

# PRAYER CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2023

#### Angel Tree Christmas

We pray for the 2023 Angel Tree Christmas program. We ask the Lord to clear the path for prisoners across Canada to be able to participate, and for an outpouring of sponsor participation to meet every need.

# 2 Skills Development & Bridgecare

We continue to pray that people returning from prison and jail would be divinely directed to meaningful support for spiritual care and career development.

## <sup>3</sup> PFC by Phone

We continue to pray that prisoners across Canada will continue to find their way to the PFC by Phone lines to find meaningful support. We pray that callers will find comfort, that strongholds would be broken, and that prisoners would be spiritually set free.

#### Volunteer Needs

We continue to pray that in every city across Canada wherever there is a need for volunteers that the Lord will raise up phone operators, Bridgecare partnerships, and in-prison Bible study teachers who will courageously rise to the occasion of serving prisoners

# 5 Angel Tree Sponsors

We pray that the Spirit of the Lord would go before us and open the hearts of many local churches to sponsor families of prisoners this year. We pray especially for those children residing in remote regions. May the Lord provide creative solutions for every issue that arises to sponsorship.

#### <sup>6</sup> Bridgecare Housing Solutions

We thank the Lord for the thoughtful answers to our prayers in supporting returning citizens through community and employment preparation, but many returning citizens are still in need of housing solutions. We pray for unique partnerships that allow us to overcome the housing obstacle.

# 7 Curriculum Development

We continue to pray for inspiration in developing timely and needed curriculum that speak to the very heart of the matters that most closely affect incarcerated men and women. May the Lord empower our curriculum by the Holy Spirit to bring about greater freedom and liberty in Jesus.

#### 8 Volunteer Encouragement

We're so encouraged by the selfless dedication that volunteers across Canada devote themselves to serve prisoners with, but we pray that they are receiving the care and comfort that their hearts require as well. We ask the Lord to meet with each one in a very personal and special way.



We ask the Lord to bless our Partner Engagement Manager, David Lombardo, with divine strategies and solutions for growing the funding of this ministry across Canada. May He find mountains that burst forth with an abundant supply to meet the needs in parched lands.

#### 10 Time Management

With so much on the go in the ministry this year, we pray for wisdom in how we allocate our time to the things we do. Help us all to find time for rest Lord, and may we continually approach our work from a place of overflowing joy.

#### Dreams Fulfilled

We pray that prisoners across Canada would see the dreams that the Holy Spirit gives them come to fruition. We pray that answer to prayer for direction, deep inner healing, and salvation would come through dreams and visions to prisoners.

#### 12 Visionaries

We pray that the Lord would inspire our focus for the next fiscal year, giving us inspiration and guidance towards the things most pressing upon His heart. May the Lord unite our national team in the vision, so that we may labour together as one body and one mind in pursuit of His calling.

## <sup>3</sup> Disassembling Lies

We pray that the Spirit of the Lord would stir up productive conversation during our in-prison curriculums that helps to bring the lies of the world and the culture to the surface for healthy discussion, and for truth and reason to be imparted. We pray the Lord's peace over these discussions.

## 14 Angel Tree Families

We pray a special blessing over every Angel Tree child who participates in the program this year, and those who have participated in the past. We pray that the present from an incarcerated parent would create a beautiful memory during a time that would otherwise be difficult. May the Lord redeem this bad situation through the kindness of sponsors.

#### 15 Fiscal Year End

We pray that PFC's financial objectives for the 2022-23 fiscal year will be met in abundance, along with God's grace and His foreknowledge in preparation for the things to come. We pray that we would continually be people who are faithful in pursuit of the mission You've given to us.

# 16 Heart of Worship

We pray that the songs of heaven would flood the hearts of prisoners across Canada. We pray that revival will break out and the power and relevancy of the Word of God would be held in highest esteem once again.

# 17 Open Doors

We seek the Lord for supernatural favor to bring Christian spiritual support to prisoners in every institution across Canada. We lift up the federal and provincial centres, as well as youth facilities, and ask for discernment so that we might recognize where the Lord is moving from season to season.

## 18 Institution Staffing

We pray over the staff shortages that some institutions are experiencing across Canada and ask that they find a sufficient supply of every resource needed to fill the gaps. We pray that many spirit-filled men and women would apply to occupy these vital positions in preparation for a holy shift in prisons.



# <sup>19</sup> PFC Orientation

We pray for the volunteers attending tonight's PFC Orientation. May the call of Jesus and the mission to prisoners be stirred within their hearts and may each one find a meaningful place to serve.

# 20 Chaplain Care

We lift up our partners in serving prisoners, the local institutional chaplains, in prayer, and ask the Lord to provide rest for the wearied souls, joy for the heavy laden, and peace to the downcast or distraught. May these precious souls find encouragement in their work and meaning in all of it.

## 21 Perceptions of Prisoners

We pray that the stigmas surrounding the prisoner population would be powerfully broken, and many believers would begin to see themselves and Jesus in the plight of the prisoner. We pray that many would be moved to get involved in selfless abandon and trust in God's redeeming grace.

# 22 Faith & Justice

We pray that the true biblical definitions of faith and justice would be restored among the prisoner population. We pray that prisoners would turn to Jesus and find resolve in His wisdom and timing for all things.

# 23 Walking in Step

We lift up our national staff and ask the Lord to give us a unified vision for the work we do, so that we might be knit together closely in our labours, giving no place for the enemy to create division or destruction. We pray that each member will continue to hear clearly from the Lord and be swift to act when they do.

# 24 Released Giftings

We pray that the Holy Spirit would ignite a fire for each staff member, volunteer, supporter, and partner, to walk more confidently into their area of gifting. We pray that the body would continue see signs and wonders in heaven and earth accompanying our faith, leading many to know Him.

#### 25 Bridgecare Volunteer Teams

We continue to pray for partnered Bridgecare volunteers in every major city in the GTA (greater Toronto area) to serve returning citizens wherever they might return to. We also pray for volunteer teams in Windsor, Sarnia, Sault Ste Marie, London, Barrie, Kitchener, & Thunder Bay.





We pray for wisdom for our PFC by Phone volunteers to speak the truth with gentleness and respect. We pray that the love of Jesus will be deeply felt to prepare the hearts of callers for the truth of Jesus.

#### 27 Prison Lockdowns Cease!

We pray that every issue that arises leading to prison lockdowns would be stopped in the name of Jesus! We pray that solutions will abound, and this ongoing cycle of prison lockdowns would cease.

#### 28 The Word of a Friend

We pray that every volunteer and supporter in our database would be challenged to tell a friend about the ministry of Prison Fellowship Canada. We pray that every ministry need we have would be met through the word of a faithful friend.

## 29 Spiritual Formation

We pray that every seed that has been planted in the life of a prisoner through Bible studies, Bridgecare Mentorship, or PFC by Phone line support, would be protected as it grows up into an oak tree of faith. We ask the Lord to bring His Word that gives life to mind and strengthen the will of prisoners to yield themselves to it.

## 30 Church Engagement

We pray that the Spirit of the Lord would go before us and make known the work we do both in and out of prisons to local churches – especially to those that are close to prisons. We pray that more volunteers would be drawn to serving Jesus the prisoner.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

1 John 5:14 NIV