

Prayer Needs of Ex-Prisoners

Pray for ex-prisoners and their relationship with God, that they would:

- Spend time daily in prayer and Bible study
- Experience the abiding power and presence of the Holy Spirit
- Allow God to work in them and accomplish His purpose in their lives
- Become regular in church attendance and seek fellowship with other Christians

Pray for ex-prisoners to grow in godly attributes, that they would:

- Respect the authority of the courts, the police, and their local parole officer
- Be able to control their temper and exhibit a spirit of forgiveness
- Remain strong in their faith and become more Christ-like every day
- Experience genuine remorse for the harm they have caused their family and community and seek to make amends, if possible

Pray for ex-prisoners' relationships with their families, that they will:

- Be committed to restoring damaged relationships with their spouse and children, if at all possible
- Experience reconciliation in strained or broken relationships
- Have patience and understanding with family members who are not ready to trust them again
- Have discernment and wisdom to avoid relationships with family members who may still be involved in addictive behaviors or a criminal lifestyle

Pray for ex-prisoners and their relationships within the church, that they will:

- Make godly friends to support and encourage them
- Forgive church members who are afraid of them or prejudiced against them
- Be willing to show themselves faithful in small things before expecting bigger things
- Find a Christian mentor and establish a relationship of trust and accountability

Pray for ex-prisoners' protection, that they would:

- Recognize temptation and resist the tricks and snares of the evil one, Satan
- Shun drugs and alcohol and seek to live a healthy, sober life
- Be safe from gossip, stereotyping, false accusations, and harassment
- Find safe housing during their transition back into society

Pray for ex-prisoners and their physical needs, that they would:

- Be able to obtain appropriate medical care and medications they need
- Be healthy and free from serious illness or disability
- Have adequate food and clothing
- Be able to access a wide variety of community resources so their daily needs are met

Pray for ex-prisoners and their financial needs, that they would:

- Be given opportunity to enhance their educational and vocational skills
- Be aware of their God-given talents and seek to use them wisely
- Be able to find a job that pays enough to meet their financial needs
- Become a productive and contributing member of society