



“He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, ‘whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.’” Mark 9:36-37, NIV

Dear Friend,

Please allow me to introduce you to a program that **“welcomes children”** as stated in Mark 9:36-37. Angel Tree is a program that provides opportunities for volunteers of local churches to provide gifts for children of prisoners on behalf of the incarcerated parent and opens doors to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ at Christmas and throughout the year. Our staff identifies available children in your area who have a parent in prison, and we provide the training and resources necessary for you to implement this program as a valuable ministry in your church.

Angel Tree is a program suitable for participation of all ages as there are a variety of opportunities to get involved, from selecting and wrapping gifts to sowing unforgettable lessons about the real meaning of Christmas to discovering the joy of giving to those in need. The initial outreach at Christmas can generate new and exciting relationships as you involve these families in the ministry and community life at your church.

The contribution of the body of Christ is critical to breaking the cycle of crime in our communities. It is our objective to ask you and your congregation to take the message of Christ to the children and family of the prisoners who live in/or near your neighborhood. Statistics show that children of prisoners are often exposed to many challenges such as substance abuse, financial instability, and material hardship, which position them for at-risk behavior. Your commitment to partner with Angel Tree can begin the process of transforming lives by sharing the truth of Jesus Christ and offering real hope to those whose lives have been impacted by crime.

Prison Fellowship encourages you to consider making a difference by sharing a gift and the Gospel through the Angel Tree program. Attached you will find a registration form, which you may return to the address below upon completion. You may also register online at www.angeltree.org.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and participation in the Angel Tree program.

In His Service,

Angel Tree