

# How to Pray for Correctional Staff



Prayer is essential for PMA. For any prison ministry to be truly effective, it must have a solid foundation of prayer. In prayer, we call upon God for resources that He alone can provide in our battle against the spiritual forces of darkness. (Eph. 6) Paul reached the

officers in his prison (Phil 1:12-14). We also want to do all we can to help as they have one of the hardest jobs on this planet. They have the second highest mortality rate of any occupation.

## 1. Pray for Correctional staff and their relationship with God, that they would:

- Experience His love and kindness like never before
- Put their faith and trust in Christ's death, burial and resurrection for salvation – 1 Cor. 15:3-4
- Allow God to work in them and accomplish His purpose in their life
- Earnestly seek God and get involved as He leads them in ministry
- Study God's Word and complete our PMA lessons to build biblical leadership, train for ministry, and to help reach others for Christ!

## 2. Pray for Correctional staff to grow in godly attributes, that they would:

- Have wisdom in dealing with inmates and difficult situations
- Exhibit the fruit of the Spirit – Gal. 5:22

## 3. Pray for Correctional staffs' relationships with their families, that they will:

- Be able to maintain a strong connection with their family, despite being under such a stressful job situation
- They have a 20% higher divorce rate than the national average
- Enroll their children the Mailbox Children's Bible correspondence courses

## 4. Pray for Correctional staff and their relationships with Correctional officers, that they will:

- Make godly friends to support and encourage them
- Stay away from harmful associations that will lead them astray
- Be a friend to the lonely, the discouraged, and the lost
- Share their testimony so they can reach others with God's love – 2 Cor.5:18-20, helping to plant churches in prisons.

## 5. Pray for Correctional staffs' protection, that they would:

- Resist the snares of the evil one, Satan – James 4:7
- Be safe from the danger of assault and other issues
- Be healthy and free from serious illness
- They have 50% higher rate of heart disease.
- They have 10 times higher rate of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) than average population

## 6. Pray for Correctional staff and their future, that they would:

- Be wise in the use of their God-given talents
- Seek the wisdom and resources they need to deal with trauma and stress they have every day.
- They keep positive about their future.
- They have 39 percent higher suicide rate than average person

## 7. Pray that Christian Correctional staff will:

- Remain strong in their faith
- Find a volunteer mentor to encourage and disciple them
- Have strength and courage to witness to other Correctional staff
- Resist temptations and remain good role models

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