they also find ongoing support through the local church.

18 Ekklesia

We lift up the entire Canadian Christian church community and pray that these called out ones - called and set apart to serve - will find their way to connect to meaningful ministry, whether in-prison or returning citizens. We pray for God's restorative justice solution: the church.

19 Expand Our Borders

We pray for a greater reach to prisoners this year than ever before. May we find new ground to provide the gift of connection to prisoners through the PF by Phone line, Bridgecare, and In-Prison curriculum. May we also have sufficient volunteers in every region to meet the need.

20 Regina Bridgecare

We lift up our fellow servants Al Ferrara, Doug Conn, and so many others who tirelessly serve the needs of prisoners and returning citizens. We pray that the Holy Spirit is ever-present in all that they do, providing for their every need along the way.

21 Restored Worship

We pray for prisons to become houses of worship where the Name of the Lord is sung, praised, and rejoiced repeatedly. May the flood of worship bring along with it healing, restoration, peace, and a new perspective about life.

22 Resting in You

We lift up our PFC from coast to coast and pray that the Lord would etch out special times of rest for each one in unique ways that restore in us a joy for the work of ministry, wisdom over our priorities, and the mental wellbeing always to be able to offer life and life abundantly to others.

23 Persecuted Church

We lift up our persecuted brothers and sisters who are berated, insulted and ridiculed as they seek to set their lives apart to answer the call of serving prisoners. Whether by family, friends or by the population we serve, may we take our cues from Christ and joyfully press forward toward the high calling in Him.

24 Protection From The Evil One

We pray that the Lord will deliver us from every snare and trap that our spiritual enemies seek to lay before our feet in the work that we do. May the Lord direct our path and lead us in paths of safety. May we sense the Lord ever-present in the valleys and the mountains.

25 Reforming Rehabilitation

We pray that God will raise up men and women in places of authority across this country who will usher in a wave of divinely inspired initiatives that allow for the biblical concepts of love, peace, justice, and restoration to permeate our prison systems.



26 Culture Shocked

We pray right now for a shift in the very atmosphere of prison culture where prisoners become ministers to one another, and churches are built from the inside out! May the Lord provide his teaching Spirit, his Spirit of discernment, and unleash all of the giftings of the body of Christ in prisons.

27 Blessed Givers

We want to ask for a special blessing over the lives of those who partner and support the work we do at PFC. May the Lord touch each and every one of their lives in a very personal and intimate way bringing answers to prayer, restoration of broken things in their own lives, and joy overflowing.

28 Grace Upon Grace

We lift up returning men and women who have attended and been impacted by PFC In-Prison programs or through the PF by Phone line or Bible Studies. We pray for them to seek out and find a healthy, Spirit-filled community upon release to continue their journey into freedom.

29 Transformation

We ask the Holy Spirit for hearts all across Canada to bear the marks of genuine and authentic change. May the testimonies of lives transformed by Your grace, Oh God, be the sign to this world of the power of the Gospel in prisoners and returning citizens.

30 Citizenship

We pray that the people who are called by the Name of the Lord, both in and out of prison, will rise up to the high calling of exemplifying what citizenship to the heavenly kingdom looks like before all in churches, in communities and in prisons.

