

# 60 MINUTE PRAYER GUIDE

## Prayer for Prisons

Ask God to help you to contemplate his word and to pray...read Romans 3:21-26

### God of Mercy (20 minutes)

#### 'FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALLEN SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD'

God is a just and righteous God, but we have all sinned, because of this we all deserve to be punished. Fortunately for us God is also merciful. In the single act of Christ's sacrifice on the cross God demonstrated both His justice and His mercy. Christ was punished in our place, according to what we deserved, so that we could receive mercy. As Paul writes; God is both, 'just and the one who justifies'.

// **Why not reflect on this characteristic of God and the mercy that He has shown towards you. Read Romans 3:21-26 again to aid you in your contemplation of this truth.**

### God of Redemption (20 minutes)

#### '...AND ALL ARE JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS GRACE THROUGH THE REDEMPTION THAT CAME BY CHRIST JESUS'

The prison population is the highest it's ever been. Thousands upon thousands of men and women across the UK have broken the law, committed crimes against family, neighbours and society, and are being punished as a result.

As God has had mercy on you by saving you from a just punishment so all those in prison are in need of the same saving grace. As Jesus said, *'there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.'* Let us therefore rejoice in the salvation of those in prison.

Think about how everyone needs God's mercy regardless of their criminal activities. Write down any prejudices you feel towards those in prison. Work through each item on your list one by one and repent to God for any self-righteousness.

// **Spend time rejoicing in your salvation and crying out to God for all those behind prison walls who are in need of this same saving grace.**

### God of Wisdom (20 minutes)

#### 'OH, THE DEPTHS OF THE RICHES OF THE WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD!' ROMANS 11:33

There are many Christians working in prisons. Each prison has a chaplaincy staff as well as Christians working as governors, prison officers, volunteers, and countless other roles. They all need the wisdom, love, and grace of God to work and minister effectively.

God is a generous God and all we need to do to help is to ask, *'If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.'* James 1:5

// **Pray for prison chaplains and the scores of Christian employees and volunteers who work in prisons. Pray that they can live out, minister, and share the gospel effectively. Pray especially for those sharing the Gospel that the Holy Spirit would anoint their words to be heard by the hearts those they work with.**

As you leave the 24-7 Prayer Room repeat these words to yourself: *'Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well..'* Matthew 6:33

**AMEN**



#### YOU WILL NEED:

- BIBLE
- PAPER
- PEN