



For women to **heal and thrive**

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## **Dear Prayer Supporters,**

I want you to know how much your ongoing prayer means to us all at One25. It was wonderful to see some of you at the Vision for the Vulnerable meeting last week. Thank you all.

### **Safety**

Life is particularly hard for the women at the moment. Lots of the women are in crisis and we are seeing even higher levels of violence both on the streets and through domestic abuse. Lockdown has compounded this as many women have been locked down with their abusers. Please pray for their safety.

### **Connection**

Our van continues to faithfully meet women out on the streets and we are so grateful for all of the volunteers that make this possible. We are also pleased that women have been able to start coming back to drop-in. As of this week, we are back open four days a week with a GP and other professionals returning over the coming weeks. Peony will also be back open three days a week.

The uncertainty of the last year has created several barriers for women to engage with support. We have done our best to support them as flexibly as possible but the constraints of lockdowns and social distancing have made this very hard. Please pray that as we open up services the women would feel confident to come back in and to engage with the help that they need.

### **Strength**

We are so grateful for our incredible staff. Our team come alongside women in the most difficult circumstances. It can be almost unbearable to witness such pain and at times desperate tragedy. Please pray for each one, that they would find comfort in the face of unimaginable pain and the strength they need for such challenging work.

### **Healing**

Most of all, please pray that the women would know that they are loved. We continue to hold hope for every one that they may find healing from the trauma that they suffer. Please pray that women would heal and thrive.

## Praying regularly for specific women

Life's been really, really tough for **Shirley**. She's had some significant physical health issues and on top of that has had serious problems with basic amenities in her flat. She'd come off her script despite her best efforts but is determined to get into recovery and has restarted it. Even though drop-in's been closed much of this year, staff were reaching out to her with phone calls and food parcels but it's been very difficult to engage her. Please give thanks for the support she gets from her brother and from a neighbour of hers. Please also pray that she finds enough hope and self-love to heal beyond her physical issues. Also that she can find the peace of mind to be able to stay linked up with the support she needs from One25 and various other agencies in the city.

It's great that **Lucy** still has her housing which is the first time she's had somewhere safe of her own for a very long time. She's returned to her script but has also returned to street sex-working. Now she's being threatened by people who want to deal drugs from her flat. Please pray for her safety and strength to resilience to resist the threats. Please also pray that she starts to come back to drop-in - that it becomes a place for her of love and support which can fire her up to keep making brave changes.

Despite lots of food drops from staff, it's been difficult for **Camilla** to feel she can get closer support. She is safe and supported through her housing provider and through other agencies but has been suffering mentally. Recently though she's been much more positive and is making plans to see family. And she's massively reduced her sex work in the last 6 months. Please give thanks for all the people who care for her and for her unique personality. Please pray that she keeps up her determined work to stay away from the streets and that she can begin to address her alcohol use.

*"My comfort in my suffering is this:*

*Your promise preserves my life."*

Psalm 119:50

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a large 'A' and 'M'.

**Amy Sutcliffe**

Fundraising and Communications Manager