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Dear Friends of IPM,

Prayer is to be a vital part in the lives of those who follow the Lord. We recently received a letter from Manya B., in an Arizona prison. Manya wrote: *"Thank you for praying for me. Your kindness and encouragement means the world to me."*

Our sovereign Lord has clearly revealed that it is His will that His children pray to Him. In fact, He commands us to pray, and to do so as a consistent way of life. *"...men ought always to pray, and not to faint...Watch ye therefore, and pray always...Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving"* (Luke 18:1; 21:36; Colossians 4:2).

The Lord wants us to cry out to Him in an earnest and wholehearted manner. Then, He delights in responding to our need by working on our behalf in ways that allow us to grow in a relationship with Him. *"Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD"* (Jeremiah 29:12-14).

A very significant part of our prayer life involves taking each other before the Lord in prayer. *"Praying always...and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints...We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you...do not cease to pray for you"* (Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 1:3,9). As our prayer life develops, the Lord will stir in us a heart of intercession for others. We are to come before the throne of grace, asking that the Lord would meet their needs and work in and through their lives for His glory.

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Of course, the ultimate example in all things is the Lord Jesus. Prayer was clearly an irreplaceable part of His life here on earth. *"And he withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed...he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God"* (Luke 5:16; 6:12). Even now in heaven He is making intercession for us. *"Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them"* (Hebrews 7:25).

Here at IPM we receive many prayer requests from those behind bars and from our dear ministry partners. As we read these requests, we lift each one before the Lord, asking Him to work mightily on behalf of all those in need according to His perfect will. May the Lord stir all of our hearts to cry out to Him and to seek Him, especially on behalf of those who need His love and truth behind bars.

Seeking the Lord in Prayer as We Serve Him,



Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is Power Through Prayer by E.M. Bounds.



"Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart..."

- Jeremiah 29:12-14

LETTERS FROM PRISONERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED BIBLES, EDIFICATION BOOKS, OR INMATE TESTIMONIALS FROM IPM

(See reverse side where a sample resource is highlighted and is available to you as a free gift upon request)

I Find Myself Loving to Read the Bible

Thank you very much for your help and support in sending those incarcerated like me literature to read. It's a huge blessing. I never liked to read before I was in jail, but now I find myself loving to read the Bible and learning about God and Jesus Christ. I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and I'm doing my best to follow Him with my whole heart. I believe and trust in God that I will get through this with His help. Thank you again!

- Edgar E., California Prison

Thank You for Blessing Me

Thank you for blessing me with your prayers and books to draw me closer to God! Thank you for encouraging me along my path!

- Maria B., Arizona Prison



Inmate Artwork

Thank You for Everything!

Thank you for everything! You really do make it easier to be closer to God for people in this situation behind bars.

David E., Georgia Prison

We are Changing the World!

God bless you all! You sent me a Bible, and someone in my tank got saved and turned to God! We are changing the world!

- Patricia C., Texas Prison

Thank You From the Bottom of My Heart!

I just wanted to sincerely thank you for your kindness during this difficult time in my life. I am so thankful I have been reborn in Christ! With people like you I hope to stay on the right path and spread the Good News with other inmates here. So, thank you from the bottom of my heart!

- Kristie M., New York 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,
Testimonial and Devotional Books, and other Bible Study helps.

Cut Along Dotted Line & Mail

*"...to proclaim liberty to the
captives, and the opening of the
prison to them that are bound"
Isaiah 61:1*

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 com-
pleted, any surplus will be used where it is
needed most.

Dear IPM, My gift to help share God's love and truth with inmates

- Use this gift for Bibles For Prisoners.....\$ _____
- "Library of Life-Changing Books" for Prisoners.....\$ _____
- Support for Prison Ministry in India.....\$ _____
- Use My Offering Where Needed Most.....\$ _____

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Mail to: International Prison Ministry PO Box 1088 Chula Vista, CA 91912-1088

HERE IS ANOTHER BIBLICAL RESOURCE THAT OUR
MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS

(This book is available as a gift by requesting it in the box below)

Power Through Prayer

“Pray without ceasing”
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17

What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer.

E. M. Bounds did not look like a man of great power. A slender man, he stood only five feet, five inches tall. It is always amazing to the finite and logical mind of mankind that God frequently chooses the weak things of the world to confound the strong. Indeed, this little man was born in obscurity and died without fanfare. He had little formal schooling and held no lofty church office. However, during his lifetime he set countless souls ablaze with his preaching, praying, and writing. Since his death in 1913, his books, especially those on prayer, have helped thousands find a deeper life in the Lord Jesus Christ.



Our Gift to You

May this powerful book stir many hearts to seek the Lord in prayer. Many inmates have been encouraged in reading this book.

We praise the Lord for all who partner with IPM through their faithful prayers and generous giving which enable IPM to continue to share God's love and truth with those behind bars.

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YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE IPM LETTER VIA

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Yes, Please Send Gift



Power Through Prayer
by E.M. Bounds