



September 2018 Prayer Guide

PRISONER RE-ENTRY



SALVATION

"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." Romans 3:23-24, NIV

- Praise God for the opportunity so many Christians take to share the love of Jesus and His redemption with those in prison.
- Pray for more opportunities for inmates to hear the good news of God's grace and redemption. May new believers abide in the freedom and forgiveness of sin found in Christ.
- Continue to pray for the salvation of those within your sphere of influence.



THE CHURCH

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35, NIV

- Pray that God raises up a coalition of churches to seriously address the issue of mental health and the cradle to prison pipeline with formerly incarcerated persons.
- Pray for church partners to mobilize group and individual mentors for spouses, children and their caregivers left behind due to incarceration.
- Pray for church leaders to embrace the last, the least and the lost, living out Jesus' command to love one another.



OUR COMMUNITIES

"I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me." Matthew 25:36, 40, NIV

- Pray for current inmates to encounter the living God through the truth of His Word and the witness of believers who visit them.
- Pray for employment, affordable housing and supportive community for former inmates.
- Pray for blessing, protection and increase in all the ministries serving the "least of these." Especially pray for ex-offenders who are re-entering society. May they find committed community and support among believers.



TRANSFORMATION

"He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for He breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron." Psalm 107:14-16, NIV

- Pray for wisdom regarding criminal justice reform, drug courts, diversion programs, mental health issues, and other forms of alternative sentencing to address mass and generational incarceration.
- Pray for prison reform including incentives for prisons to reform inmates in preparation for release.
- Pray for the Lord to break the cycle of crime and generational incarceration and break down the "gates of bronze and bars of iron" around this stronghold in so many families in our city.