# How to pray for prisoners

Currently, many prison ministries are working together on an initiative called Operation Starting Line. This initiative has the goal of sharing the gospel and setting up ongoing discipleship in every prison in the United States. OSL has put together these prayer points to help our readers pray for prisoners. For information on Operation Starting Line, contact:

**Operation Starting Line - P.O. Box 97253 - Washington, D.C. 20090-7253 - To participate in ongoing prayer for OSL, e-mail PrayOSL@aol.com.**

1. Pray that the Lord will grant grace for endurance in serving sentences, physical protection, preservation of marriages during incarceration, proper medical attention, and pen pals.

2. Pray that inmates who are parents will take responsibility to communicate with and help their children as they are able. Pray for reconciliation of family relationships.

3. Pray that prisoners will have free­dom and access to worship, Bible stud­ies, prayer meetings, addiction recovery groups, Christian seminars, and discipleship and mentoring opportunities,

4. Pray that prisoners who are being released will receive strength to break with "old people, places, and patterns"; that Aftercare ministries will be multiplied, poviding tpaining and healthy transitions back into the community; a strong home church; steady work; and healthy relationships.

5. Pray that the Lord will envision, call, and provide for many more pas­tors, churches, and volunteers to get involved in prison ministry. Pray that they will welcome and disciple ex-offenders and their families.

—Intercessors for America