

First Letter Template

Hi, FIRST NAME OF INMATE,

You haven't met me, but I just want you to know that in spite of that, you are on my mind today, and the letter you are holding is proof of that! My name is YOUR FIRST NAME, and this is a simple reminder that <u>you matter</u>. Yes, you probably know that, but just in case it's one of those hard days where you temporarily forgot, here's my letter to remind you.:)

I / SOME FRIENDS AND I have become aware of the fact that people who are incarcerated often feel forgotten by everyone living a "normal" life on the outside. That's <u>not</u> true. I know that the prison system is in need of reform, and I don't have the answers to that complicated problem, but I believe that every single person has something unique to offer the world. While you are serving your sentence, I would like to be a voice of encouragement to remind you that there is life beyond what you are dealing with inside.

If you want to write back, you can do that, and we can get to know each other a little bit by letter. If the idea of a "pen pal" isn't something you want right now, no pressure. I may send you a card or a note from time to time, just to remind you that you are not forgotten, but don't ever feel like you have to write back if you don't want to.

I imagine it feels very lonely sometimes, and I'd like to make that burden a little easier to bear. That's all for now; I hope your day is one with really good moments!

Take care of yourself, YOUR FIRST NAME and whatever last name you used on your return address on the envelope