



OCTOBER- DECEMBER 2026



PRAYER CALENDAR

Dear friends,

Recently I've been journeying through the letter of 1 Peter with our team here at The Message. In Chapter 4, as Peter starts to bring the letter to a close, he encourages the Christians receiving his letter to be alert and of sober/clear mind so that they may pray.

At a time like this, with the world feeling very uncertain but also with unprecedented opportunities coming our way to share the good news of Jesus in words and actions, it's super important that we are alert to what God's doing. We get there through walking in repentance, spending time soaking in the life-giving words of the Bible and looking at the world around us with a clear mind that's not 'conformed to the patterns of this world' but transformed into God's way of thinking.

Praying like that is literally world-changing and the most important thing any of us can do to support The Message.

Please place this Prayer Calendar somewhere prominent and pray for us each day so that, as Peter also said, we may 'speak as one who speaks the very words of God and never rely on our own strength but the strength that God provides' – how amazing would that be?



Thanks for all your support.

Andy Hawthorne

**Founder and Global CEO,
The Message Trust**

P.S. You may also have seen our recent urgent appeal for financial support. Thank you to everyone who has responded – it means a lot to us. If you haven't responded yet but are able to give a special one-off gift, start a regular gift or increase your existing gift, just go to message.org.uk/donate. Thanks so much!



OCTOBER PRAYER POINTS



1

Our **Message School of Evangelism (MSE)** students are heading out on street evangelism, and working with young people and those experiencing homelessness. Pray they'd be a blessing to those they're serving.

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As our **Respect ME** teams roll out a brand-new mental health lesson in high schools across England, Scotland and Wales, pray many young people would find hope in Jesus through these lessons.

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It's the **REBUILD Conference** in the North East. Ask God to bring healing, restoration and freedom to those rebuilding their lives, and pray attendees would encounter Jesus in a life-changing way.

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As young people come to the Eden Library and Genetik Sessions workshops that **Eden Santa Marta** (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) run, pray they'd know how loved they are by God and want to find out more about him.

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Five new **Community Groceries** are opening in Tameside, in partnership with local churches. Pray that lives, families and communities would be transformed.

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Please pray for the estate church leaders gathering for **Proximity's retreat** in North Yorkshire. Pray they would hear from God, build meaningful friendships and return to their communities encouraged.

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Message Canada are running a huge schools mission in Kelowna and Greater Vancouver. As they share the gospel with 3,500 young people, pray each of them comes to the LIFT gigs and responds to the gospel.

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Eden are recruiting! Pray for more workers to join teams and move into or remain in under-served communities. Are you interested? Email hello@joineden.org

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Pray for the young people who are being trained in evangelism at the **Amplify** residential weekend. Pray they'd each be encouraged and grow in their evangelism.

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We're officially launching an Eden team in the Netherlands! Pray that **Eden Europawijk** (Haarlem) would carry God's presence into the neighbourhood and see the community transformed by Jesus.

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Andy Hawthorne, Gary Smith, and Daniël ter Maten are speaking in churches across **the Netherlands** today sharing about the work of The Message. Pray God stirs the hearts of those they meet.

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Our team in South Africa are running a **schools mission** in Citrusdal this week. Pray for open hearts and great engagement with the young people as they share about the love and hope Jesus offers.

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This week is **Prisons Week**, where Christians come together to pray for those living and working in prisons. Pray God would bring peace and encouragement to those who need it most today.

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This week, we're running a **No More Knives** tour in Salford and a **No More County Lines** tour in Hulme. As we share powerful lessons with young people, pray they'd make positive choices in their lives.

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Pray for the **Eden** teams serving in communities across Teesside, Newcastle and Northumberland. Ask God to strengthen them as they build relationships, serve their communities and share the hope of Jesus.

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We're taking **The Ultimate Influencer** tour to Lincoln. As schools book to be part of it, pray that the staff and students would be impacted by the love and freedom found in Jesus.

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Today **Message Ethiopia** officially launches! Ask God to bless the team as they host a launch event and build relationships with local churches and organisations. Pray for his favour and provision.

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Today, pray for **Eden Jordanthorpe and Batemoor** (Sheffield) and their partner church, Meadowhead Christian Fellowship, as they support the community by running English classes, IT training and peer support.

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As our staff take a day to spend time with God and are encouraged by what he's been doing at our **Prayer Day**, pray it would be an incredible day in God's presence.

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Andy and Michele Hawthorne are visiting **Message Brazil**. As they speak at churches, hold board meetings and head to fundraisers, pray it's an encouraging time with the team.

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Pray for favour for prisons worker Gigi, as she looks to launch a group for men who have been released from prison. Pray it will be a place where **prison leavers** find support and grow in faith.

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Please pray for our **Advance** groups and churches in Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, and Goa (India) as they face increasing pressure and opposition. Pray for God's protection, wisdom, courage and peace.

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As hundreds of young people come along to a **LIFT** event tomorrow in Manchester to hear the gospel, pray many would respond and get plugged into local churches.

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Our team in South Africa are running a **Bloom** event for young women in Citrusdal today. Pray the girls attending would be encouraged in their faith and learn more about Jesus' love for them.

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As our **prison choir** in Wales leads worship for morning chapel services, pray the men would feel the Holy Spirit with them and seek his presence throughout the week.

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Message Ethiopia are launching prisons ministry with an Alpha course. Pray many would come along and be interested in hearing more about faith in Jesus.

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Eden Kensington (Liverpool) run a food pantry three days a week. Pray that the community would be blessed by the work, and that this would be a great way to build relationships and share the gospel.

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Thank God for our amazing **supporters** who help keep our work going! Could you stand with us financially? Visit message.org.uk/donate

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Message Uganda run a Restore Home, where girls who've escaped sex work can heal and recover. Pray for peace, hope and restoration for those they work with.

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Pray that our team at our enterprise café **Neal Street Espresso** (London) are emboldened to share God's love with their customers today.

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Our **Eden** teams are running light events across the country today. Pray that each of these would be a great opportunity to share the hope of Jesus with their communities.





NOVEMBER PRAYER POINTS



1

In the Netherlands, young people are running **Alpha Youth** in their schools. Pray God would give them boldness and wisdom as they share their faith with their friends and pray many would encounter Jesus as they do this.

2

As the **MSE students** head on a retreat, pray it would be a great time of bonding and seeking God together.

3

Over the next two weeks, **Respect ME** are delivering lessons around Tameside (Manchester). Pray the young people would engage well and feel uplifted as they learn about their value and identity in Jesus.

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As Gary Smith meets with local church leaders and businesses in preparation for launching **Message Greater Fort Wayne** (USA), pray for wisdom, direction and great connections.

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Community Groceries are launching in Sheffield, Chester, Portsmouth and Partington soon. Pray that grocery members will not only receive practical support but also discover the lasting hope God offers.

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Our **prisons teams** will be joining with other organisations and chaplains for a day of prayer, worship and learning today. Pray for refreshing and inspiration as they disciple those in and out of prison.

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Today is **Eden Teams' Day**. As the whole network gathers in Darlington to worship, share vision and pray, ask the Holy Spirit to encourage and refresh each person for mission.

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We're so thankful for all our amazing **volunteers**. Pray they'd be encouraged in their work today. Want to volunteer with us as we share the love of Jesus? Visit message.org.uk/get-involved

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Pray for **Festival Palau Córdoba** (Argentina). As thousands of people hear the gospel this week, pray for the churches that are hoping to launch new Advance groups after the event to encourage people to keep sharing their faith.

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Please pray for the men attending Alpha in a **prison** in Wales today. Pray they'd come to know Jesus and grow in their relationship with him through the sessions.

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Ask God to bless the **Message Nigeria** team as they look to launching in January 2027. Pray for protection, wisdom and provision for Ali, Ruth, and their family.

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Alice and Andreas are delivering a **WILD** youth group tour in Bridgend (South Wales) tomorrow. Pray many young people would come along and give their lives to God as they hear the gospel shared.

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As our Tameside schools tour ends, pray for the **young people** our teams met. Pray they'd be impacted by the lessons and the gospel and want to find out more.

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Pray for continued opportunities to connect with churches across Derby as our East Midlands team run **Charge Days** that equip young people to share the gospel.

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Homes in the **Eden Central Drive** (Blackpool) area are currently under threat as part of a regeneration project. Pray for wise and compassionate decisions to be made, and for suitable homes for everyone who needs one.

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It's another **Prayer Day** here at The Message. Pray it would be an inspiring and uplifting day of prayer, worship and listening to God's voice for the next steps of mission.

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We're taking the **No More Knives** tour to North Wales this week! Pray the hearts and minds of each young person we meet will be open to the message of hope that the team will share.

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As people come to **The Mess Café** enterprise coffee shop in Manchester, pray they'd feel God's presence and be prompted to chat to the team members about how God's worked in their lives.

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Urban missionaries are coming together in Nottingham for a **Proximity Gathering** today. Pray for a brilliant evening of friendship, encouragement, refreshment and prayer.

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Eden Gurnell Grove (London) are running a kids' club. As they do, pray strong relationships would be built with the families whose children come along and that there would be many opportunities to share Jesus.

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Message Brazil are running a schools tour next week. As they reach young people with the hope of Jesus, pray many lives are impacted and great relationships are built.

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Sam Ward is speaking at St George's Poynton today and **Gary Smith** is speaking in Bramhall Baptist Church. Pray that they'd inspire everyone with what God is doing and that the churches would stand with us in mission.

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Praise God for the **Message Community Clothing** stores in Manchester that are helping low-income families get the clothing they need. Pray many would hear about Jesus as they shop.

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Pray that each of the team members on our **enterprise programmes** would know how loved they are by Jesus and continue growing in their faith.

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Pray that each of our **Eden** team members and leaders would be encouraged by God and feel his presence with them. Pray too that God would give them opportunities to share their faith with their neighbours today.

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As Christians from across the North West come together tonight for a **Greater Manchester Prayer** gathering, please stand with us asking God to transform the UK and the world.

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Please pray for the first of two **LIFT** gigs happening this evening in North Wales. Pray that many would come along, give their lives to Jesus and get plugged into local churches.

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Pray for our East Midlands **schools** worker, Lydia, as she heads into schools next week. Pray she'd feel God's presence in the classrooms and young people would want to know more about Jesus.

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It's Bingo Church on the **Eden Gurnell Grove** (London) estate! As people come for bingo and hear God-slot testimonies, pray God would reveal more of himself to those there.

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The **MSE students** are out on street evangelism in Wythenshawe (Manchester) today. As they chat with those they meet, pray for opportunities to share the gospel and pray for people.



DECEMBER PRAYER POINTS



1

Our **prisons teams** are running Christmas carol services in prisons over the next couple of weeks. Pray those attending would find hope and peace as they prepare for Christmas away from loved ones.

2

Each week, our teams run **Genetik Sessions** creative workshops in Derby and Manchester. As young people come along to grow in skills, pray they'd discover more about who God has created them to be.

3

We're in Rossendale (Lancashire) with the **No More County Lines** tour. Pray the lessons would be impactful and that young people would make positive decisions going forward and come along to the end of tour gig.

4

Message Brazil are running **The Charge** evangelism training for young people in São Paulo this weekend. Pray God would strengthen, embolden and equip them as they step out sharing their faith.

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Thank God for the **churches** we partner with for schools missions. Pray we would continue to serve them well as they support young people in discipleship.

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Please pray for the **Sheffield Leaders In Prayer** lunch happening in our Woodseats building. Pray that leaders would be encouraged and build stronger relationships across the city.

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Pray for our two **prisons** teams in the Netherlands as they share the love of Jesus with those they're working with. Pray those in prison would encounter God powerfully in the run up to Christmas.

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This evening, the team at **Neal Street Espresso** are hosting a carol concert for the community. Pray that many would be impacted afresh by the power of the Christmas story.

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Lift up Joe, Anna and the **Eden Hexham** team as they host Christmas activities and festive community events. Pray many would encounter Jesus through these.

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Thank God for the work of the **Community Grocery** distribution team and everything they do to help families access the food they need. Pray God would bless and strengthen them today.

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As **The Mess Café** team get busy in this festive season, pray they'd be strengthened and encouraged and have many opportunities to share the hope of Jesus with customers.

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Our Manchester **Christmas Extravaganzas** are happening today. As we give free food to Community Grocery members, have fun and share the gospel, pray for many to come to faith and connect with the local churches.

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As hundreds of young people come along to the evangelistic **LIFT** gig in Rossendale, pray they'd each have an encounter with the Holy Spirit and want to find out more about having faith in Jesus.

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As our **Community Grocery** teams connect with people this festive season, pray God would create opportunities for the team to have conversations about faith and hope with members this week.

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Please pray the **Eden Senghenydd** (Caerphilly) team would be strengthened to step out in boldness, sharing the real meaning of Christmas with their neighbours.

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Tomorrow, prison leavers and those involved in prison ministry across London are coming to **Neal Street Espresso** for a Connect Night. Pray it would be a great time of prayer, community and worship.

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Today is our final staff **Prayer Day** before Christmas. Pray that, as we pause together, we'd be able to celebrate all God has done this year and that everyone would head into Christmas feeling encouraged and thankful.

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Please pray that as the **MSE students** go on their Christmas break, they'd rest well and take what they've learnt this past term and put it into practice in their homes and communities.

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As we approach Christmas, lift up all the **Advance** groups across the globe as they share Jesus with friends, family and communities. Pray for protection and boldness.

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Lift up our **HQ teams** including Creative, Finance, HR and IT. Thank God for the work they do to help mission happen and pray they'd be encouraged today.

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We'd love to see more young people and churches equipped to share the gospel. Pray we'd have even more opportunities to run **The Charge** evangelism training days.

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Ask God to encourage the **Christian young people** we've met this year as they celebrate Christmas. Pray they'd experience more of God's love and start the new term excited to share their faith with those around them.

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Pray that Proximity's **Reach Mapping** resource would help churches on estates develop a culture where sharing Jesus becomes a natural part of everyday life.

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Pray for the men in one of the **prisons** we work in in Wales as they're given a gift today from local churches. Pray they'd not only be blessed by this, but that they'd become curious and want to know more about Jesus.

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Merry Christmas! Today thank God for the amazing gift of his son, our saviour Jesus Christ.



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We can only do all the mission that we do because of the prayers and generosity of our **supporters**. Thank God for them. Could you support us? Visit message.org.uk to get involved.

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Praise God for all the young people who've come to one of the **Revival Nightz** events our teams have run in Brazil, Germany and the Netherlands. Pray God would continue strengthening their passion for him.

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Thank God for all those living and serving on estates. Want to hear how God is working? Come to our **Proximity Conference** happening in May, we'd love to see you! Visit proximityhub.org/conference

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Do pray we'd find the right people to join our **teams** as we look to a new year of mission in 2027. Want to work with us? Visit message.org.uk/jobs

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Pray we'd find new people excited to take up the calling of being an urban missionary to live in and serve communities as part of an **Eden** team in 2027. Could this be you? Visit joineden.org

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As we look back on 2026, thank God for his faithfulness to The Message and for the lives we've seen impacted by his love. **Let's go 2027!**





Transformation in prison

In prisons across the UK and around the world, our teams are pointing men, women and young people to Jesus. We caught up with a few teams to get a snapshot of what God's been doing.

Wales

One team have started running a prison choir and it's having an amazing impact! Freddie* is just one of the men who's been coming along, despite the fact he struggles with his speech. After going for a few weeks, Freddie noticed his speech started to improve so much that his family have noticed the big change too.

As the team got to know Freddie, they were able to chat to him about faith and he started coming along to the Christianity course being run to hear more about Jesus. He's now finished the course and comes to the weekly Bible study and Sunday chapel services, as well as still loving choir.

The Netherlands

Our team have been running a weekly Alpha course in prison. One of those coming along has been Hendrick*. The first week, he shared how he's been struggling with addiction since he was 14 and couldn't break free of it.

He mentioned that at the Narcotics Anonymous meeting he'd been going to, they were talking about having a higher power, but he had no idea what that meant. So, he'd been to speak to an Imam to explore more about Islam and also signed up to the Alpha course to find out more about Christianity. In the first week of Alpha,

the group looked at Jesus being the way, the truth and the life. Hendrick was so moved that he decided to only explore Christianity from then on. Every week, he's growing in understanding and loves hearing more about Jesus.

South Africa

Partnering with the Hillsong Prison Ministry, our team recently joined a Sunday service in a prison near Cape Town. During this, hub leader Shaun got to share about the hope and salvation Jesus offers with 121 young men.

Incredibly, 119 of those young men responded to the gospel and made commitments to follow Jesus! Through Hillsong's ongoing prison ministry, they're now all being discipled and connected into a local church community within the prison.

England

After she was released from prison, Mila* got in touch with prisons worker Kez asking to meet up. As they walked through a local park, Mila shared that she barely recognises herself since giving her life to Jesus in prison.

Even though her family are going through a difficult time, Mila shared how she's relying on Jesus and getting her strength and joy from him. Living in a new area, free of addiction, and going to church every week, she finally feels like she is becoming who God's made her to be.

*names changed

Read more about our prisons work at message.org.uk/prisons