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Chaplain Ray,
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Dear Friends of IPM,

During this Thanksgiving season, it's good to have thankful hearts for all of the spiritual blessings that are ours in Christ. Ricky T., from a North Carolina prison, recently wrote: "God has blessed me so much. I thank Him constantly."

The Apostle Paul offered grateful praise to the Lord for the astounding spiritual riches that are ours in Jesus Christ. *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ"* (Ephesians 1:3). Paul's thanksgiving was for what the Father has already given to every believer. Every spiritual blessing—think of it! This truth is staggering in its implications. Every grace resource that heaven has to offer is already ours here on earth. This does not mean that we are fully aware of all that has been given to us. Certainly, it does not mean that we are experiencing all of these blessings. Yet, it does mean that they are all ours to draw upon for fullness of life here on earth!

The reason these rich blessings are ours is that they all reside in Jesus. In Christ is forgiveness, righteousness, and wisdom. Love, joy, and peace are found in Him. In Christ dwells victory, discernment, and courage. Moreover, compassion, strength, and perseverance are part of who He is. All this and far more is found in Christ. *"For it pleased the Father that in him (Jesus) should all fullness dwell"* (Colossians 1:19). Now, we dwell in the place ("in Christ") where all of this richness resides. All these spiritual resources of the kingdom of heaven are now ours "in

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Christ." *"And of his fullness have we all received"* (John 1:16). In Christ we find all we need for an abundant walk.

In order to draw upon these heavenly provisions, we need the Lord to enlighten our understanding concerning what is ours in Christ. *"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints"* (Ephesians 1:18). As the Holy Spirit uses the word of God to reveal these matters to us, our faith develops so we might access these resources by faith. As we get to know the Lord more and more each day, the more we can trust in Him and draw from Him the unlimited treasures of His grace.

Like Ricky, in a North Carolina prison, may we have grateful hearts unto the Lord for all of the spiritual blessings that are ours in Christ. We thank the Lord for all who partner with us as we share God's love and truth with needy souls behind bars.

With Thankful Hearts unto the Lord,

Heidi Hoekstra Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is God's Prison Gang by Chaplain Ray.



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- Ephesians 1:3

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)

God Has Blessed Me So Much

I am currently incarcerated and I've been starting to read God's word daily. Thank you for all you offer to inmates to help us to read and study. I've always loved the Lord, but in this world it's easy to stray from Him. It's times like where I ended up now that let's people know where you can end up if you go astray. God has blessed me so much. I realize it more and more each day and I am grateful. I will continue to walk with Him each day. God bless you!

- Thomas R., North Carolina Prison

A True Blessing

I would like to thank each of you for being a true blessing in my life and for helping me in my walk with Jesus Christ.

- Daniel R., Georgia Prison



Inmate Artwork

A Better Understanding

Thank you for providing these books. They really bring me a better understanding of where I am spiritually, and where the Lord wants to lead me.

- Heather W., Maryland Prison

I Want to Spend the Rest of My Life Pleasing Him

First and foremost, I'd like to give thanks to our Lord for providing this ministry to further strengthen my relationship with Jesus. My desire is to become more and more Christ-like. It is a pleasure of mine to give Him praise and glory. For He loves us so much that He sent His only Son. He is so merciful and loving. Although I have sinned over and over, He still does not neglect me of His love. I want to spend the rest of my life pleasing Him. God has brought me so far, all praise to Him!

- Jesse G., Arizona 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 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

- ☐ Use this gift for Bibles For Prisoners.....$_____
- ☐ "Library of Life-Changing Books" for Prisoners.....$_____
- ☐ Support for Prison Ministry in India.....$_____
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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)

God's Prison Gang

Chaplain Ray's life and ministry still testify of the greatness and faithfulness of God. God's Prison Gang offers gripping behind-the-scenes accounts of the lives and crimes of men and women who met the Master in lonely prison cells. This book is based on Chaplain Ray's own acquaintance with these condemned, often forgotten human beings. Inside are featured the dramatic stories of seven whose crimes were particularly sensational and well-publicized. The testimonies are given of how each one came to accept Christ as Savior and found new life and hope in Him.

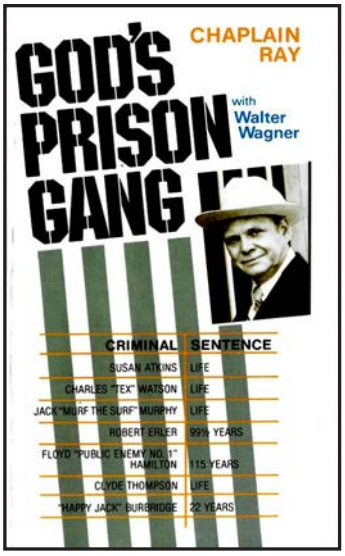
"My death sentence was commuted to life in 1973, by law. In 1974, my life sentence was commuted to eternal life in Christ."

- Susan Atkins

"I praise God for the opportunity to be in His plan, and for Him to have a plan for my life...I know I have been saved by Jesus dying upon Calvary for my sins." -Charles ("Tex") Watson

This book proclaims the good news that rehabilitation of prisoners can take place in lives transformed by Christ!

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" - John 8:36



Our Gift to You

These booklets have been a blessing to many inmates 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.

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YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:

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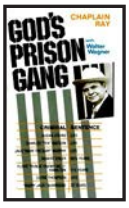
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