

# CHRISTMAS FREEDOM WALK



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**JESUS CHRIST & PRAYER WARRIORS FOR PRISONERS**

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**Merry Christmas! Blessed Christmas! Happy Christmas! Holy Christmas!**

**What a glorious season! Don't let anyone take Christ out of YOUR Christmas!**

What an incredible year for PWF! Mission trips took us to Florida, Missouri, Arizona and Uganda. God continues to open doors for PWF because of His great love for Prisoners. Jesus walks hand in hand with His children in every prison around the globe. He never leaves you. He will never forsake you. He wants others to pray for you. He wants to work mightily in your life. He wants you to walk in victory!

It has been a joy to worship with many of you. We look forward to more missions in 2008 beginning with Norton, KS in January and Florida in March and where ever God leads. Please keep us in prayer.

Before leaving for Arizona, my friend, Chaplain Pua Hashimoto, from Maui e-mailed that she would be in Phoenix. She was 15 miles from where I would be. God gave us two precious hours to pray and fellowship together. She is delightful and has a passion to help prisoners. God is using her mightily. Meetings like this don't "just happen!" Truly it was arranged by God! ONLY GOD!

Why is it that with so many gifted artists, poets and writers in prison it is still necessary to use other sources to fill space in the FW. It exists as a vehicle for you to minister to others. God gave you gifts and talents and expects you to use them. When you don't, you cheat the body and yourself. So please share with us. If you sent something and it hasn't been published, it may have been too lengthy or perhaps not right for the FW or not the right time. There is always need for information. Short testimonies are especially welcome. Your testimony will encourage others. Imagine the blessing of being approached by someone in heaven who will thank you for your testimony in the Freedom Walk. "It could happen!" Think seasons. Early in the year, spring and Easter articles, art, etc. Early in the fall, send Christmas submissions. There is no pay and the only by-line is your first name and facility or city. But God will richly reward you in eternity.

We pray your hearts are full of Joy in Jesus and you will not feel lonely. When the enemy dumps darkness on you, proclaim victory in Christ. Reach out to someone else and YOU will no longer be in the pit. Someone near you needs encouragement, a prayer, a smile or a pat on the shoulder. **Someone** needs to know **someone** cares. Be that caring someone. Let Jesus use YOU! Be a light in the darkness. Jesus wants to lift you to new heights. Soar, Christian! SOAR!

*"But those who wait on the LORD will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."* Isa 40:30-31 NLT Our love and prayers! PWF

## LORD OF MY LIFE

(Luke 2:14—Habakkuk 2:14)

By: James McLendon

Let me be lifted up, Lord. Or bring me down low.  
Let your passion be ever my own.  
Let me have all things, Lord, or have nothing at all.  
Let me trust in your Holy Word alone!

Lord of the storm, let me walk on water;  
Lord of the calm, let me rest by your side.  
On the mountain-tops of life, give me a glimpse of heaven;  
In the low and barren valleys, ever trust and abide.

Let me be full, my Lord, or let me be empty;  
Wealth, poverty, captive or free.  
Let your mercy and grace ever in me be found;  
In quiet haven or on the raging sea.

Lord of my life, Eternal Presence, Abiding Love;  
Lord Jesus Christ, Everlasting Blessed Prince of Peace.  
Give me the gift of eyes to see you and ears to hear your words to me.  
Let my lips proclaim forever, Lord, your wondrous Majesty!

Let me know fame and fortune, or have no one to care;  
Let your peace abide deep in my heart!  
In abundance of life, Lord, or in darkest despair,  
Let "To God be the GLORY." ever be my prayer!



## PRAYER COMMUNICATION WITH GOD

Effective prayer must be a scripturally informed response of persons saved by grace to the living God who can hear and answer on the basis of Christ's payment of the penalty which sinners deserve.

Christians recognize their dependence upon their Creator. They have every reason to express gratitude for God's blessings. But they have far more reason to respond to God than this. They respond to the love of God for them. God's love is revealed through the marvelous incarnation and life of Christ, His atoning provision at the cross, His resurrection and His continuous presence through His Holy Spirit.

Prayer involves several important aspects: Faith, worship, confession, adoration, praise, thanksgiving, dedicated action, request and effectiveness. Our prayers DO make a difference on how God acts in the world. From: Nelson Bible Dictionary  
Submitted by Roy, Fremont CF, CO

Fellow Prayer Warriors,

I'm currently serving 3 years at Lowell Correctional Institution in Florida. Our Heavenly Father put it on my heart to write this poem about being addicted to drugs and selling them. I pray our Father God will deliver me from that type of lifestyle even though I ended up in prison. I still Thank Him because I know He saved my life and it's His will for me to come to prison to give me another chance to live my life the right way. I continue to give Him all the praise and glory.

Alicia, Lowell C.I. FL

## CONFESS

I'm blessed, I must confess  
God is good, just put Him to the test.  
When you're sad and down or feeling blue,  
Get on you're knees and call on Jesus.  
He'll come and rescue you.  
I'm a living witness to the miraculous things  
Our Father God can do.  
I'm a prime example that when you pray  
and ask for help,  
He'll be there to deliver you.  
He hears your urgent calls.  
He knows when His child is in distress.  
Just open you're mouth, lay down requests,  
And He'll take care of the rest.  
If you have just a little faith,

And give Father God all the glory and praise,  
Your blessings will overflow  
And you'll see better days.  
Remember God created the earth in only 7 days.  
Why underestimate Him?  
Instead, we should thank Him  
For rehabilitating us from our wicked ways.  
Alicia, Lowell CI - FL

**Note from the editor:** *The enemy uses many things to keep a child of God in bondage. One of his greatest tools is un-forgiveness. Jesus died to set you free. He wants you to walk in victory. He will help you forgive. But you must be willing to confess and accept His help. He is faithful. Read what Jesus said in Matthew 6:14 & 15. For Christians, forgiveness is NOT an option! There is power in forgiveness. Walk out of that bondage today. FORGIVE!*



*He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

Matt 18:2-4 NIV

Artist: Robert, San Carlos

## THE LIVING CALL

For many a voice has called to come into the darkness of the world  
 Where the sun rays are darkness. The man boasting in nature  
 Voices call  
 Voices of murder... and we murder  
 Voices of religion... and we grumble  
 Voices of prostitution... and we fornicate  
 Voices of anger... and we answer  
 Voices of pride... and we boast ...  
 Of properties, children, money, gold, spouse... the list is endless.  
 Yet we have not heard the Living Voice  
 From the living call of the Living Jesus Christ  
 For when I am in prison He visits me.  
 When nobody cares, Jesus cares.  
 In the middle of darkness I hear His voice...  
 He speaks very loud for every one to hear.  
 Yet a personal decision makes a personal call.  
 When all doors are locked He visits those  
 Whose heart doors are open.  
 He leads me through tribulation.  
 He quenches my thirst.  
 He cures my hunger and sickness.  
 He provides me with wisdom, knowledge and courage.  
 He is my personal sole provider.  
 He is Jesus! My Jesus!  
 Julius, Jinja Main Prison, Jinja Uganda

## My Time of Hurt Has Come Around

My time of hurt has come around,  
 And now, all alone in prison,  
 I sit in my hurtful tears and drown  
 Wondering where next my life is bound?

As I fight off Satan and his lies which fill  
 My heart and head, with his temptations  
 Of sin that tore my whole life apart.  
 Oh, God You know how I fight these rounds,  
 Pound for pound, round for round.  
 Every time my hurt comes around.

So I turn to God and praise his holy Name  
 And treasure this new Love that I have found.  
 And every time my hurt comes around  
 I make sure to stop and pray  
 And lift it to Jesus Christ to take it all away.

Lord give me a new sound of peace to find,  
 For my heart and soul together to bind.  
 And to give me new strength and my head to be  
 crowned  
 With His love that can always be found,

By us all when our times of hurt comes around.  
 So lord Jesus, I ask please, be with us all  
 In our times of hurt and troubles.  
 And anoint us with Your mercy and grace,  
 And look into our hearts with Your loving face,  
 Let us find favor in your heavenly eyes.  
 Grant us knowledge to defeat Satan and his lies.

Please grant us courage and strength,  
 For all trials and tribulations that we face.  
 Lest we struggle thinking we are all alone  
 Forgetting You are on Your heavenly throne,  
 Just waiting for us to ask for Your help  
 When our hurt and troubles come around.

I will always remember Your unfailing love  
 Is just waiting to be sought and found by us all.  
 But not just when our hurt and troubles are around.  
 Your precious love deserves to be sought and found.  
 And surely Lord, Your heart and head are crowned,  
 May Your glory be found by us, all your lost sheep.

Dennis, CTCF Canon City

## When Jesus Looks

When Jesus looks upon my life, what picture does he see?  
Does he see His own reflection or does He just see me.  
Does He see his likeness, the product of his hand,  
Or just another Christian, who never took a stand.  
Does he see a child of God, a child that He made free,  
Living life to honor Him, or does He just see me.

What about the other folks, I meet along the way.  
Do I show them Jesus, to brighten up their day.  
When someone looks into my eyes, can they truly see.  
That calm and gentle peace of God, that dwells inside of me.  
When I reach out and shake a hand, is He right there in my grip.  
Can they feel that strength from God, that steadies when I slip.

When folks are in my presence, do they know His Spirit's there,  
Can they see that He's the one, Who guides me everywhere.  
When other people think of me, what is on their mind.  
Do they think of Jesus Christ, so gentle and so kind.  
I try to be like Jesus, every single day.  
Spreading love and kindness, all along the way.  
I'm afraid that I have failed, I could not pass the test.  
Deep inside my heart I know, I haven't done my best.

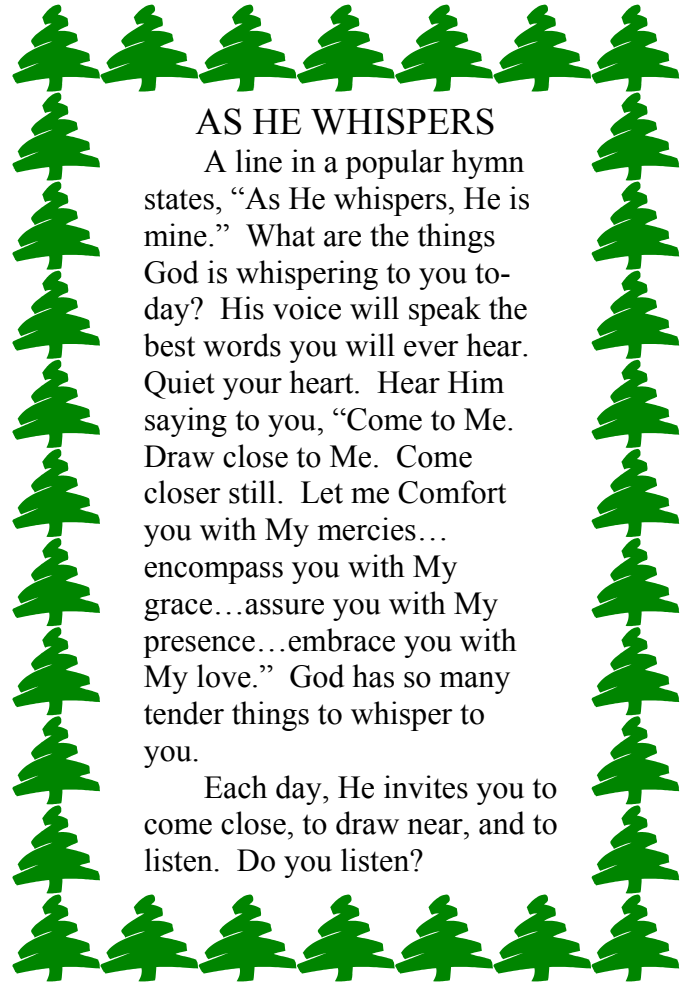
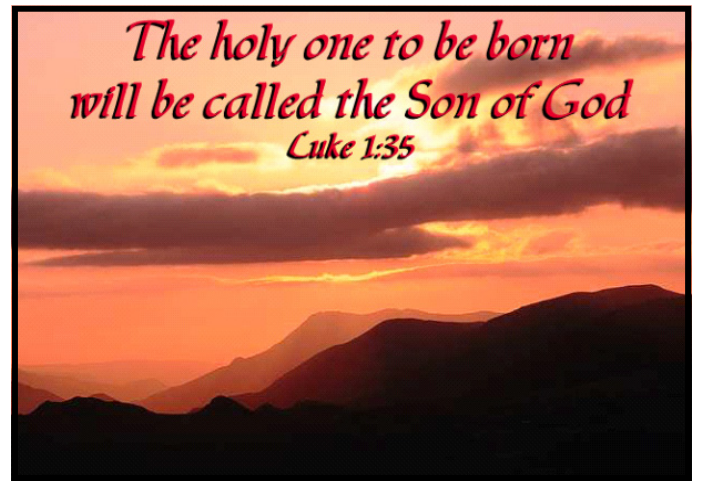
I have had to fight my flesh, since the day that I was born.  
It's always causing trouble, and being such a thorn.  
That's why His spirit dwells in me, that's helping me to learn,  
In every situation, where I need to turn.  
He knew I'd never pass the test, that's why He took my place.  
He gave His life to save my soul, He suffered my disgrace.

Now I try to be like Him, I must represent Him well.  
So other folks will want His gift, and turn their backs on hell.  
Other folks should see the joy, that Christ has given me.  
They should want to have it too, especially since it's free.  
They should begin to ask me, what is it they must do.  
Just how it is they go about getting Jesus too.  
Then I get to tell them, this wondrous gift is free.  
It only takes a humble heart, a prayer on bended knee.

Someday when I'm face to face, with the Lord who made me free.  
Will He see His own reflection, or will He just see me.

Author Unknown

**The Best Holiday  
Provisions Are Love  
And Forgiveness.**



### AS HE WHISPERS

A line in a popular hymn states, "As He whispers, He is mine." What are the things God is whispering to you today? His voice will speak the best words you will ever hear. Quiet your heart. Hear Him saying to you, "Come to Me. Draw close to Me. Come closer still. Let me Comfort you with My mercies... encompass you with My grace... assure you with My presence... embrace you with My love." God has so many tender things to whisper to you.

Each day, He invites you to come close, to draw near, and to listen. Do you listen?



OK! Everyone say Pecans!



## MARY'S LOVE SONG TO JESUS

WHO WOULD IMAGINE A KING?  
Mommies and Daddies always believe  
That their little babies are special indeed.  
And that they could grow up to be anything.  
But who would imagine a King?

Shepherd or teacher is what you could be.  
Or maybe a fisherman out on the sea.  
Or maybe a carpenter building things.  
But who could imagine a King?

It was so clear when the wise men arrived  
And the angels were singing your name.  
The world would be different because you are alive.  
That's what heaven stood still to proclaim!

One day an angel said quietly  
That soon he would bring something special to me.  
And of all the wonderful gifts he could bring,  
Who would imagine a King?

From: Daywind

## BEEN THUMPED LATELY?

When a potter bakes a pot, he checks its solidity by pulling it out of the oven and thumping it.  
If it "sings," it's ready. If it "thuds," it's placed back in the oven.  
The character of a person is also checked by thumping.

### Been thumped lately?

Late-night yelling matches. Lights flipped on in your face at midnight. Rejection by parole board.  
Grumpy officers. Set backs. Write ups.

### Those are thumps.

Thumps are irritating inconveniences and disappointments that trigger the worst in us.  
They catch us off guard. Flat footed. They aren't big enough to be crises,  
but if you get enough of them, watch out!

Long lines. No mail. Sloppy cell mate. Stolen commissary...

### Thump. Thump. Thump.

### How do I respond? Do I sing? Or do I thud?

Jesus said that out of the nature of the heart a man speaks (Luke 6:45).

There's nothing like a good thump to reveal the nature of a heart.

The true character of a person is seen not in momentary heroics,  
but in the thump-packed humdrum of day-to-day living.

Inspiration From: On The Anvil by: Max Lucado (with slight changes)

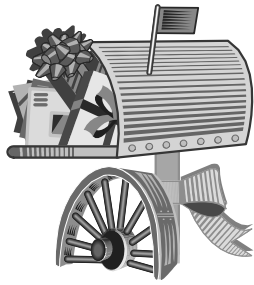
Dear brothers and sisters,

Praise be to the Lord Jesus. Thanks a lot for the workers and thanks for my Christmas card. May the Lord bless you. I want to inform you that really, your prayers did a lot because by the time I send the prayer request to you my mother got saved and is now with Christ.

Ronald, Jinja Main Prison, Uganda

## PWFP CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you received a Christmas card from a PWFP volunteer and would like to express your gratitude, please send it to that person with the code on the prayer form. The volunteer will receive it. What a great way to encourage volunteers. Your testimonies of how God used the card in your life are tools God uses to get new volunteers to participate next year. If God touched your life through a Christmas card from a PWFP volunteer, please tell them! They love to hear from you! jm



## A MESSAGE OF HOPE FROM UGANDA

Greetings from Sister Mariam,  
School of Ministry Secretary  
Jinja Uganda East Africa

### Her words encourage and exhort us:

- The Bible contains the mind of God, how He wants us to live wisely before him and praise Him.
- It declares the state of man, his sinful nature, the way of salvation, man's eternal destiny, doom for sinners and total happiness for believers.
- Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to live a holy and pleasing life.
- It contains light to direct us, food to support our spirits and comfort to bring joy.
- It is the traveler's map
- It is the shepherd's staff.
- It is the soldier's sword.
- It is the Christian's Guide
- It gives the Great Commission of making disciples of all nations (Mathew 28:18-21).

## PRAYER REQUESTS & NEWS FROM UGANDA

With sad hearts, we express our sympathy for our beloved friends, Steven and Mariam in Uganda. You will remember them from the Summer Freedom Walk. Tragedy has entered their lives and they need your prayers. A short time ago, Steven's mother experienced a tragic death. Then he lost a cousin nearly at the same time. Most recently, they lost an unborn child. Their grief is great at this time. If you want to send them condolences, you can send them to the PWFP address and they will be forwarded to Uganda.

Continue to pray for Pastor Jesse Rich and his precious wife, Beverly. They work relentlessly with very little help. They have done an outstanding job of training Ugandan Christians to help in the mission there. Among them are J.B. & Grace, Steven & Mariam, Julie, Lillian, Walter, Aaron, Simon and others. The church continues to grow and the prison mission is expanding. Many of the pastors of the village churches Calvary Chapel is planting are former prisoners who found Jesus in prison and have changed lives. God is using the prisons as a training ground and Christian seminary. Some leave prisons and go through the School of Ministries Pastor Jesse started on the mission compound. Pastors come from all over Uganda and even from Kenya and other countries to attend the school. Prayer requests for the missionaries:

- Safety/ Protection \* Good health \* More help
- Provision \* Spiritual growth in the church
- Better medical facilities \* Self sufficient power for the mission \* Water purifying equipment so they can always have fresh water. Thank you!



THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

## **“THEY OVERCAME HIM BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY!”**

*Rev 12:11 expresses clearly the power in a Christian's testimony. How often do you share what God has done or is doing in your life. There is power in your testimony to lead people to Jesus Christ. The note below speaks of Caroline's testimony you read about in the last Freedom Walk. If God has done something awesome in your life, share it! Send your testimony, 500 words or less, and help someone else find Jesus or walk away from the bondage of sin. Testimonies are powerful! Let God use your testimony.*

I was impressed to write to you after reading the summer Freedom Walk, issue 37. Caroline's testimony was a faith builder. It let me know that if God did it for her, He can do it for me. With God, it is possible. With men, it is not possible. He (God) tells me He searches to and fro looking for a pure heart to show Himself strong in (2 Chronicles 16:9). I'm in a faith based dorm here in prison. I've only been in prison 10 months. I appreciate your prayers and hope to hear from you soon. Also, I'll be praying for your ministry. Deloris, Quincy FL

### ***You will probably relate to Chrysta's testimony written in the form of a poem.***

#### **Have You Ever**

Have you ever seen an innocent face  
Reddened and stained with tears?  
Have you ever heard a breaking voice  
Filled with anguish and fear  
Promise to be good and clean their room?  
Have you ever watched a little hand  
Struggling to not let go?  
Stretching and reaching to hold on?  
Have you ever felt your heart break?  
Your body get weak?  
I have! Each time a visit ends  
And I watch my babies leave with hearts breaking,  
Minds racing, forced to mature  
Well ahead of their time.  
Each paying for my sins... one day at a time.  
Chrysta, Chillicothe, MO

### ***The power of your testimony can encourage someone else to send a prayer request to PWF:***

A friend gave me your name and said awesome things happen when you start praying for people.

### ***The power of your testimony can encourage someone who is praying for you:***

Dear Prayer Warrior,

I am sending this letter to you on behalf of myself and all the others you intercede for in prayer. We are blessed to be put in touch with people who have an intimate relationship with the Lord and are kind enough to pray for us. Thank you!

Dear Prayer Warriors For Prisoners,

I'll be brief because I could speak of God forever. I have been incarcerated for almost 15 years. I am 31 serving a life sentence. I've been on and off with God, until this last time. I struggle and have hard times,

but going through hard times with God are definitely better than a hard time without Him. He moves mountains, the ones we build up around our world. So keep praying and believing. It only takes faith the size of a mustard seed.

Melissa, Chillicothe, MO

Dear PWF,

I want to thank you so much for your letter it lifted my spirits to know there are people like you who care and take time to pray for me and other people that and have turned their lives over to our Lord Jesus Christ.

My wife and I have been doing Bible study's over the phone every day. It's building our faith so much. I told her about your letter to me. God's Spirit is in us and we send our prayers and love and strength to you all for what you do for people. Once again, thank you for your letter. Trent, Western Missouri C. C.

Dear Prayer Warriors,

I want to thank you for your prayers. I received a long awaited letter from my brother. It's awesome how God works. Please continue to pray for him. God is doing great things in my life. I surrendered my life to Christ in a jail cell in December of 05. My life was a mess.

I'm 42 years old now and have spent over half of my life in jails and prisons. I am still in prison but I've never felt more free and at peace in my whole life. When I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior I made myself a promise that I would do everything I could while in prison to better myself. That's what I am doing. The more I seek God the more He reveals Himself to me. I am not the same man I was 2 years ago. All praise, honor and glory to God.

I've been able to witness to my brother and tell him how Jesus Christ is working in my life. Tonight at Bible study I am going to share my letter from PWF with the group. I am hoping to get some of the brothers to mail art work, poems and testimonies.

Have a beautiful day.

Brian, Delta CO

**YOUR TESTIMONY IS IMPORTANT! SHARE IT!**

# PRAYER WARRIORS FOR PRISONERS

There Is Power In Prayer! When You Send Your Prayer Request,  
Your Own Prayer Warrior Will Agree With You For Answers, According To God's Will.  
PWFP MISSION GUIDELINES ARE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST.

*"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:19-20*

**WE PRAY FOR PRISONERS  
FOR YOUR SALVATION, PROTECTION, FAMILY AND SPECIAL REQUESTS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Doc # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Prayer Request: \_\_\_\_\_

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PWFP volunteers do NOT send money, stamps, books, Bibles or make ANY contacts for you by phone or mail. PWFP is NOT A PEN PAL CLUB. PLEASE ASK FOR PRAYER ONLY.  
All mail to PWFP is monitored. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Please pray for PWFP.

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"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

