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# WALKING IN FAITH, SERVING THOSE BEHIND WALLS

Let us gather in prayer, compassion, and hope for those who are incarcerated and their families.

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## Education Creates Hope: California Women's Prison Graduation

[Read more here](#)

This year, the California institution for Women celebrated its first graduating class of incarcerated women earning bachelor's degrees. Family members, children, and loved ones were able to attend the ceremony, making the moment even more meaningful. This milestone shows that education can create real change. It provides opportunity, restores dignity, and gives hope for

the future. Programs like this help prepare individuals for successful reentry and remind them that their lives still have purpose. As a faith community, we are reminded that every person is capable of growth and transformation. Even in difficult circumstances, hope is never lost, and God's grace reminds us that every life still holds value, purpose, and the possibility of renewal.

### A Closer Look at Incarceration

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Nearly 2 million people are incarcerated in the United States. Many are being held before trial and have not been convicted of a crime.

Understanding the realities of incarceration helps us pray more intentionally and respond with greater compassion.

We are called to remember the dignity of every person and respond with compassion, mercy, and hope.

[For more information](#)

### Romans 12:12

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“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

# This Month's Prayer Requests

Below are the prayer requests from inside the walls. Let us pray...

Prayer for a wife undergoing a medical procedure: for calm, strength for her, and guidance for the medical team performing the procedure.

Prayer for the repose of the soul of an Insider's father who recently passed away, and for peace and acceptance for the family.

Prayers of thanks for a resident's aunt who was treated for cancer and is now in remission. Thanks for prayers and continued healing.

Prayers for a resident's brother who has cancer and is receiving chemo--prayers for healing and recovery.

Prayers for a resident with bladder cancer receiving chemo--prayers for healing and recovery.

For the return of inside Charis & REC retreats.

Prayers for a resident who has undergone multiple surgeries and is in constant pain--for healing, strength and peace.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings God bestowed upon a resident.

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**"I was in prison and you visited me."  
-Matthew 25:36**

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Prayers for an upcoming hearing--for God to bless the situation and for the review team to view the issues with mercy, understanding and wisdom.

For an increase in priests to say Mass in our prisons

For an increase in Catholic Studies attendance

For DOC leadership, for mercy, understanding and wisdom in deciding programming for Residents.

Prayers of thanks, praise and blessings for the volunteers and their families.

For success in the new treatment program an insider is about to be transferred to.

For those struggling with drug and other addictions.

For an end to political violence and peace in our nation.

For the holy souls in purgatory.

For an uncle who was just given a terminal cancer diagnosis.

For an increase in vocations and our priests, deacons, religious, seminarians--particularly for the latter, may they find acceptance and support from their families.

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## Why Prison Ministry Matters

Prison ministry reminds us that no one is beyond God's mercy. Many incarcerated individuals are searching for hope, healing, and a chance to begin again.

A letter, a prayer, or a simple act of kindness can remind someone that they are still seen, still loved, and still worthy of grace.

Christ invites us to bring compassion to those who feel forgotten and to walk alongside them in faith

