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Chaplain Ray,  
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Dear Friends of IPM,

Our God is a God of promises. He desires to build His kingdom and our lives upon His promises to us. We recently received a letter from Devon, in a Florida prison, who wrote: *"I'm encouraged in my spirit because God is my Father and I am standing on His promises."*

God is able to keep His promises. *"Ah Lord God! Behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee"* (Jeremiah 32:17). Our God of promises is the One who made all of creation. And He is the God who is over all mankind. Consequently, there is no difficulty that we could ever face that would make it too hard for Him to fulfill His promises toward us.

Not only is our God able, but He is also faithful to keep His promises. *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it"* (1 Corinthians 10:13). God promises to appropriately limit the dimensions of our trials, and He promises to eventually provide a way out of each one of them. He is faithful. We can count on Him to do what He says He will do, because He is trustworthy.

The Scriptures abound with the promises of God. *"But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee...Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will up-*

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*hold thee with the right hand of my righteousness...Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (2 Thessalonians 3:3; Hebrews 13:5; Isaiah 41:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:23,24). Our faithful and loving Lord promises to establish us, protect us, be with us and not forsake us, strengthen us, help us and uphold us. It is one thing to make promises, and it is another thing to have the ability to fulfill those promises. Yet, it is still a further matter to have the faithfulness to keep those promises. God has both the ability and the faithfulness in measureless abundance.*

Like Devon in Florida, may we be encouraged as we stand upon the countless promises of our wonderful Lord and Savior. We praise the Lord for all who faithfully partner with us as we share God's love and truth with needy souls behind bars.

Standing Upon God's Promises,

*Heidi Hoekstra Ceballos*

Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is A Trophy of God's Marvelous Grace, by Frankie Palermo.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



*"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" - Isaiah 41:10*

# 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 Have Recently Surrendered my Life Over to Jesus Christ

I have recently surrendered my life over to Jesus Christ since I've been incarcerated, and thanks be to the Lord I've become a heavy Bible nerd. I'm always stuck in God's word, meditating day and night! God's word is powerful! Since I've been incarcerated He's done a wonderful work with changing me daily from the person I was to the man He has made me into today. Thank you for all the helpful materials you provide to us. I want to grow more knowledgeable in God's word in my studies and in ministering to other brothers in my unit. I truly appreciate your ministry!

- Corey J., Texas Prison

## Thank You so Very Much!

Thank you so very much for your ministries! You have been such a great blessing. Your books have been an answer to my prayers! May the Lord God Almighty continue to bless IPM!

- Richard F., Michigan Prison



Inmate Artwork

## Praise God for Your Ministry!

Thank you so much for your letter and for reaching out. Being able to have the Lord's word at my fingertips through your devotionals has truly been a blessing. Praise God for your ministry!

- Melinda M., Nevada Prison

## You are Greatly Appreciated and a Blessing to Me!

Thank you for the help you offer to me in my seeking of the Kingdom of God. His plan of giving me this time to actually focus on Him and live in His will without the distractions of being in the outside world has been very fruitful. I've been growing in my walk with the Lord thanks to the encouragement and support from IPM—not to mention all the great reading material! You are greatly appreciated and very much a blessing to me!

- Clifton T., Louisiana 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](http://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.

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

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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)

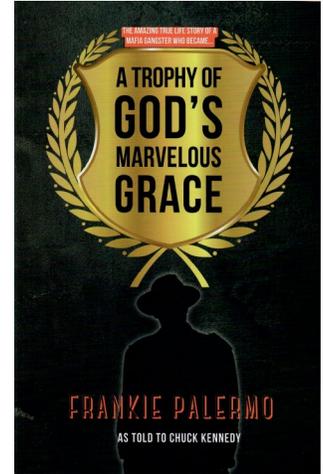
A Trophy of God’s Marvelous Grace

*“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” - Romans 10:9*

Frankie Palermo grew up in the Palermo Mafia Family. He became deeply involved in the inner workings of the mafia, which led him to a life of crime, including: forgery, counterfeiting, bookmaking, burglary, hijacking, arson, extortion, and murder. Frankie was given a 65-year prison term of which he served 15 at the federal penitentiary in Atlanta, GA. He served 12 more years on parole.

While in prison in 1971, Frankie gave his life to Jesus Christ and became a new man. Once out of prison, God used him to proclaim His love and forgiveness in many prisons, churches, and conferenced across America.

*“Why do we go back into the prisons? We go back because that’s where we need to go, and that’s where God sends us. Until the day I graduate to glory, I will proclaim His good news, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ saves and delivers too! Yes, I am a trophy of that marvelous grace of God, and I boast in the Lord for all He has done.”*  
- Frankie Palermo



Our Gift to You

Frankie’s testimony has captured the hearts of many behind bars.

*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.*

Cut Along Dotted Line & Mail

**YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:**

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**I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE IPM LETTER VIA**

**EMAIL :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, Please Send Gift**



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by Frankie Palermo**

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