



Inmate Encourager Pen Pal Program

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Guidelines

Kingsway Prison & Family Outreach is committed to Jesus Christ and sharing His Love and forgiveness with those in prison. We know how lonely and discouraging it can be in prison. Yet your prison term can be used for good, as a time of growth in your relationship with Jesus Christ. One of the most encouraging supports Christ gives us, is the fellowship and friendship of your Christian brothers and sisters. You need to know that Christians on the outside care about you and can be a great encouragement as you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

Both you and your “Encourager” are asked to follow certain rules.

DO:

- Wait 30 days to hear from us about your “Encourager”. After 30 days then let us know.
- Write the first letter. If you do not get a response in three weeks, write us at Kingsway so we can check and see if there is a problem.
- Keep in mind that your “Encourager” is a Christian who desires to encourage you in your walk with the Lord. Since we have many brothers and sisters in the ministry, please be open to writing to either one. God may have a blessing for you.
- Remember your “Encourager” wants to be a friend through writing. We know you have needs, but they are not able to supply them. Please do not ask. Keep the focus on Christ.
- Let your “Encourager” know if you are moved or released, to continue to write.
- If you know you are going to be released within the next 12 months, ask for a pre-release form and you may qualify for our “Adopt An Inmate” program or another program available through our networking.

DON'T:

- Ask for their home address or their last name. It's not a matter of trust but of security. Some have had their addresses passed to others. As their friend, allow them to make this decision.
- Ask for a picture or money.
- Ask them to sign or co-sign a bond, (if in jail) or loan, process money orders, or be involved in any financial or business matter.
- Ask for legal assistance or ask them to write letters to your parole board, attorneys, or others.
- Write letters expressing a desire for romance or marriage to any “Encourager.” This will automatically dismiss you from the pen-pal program.

We are depending on you to help us maintain a program with integrity.

God Bless You!!

