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Pine Lake Christian Church
Missions Committee
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PRAYER: The Power That Opens Doors

Dear Friends and Partners in the Gospel,

Daily across America, God is igniting a revival among the incarcerated. Men and women who were once spiritually and morally dead are coming alive to the Gospel: studying Scripture, baptizing one another, forgiving the unforgivable, and sharing Jesus with souls the world has forgotten. What began as isolated sparks of faith is being fanned into a growing flame as the prison church gains strength, courage, and dares to become a mission force for Christ.

But **no movement advances without the fuel of fervent prayer**. Missionaries in distant lands rely on intercessors to battle spiritual strongholds; likewise, the work of prison ministry faces fierce opposition from shame, addiction, and darkness. **Your prayers are the breakthrough**, piercing concrete walls, unlocking hardened hearts, and releasing Kingdom power where keys and programs fall short.

At ARM Prison Outreach, we've seen it firsthand: each transformed life, every new prison church plant, **and every spark of hope trace back to God's people on their knees**. This is why we are inviting you, and your entire church, to stand with us in this sacred partnership of prayer.



As John Smed reminds us, *prayer is not primarily about getting God to act; it is about being formed to recognize where God is already acting and aligning our lives with His redemptive work*. As we prioritize prayer, we want to listen carefully, discern faithfully, and strengthen the spiritual foundations that will carry this ministry for years to come.

Over the coming months, ARM's staff and prison church leaders are committing themselves to intentional rhythms of intercession: praying Scripture, naming specific prisons and leaders before the Lord, and seeking clarity for the next season of expansion. This is quiet, unseen work, but it is never

passive. In prayer, God trains His people to see differently, to love more courageously, and to step into places others avoid with confidence in His power.

We invite you to join us right where you are. Set aside time to pray for incarcerated men and women encountering God's Word, for prison church leaders shepherding from inside the walls, and for chaplains and volunteers standing faithfully on the front lines. Ask the Lord to continue transforming prisons into embassies of the Kingdom, and to prepare all of us, not just to pray, but to follow wherever God sends us.

This fall, we look forward to opening the doors of ARM Prison Outreach for shared, guided prayer: formed by discernment, strengthened by Scripture, and ready for mission. Until then, your prayers remain the unseen force advancing the Gospel behind bars.

With eager expectation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy B. Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Troy B. Nelson
CEO

P.S.: If you wish to join us in prayer, you can access various Prayer Guides we will use by visiting arm.org/pray.