



**ORDER OF MALTA  
Federal Association**

**Order of Malta Prison Ministry Pen Pal Program  
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**SAMPLE LETTER**

Dear ,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Friends Through Pens program. I am looking forward to getting to know you in the days ahead.

This is a new experience for me. I have been provided with guidelines concerning my participation. I am forbidden from contacting your friends or family, your attorney, or your parole officer. Also, I am not permitted to provide money or gifts. I understand that these guidelines have also been made known to you.

Let me tell you a little about myself. I am in my 50's, have been married for many years, and have two grown children. I enjoy running. I like reading and usually read biographies, or books about history. I enjoy quotations, clever turns of phrases, and expressions of great truths in simple words.

I have been in a men's Bible Study group for more than 20 years. In many ways I still feel like a beginner. I guess that means there is room for me to grow. I learn more from the observations of others than from my own study. Still, I like to ponder and reflect.

I know very little about life in prison. I hope you will feel free to share with me what your daily life is like, and the things that interest or concern you.

In recent years, I have come to believe that there is great power in praying for each other. I know I will ask you to pray for me, and to pray for those who are in my prayers. I will pray for you, and for those for whom you would like me to pray.

May God Bless you and keep you safe,