

Prisons Week in the Diocese of Manchester

12-18 October 2025

Day 1: Sunday 12th October 2025

Pray for Prison Chaplains

- Pray for the strategic pastoral role that Prison Chaplains have in prisons.
- Pray that Prison Chaplains will have soft hearts, discerning spirits, lots of energy and the joy of Jesus.

Day 2: Monday 13th October 2025

Pray for Prison: HMP Manchester

- Pray for the 10th Alpha course beginning on 15th October, giving thanks for a great team and that it will continue to help many men on the journey of faith.
- Pray for A. He's lost a close relative. He's been on Alpha and is attending chapel. Pray he finds a helpful church when he's soon released.

Day 3: Tuesday 14th October 2025

Pray for Probation Services

- Pray for staff who work closely with those released to help them not to reoffend.
- As Probation Services seek closer links with faith communities, pray for more links with churches.

Day 4: Wednesday 15th October 2025

Pray for Prison: HMP Buckley Hall

- Pray for groups helping men deepen their faith, including Alpha and weekly Bible Study.
- Pray for the Living with Loss course, helping men with bereavement, as many have unprocessed grief.

Day 5: Thursday 16th October 2025

Pray for Judges & Magistrates

- Pray they would be wise and trustworthy people whose sentencing is fair and just.
- Pray for more people to feel called to be judges and magistrates in Greater Manchester.

Day 6: Friday 17th October 2025

Pray for Prison: HMP Forest Bank

- Pray for good communication between prisoners and staff, as it's often miscommunication that causes problems.
- Pray for prisoners to find peace and that many will discover a relationship with God that continues to deepen and help them.

Day 7: Saturday 18th October 2025

Pray for Church Engagement

- Pray for more lay prison chaplains, official prison visitors and prisoner pen-friends to come forward from our churches.
- Pray for more churches to sign up to the Welcome Directory, showing they are welcoming communities for people on probation.

Purpose

Prisons Week is about **praying, understanding and supporting**.

The aim of Prisons Week is to encourage:

- More praying for all those connected with Prisons and the Probation Service
- Greater understanding of the work of local Prisons and the Probation Service and how individuals and churches might get involved
- Further supporting of prisoners or those on probation by local churches

Resources

An Introduction to Prisons Week (Short Film)



God's Word is Not Chained (Short Film)



2 Timothy 2:9 - God's Word is Not Chained

(NIV) the reading for 12th October 2025, Prisons Sunday

Many things in life can bind us, fear, anger, abuse, rejection or shame. And this is as true for those held in prison as those who are not. And unless that bondage is addressed the consequences of this can be very dark. Hopelessness and helplessness can overwhelm, destructive behaviour continues unchecked - an imprisonment of body and soul. But we believe that God desires to break those chains and to set people free. To restore in them the image of God. And he does this through his Living Word, Jesus.

Across our diocese, prison chaplains provide spiritual and emotional support to those in custody, offering pastoral care, leading worship, and visiting prisoners in hospital, segregation, or on arrival. They support staff, and help navigate the complex challenges of prison life with compassion and dignity.

Read more about them at www.manchester.anglican.org/prisons-week

