

Loving God, as we prepare to welcome our new neighbours at HMP Lowmoss, help us to reach out and share your love with; prisoners, their family and friends and the prison staff. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen

The Prisoners Week Prayer 2011

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.
We pray for those who are held in
prison.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation
that exist.

Support with your love: prisoners, their
families and friends, prison staff,
chaplains and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by
the activities of others, especially the
victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another, to act
justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly
together with Christ

In his strength and in his Spirit,
Now and every day. **Amen**

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Reflections:-

The suffering of a prisoner's family are greater than those of a prisoner themselves

Most prisoners live for visits – they are the connecting point between incarceration and the hope of freedom – the bridge between the inmate and his family, a link with friends and a window to the outside.

Senior prison officer – all prisoners, especially the untouchables need to feel the warmth of human kindness

To be humbled by God is painful, but it is a sure sign of his love for you.

'God breaks us down, remoulds us and builds us up again so that we can go out and serve him in different ways from anything we had imagined'

God changes lives – not humans

(Aitken 2005)

Charity as part of the Christian praxis of love must be seen and developed within the framework of faith in God's grace and of hope for God's emerging reign on earth.

Motivation for mission, therefore requires spiritual nourishment and discernment

- There is a need to be needed
- Seeing Christ in the other Matthew 25:31-46
- A missionary call Matthew 28:18-20
- Out of love for the other – Luke 10:25-27

The ultimate criteria for mission - a willingness to serve human beings, while **respecting** their **dignity** as god's creatures.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
No hands, but yours, No feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he must look out
Christ's compassion on the world. Yours are the
feet with which he is to go about doing good, your
are the hands with which he blesses now. (St Teresa
of Avila)

HMP Lowmoss – the ethos is to be professional with prisoners, but also welcoming to visitors and responsive to their needs.

Staff welcome input from the community to help create an encouraging environment, between the hours of 1-4pm, 6.30-8pm by:-

- Providing hospitality
- Helping with crèche
- Helping children and fathers with homework 5-6pm Mon- Fri
- Resource centre – opportunities galore!
- Themed visits

Preparation for roles will be undertaken by Families Outside and the Prison Staff