

February Prayer 2010

Dear Women of the Worldwide Prayer Web

A few months ago I was privileged to speak in the Chapel Service at Sing Sing Prison. The Hephzibah Ministry has had a prison ministry in Sing Sing since the 1800's, started by the founder of Hephzibah, even before Hephzibah began. God has assigned and allowed us to continue this until the present time.

When I speak there, it is always with great burden in my heart as I join our team in longing for these prisoners to know the One who sets every one free from all kinds of prisons, intended by Satan, and controlled by him. Ever since I was there, it has been on my heart to establish a movement of prayer for prisons...you may have done prison ministry yourself and you may also pray for missionaries and ministries involved in prison ministry around the world. The whole world has prisons...the statistics are incredible, and the sorrows and struggles behind prison walls must move the heart of Heaven.

Some of you who are a part of this website prayer group live in the state of New York...others of you are in other states and some even in other countries. So there will be personal research for each of us to do, but I sense the call of God, and have for months, to begin a movement of serious, zealous prayer for prisons...for inmates, for Chaplains, for prisons everywhere around our world. Just as we are praying for a great revival and spiritual awakening in our countries, so let us pray for the same inside prison walls. There are Christians inside these walls, there are whole groups of Christians who pray together, witness to their neighbors, and some who have wonderful gifts from the Holy Spirit to teach and share...and the CHURCH INSIDE THE PRISON WALLS IS A PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

So, I will make some suggestions for you. It will take work on the internet and some research, but I will tell you what I have done and you can do the same thing. Then take your lists and begin to pray...pray daily for the months of February and March...I am doing it with you, as I do the prayer times every month, and God who hears our prayers will come...No walls keep God outside...the conditions for His entry and work are bound up in our prayers and intercessions. He will be pleased and delighted that we are praying for His children.

Lois from Hephzibah House

This is what I have done on the Internet (because I live in New York)

Just do a search and a print out

List of New York State Prisons (substitute your state)

List of United States Federal Prisons

List of Prison Ministries National and International

not as easy to obtain, but the names of prison chaplains & their prisons

Pray for prisoners in other countries where persecuted Christians are imprisoned. Information about this may be obtained from Voice of the Martyrs and other organizations who have ministries within such nations. Names of other prisons can be added to your list by missionaries you may know...some even in prison ministry as part of their work. Compile your list. In some states and communities, you may also obtain a list of County and city jails. One of our requests might be that God would raise up and assign Christians who will hear the call to minister in these different institutions...men's Bible Class groups who will get involved throughout our country and other countries. And women who meet as Christians should pray about ministry in women's prisons and make contact with Chaplains of prisons, advising them that you are praying for them.

“I WAS IN PRISON, AND YOU VISITED ME”....The Bible

What you personally discover or do in this area, please email me and we may be able to share information with the others on our womensprayerweb.

As you accumulate your material, make a notebook for it and figure out your own method and time to cover the names of prisons and individuals as you pray. Perhaps we will want to incorporate some of this prayer material in the future again for prayers...and maybe we can petition God in ongoing prayer for His work in all these prisons, etc

Remember: Even as you pray for revival and spiritual awakening throughout our land...pray the same prayers for our penal institutions.