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Dear Friends of IPM,

The Bible declares that our God is *"the God of all grace"* (1 Peter 5:10). One blessing of His grace upon IPM through the years has been our faithful ministry partners. So many of you have labored with us in ministry through your love, your prayers, your giving, and your encouragement. The scriptures indicate that such partnerships are basic to effective service unto the Lord.

The Apostle Paul wrote with abounding gratitude for the ministry partners that God provided for him. The believers at Philippi were a prime example of this. *"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now"* (Philippians 1:3-5). These Christians had been engaged in partnership with Paul from the very beginning of his ministry. Some of you have stood with us at IPM from the earliest days of Chaplain Ray's ministry. Many of you became faithfully involved with us along the way. For all of you, we also *"thank [our] God upon every remembrance of you."*

Paul's heart was knit together with the Philippians through the years that the Lord had given them joint ministry. In all of this, Paul stated that they were partners together in nothing less than the grace of God at work. *"Just as it is right for me to think this of you all,*

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because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace" (verse 7). The grace of God at work through your participation with us touches our hearts with great encouragement from the Lord.

Furthermore, through Paul's letter to Philippi, we know that your Spirit-led participation pleases the heart of the Lord Himself. *"I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God" (Philippians 4:18).*

The lasting fruit of our ministry partnership is seeing the many letters that arrive at the IPM offices, and the joy and privilege of answering those letters by sending letters, Bibles, and Bible Study Help books to prisoners. IPM gives thanks to the Lord for each ministry partner as they faithfully pray and generously give.

Thanking Our God upon Every Remembrance of You,

Dini Hoekstra

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(for all of our "Chaplain Ray Family" and the IPM Team)

P.S. Our appreciation book for this month is [All of Grace](#) by C.H. Spurgeon.

P.P.S. The IPM Monthly Letter is now available via email. You may request it on the reply letter or online at chaplainray.com

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**MORE LETTERS FROM PRISONERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED BIBLES,
EDIFICATION BOOKS, OR INMATE TESTIMONIALS FROM IPM**
(See reverse side where a sample book is highlighted.)
This book is available to you as a free appreciation gift upon request

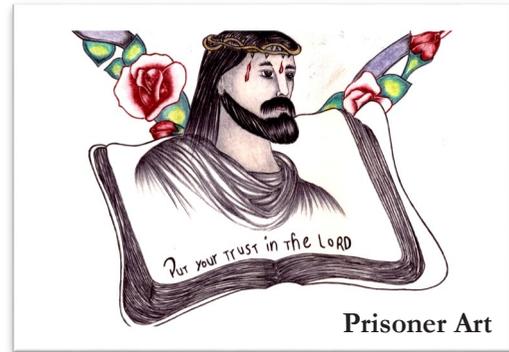
Praise God! I Take it One Day at a Time!

Dear Mrs. Dini,
I just want to say hello and thank you for taking your time to send me some encouraging books. I am incarcerated. Praise God! I take it one day at a time. And there is not one day that goes by that I don't get on my knees and thank our Lord and Savior for everything He has done. So here is a poem I would like to share with you:

Thank You for the pain, Lord, it is only making me stronger,
Thank You for the patience, Lord, to hold on a little longer,
Thank You for the day, Lord, I will give You all the glory,
Thank You for this chapter, Lord, this chapter of my story,
Thank You for Your mercy, Lord, You saved a wretch like me,
Thank You for the love, Lord, let Yours reflect off me,
Thank You for my family, Lord, thank You for my friends,
Thank You for this life, Lord, the life that never ends,
Thank You for the trials, Lord, the trials and tribulations,
I know it is all a test, Lord, to show You where my faith is,
Thank You for the shelter, Lord, for clothing, food and water,
I know that I am blessed, Lord, my Everlasting Father,
Thank You for the simplest things, the things I take for granted,
Not my will, but Yours be done, however You planned it,
Thank You for Your Son, Lord, who gave His life and love for me,
Thank You for this day in jail, I have never felt this free.

I hope you like my poem Mrs. Hoekstra,

Joe S., California Prison



It Is Such a Blessing!

Dear IPM, I just want to say thanks for sending me the books. I just received them today. It is such a blessing to have great people in my life. Such people like you and your ministry. I know these books will be of great help to me in my new walk with Christ. Please keep me in your prayers and I will be praying for your ministry. Thank you and may God continue to bless IPM!

Gary S., Texas Prison

IPM prayerfully responds to every prisoner who writes to us.
We bless them with an encouraging letter and a variety of biblical resources, such as: Bibles, Bible Dictionary/Concordances, Testimonial and Devotional Books, and other Bible Study helps.

Cut Along Dotted Line & Mail

*God has a loving and
gracious heart for
Prisoners.*

At the request of many,
contributions to IPM can
also be made online at
www.chaplainray.com

It is the policy of I.P.M. to use each gift as it is designated by the donor. If any project is completed, any surplus will be used where it is needed most.

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Dear Dini Hoekstra, My gift to help prisoners grow in God's grace

- Use this gift for *Bibles For Prisoners*.....\$ _____
- "*Library of Life-Changing Books*" for Prisoners.....\$ _____
- Bibles & Books for *Russia & India Prisons*.....\$ _____
- Use My Offering *Where Needed Most*.....\$ _____

Name _____

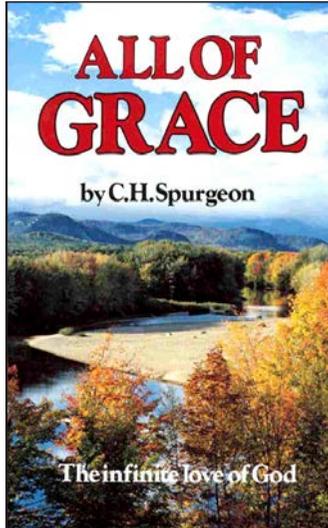
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City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Mail to: *International Prison Ministry, P.O. Box 1088, Chula Vista, CA 91912*

HERE IS ANOTHER OF THE OUTSTANDING BOOKS THAT OUR
MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS

(A copy of this book is available as a gift
by requesting it in the box below)



Our Gift to You

Many inside and outside prison walls have been blessed by this classic from Spurgeon. May all who trust in Him continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Thank you for your
prayers and your
generous contributions*

GOSPEL OF GRACE: Saved by Grace, Grow in Grace

“Jesus Christ came into the world to save *sinners*. It is a very surprising thing—a thing to be marveled at most of all by those who enjoy it. I know that it is to me, even to this day, the greatest wonder that I have ever heard of—that God should ever justify me. I feel myself to be a lump of unworthiness, a mass of corruption, and a heap of sin apart from His almighty love. I am loved with as much love as if I had always been godly, whereas before I was ungodly. Who can help being astonished at this? Gratitude for such favor stands dressed in robes of wonder.

“If we did not receive fresh grace, where would we be? If we had all experience and had been taught of God so as to understand all mysteries—even still, we could not live a single day without the divine life flowing into us. How could we hope to hold on for a single hour—to say nothing of a lifetime—unless the Lord should hold on to us? He who began the good work in us must perform it unto the day of Christ.

“True Christianity is supernatural at its beginning, supernatural in its continuance, and supernatural in its close. It is the work of God from first to last. There is great need that the hand of the Lord should be stretched out still. That need you are feeling now and I am glad that you should feel it. Now you will look for your own preservation to the Lord who alone is able to keep us from falling and glorify us with His Son.

“All of Grace—it is free favor and infinite mercy which ring in the dawn of salvation, and the same sweet bells sound melodiously through the whole day of grace.”

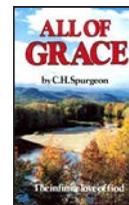
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YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE IPM LETTER VIA

EMAIL : _____

Yes, Please Send Gift



**All of Grace
By CH Spurgeon**

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