

Chaplain Questionnaire

To learn from the men and women who are behind the walls every day, chaplains who are trying to communicate and facilitate redemption to people who are incarcerated, consider making use of this questionnaire.

1. Send a copy of this questionnaire to the chaplain at the specific prison you have chosen to care for, or to the chaplains at several area prisons if you have not yet chosen the prison you will “adopt.” You can find the mailing addresses for prisons in your area quite easily by searching on the internet. Simply address your envelope to “Chaplain,” if you do not know the chaplain’s name.
2. Enclose a brief, handwritten note to make it clear to the chaplain that you are personally invested.
3. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for his/her reply.

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If you knew that compassionate people on the outside were going to pray with commitment for the ongoing needs in your facility, how would you rank the following in order of priority? (1 = highest priority)

- peace and safety
- growing mindfulness in individual residents
- communication between residents and CO's or staff
- a sense of purpose for residents
- positive relationships among residents
- the provision of physical resources (food, hygiene, educational)

OTHER:

If you knew that compassionate people on the outside were going to write friendly and encouraging letters regularly to residents in your facility, how would you rank the following messages in terms of priority? (1= highest priority)

- encouragement to think in new ways (emotional regulation, understanding cause/effect, basic mindfulness, social/relational wisdom, etc.)
- encouragement to actively build positive prison culture
- encouragement to recognize individual personal value
- sharing of "real-life" moments from the outside; reminders of life beyond the walls
- encouragement to try new things, to believe in the potential for success
- simple reminders that they are not forgotten, and are being prayed for

OTHER:

What do **YOU** wish compassionate people on the outside understood about life behind the walls?

Our heart at PrisonCare.org is to learn how to become people who effectively support positive prison culture from outside the walls. Thank you for taking a moment to share your wisdom with us!