



Resource List: Prison Ministry

The resources listed below align with Focus on the Family's philosophy and mission. We trust you will find them helpful. If you would like to obtain any of these items, call us toll free at 1-800-A-FAMILY, or visit our Family Store at store.focusonthefamily.com. (The information is regularly updated, but there is still the possibility that an item originally available from Focus on the Family might now be unavailable.) You may also be interested in the content posted on our website at focusonthefamily.com.

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Books

Basic Christianity by John Stott (2012) • 9780830834136 •

Stott addresses the claims, character, and resurrection of Christ; the fact, nature, and consequence of sin; responding to Christ's death; counting the cost of following Christ; reaching a decision to accept Jesus as Lord; and growing as a Christian.

Between a Rock and a Grace Place: Divine Surprises in the Tight Spots of Life by Carol Kent (2010) • 9780310337577 •

With her only son serving a life sentence for murder, Kent is all too familiar with heartache. But here she reveals how seemingly insurmountable challenges can transform our lives when we learn to rest in God's sovereign care.

Born Again by Charles Colson (2008) • 9780800794590 •

Colson reveals the story of his search for meaning while serving as special counsel to President Nixon during the Watergate investigations. He discovered new life—not in success and power, but in disgrace and behind bars.

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel (1998) • 9780310339304 •

A seasoned journalist in search of the truth, Strobel recounts his journey from atheism to faith in this compelling look at the credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth was—and is—positively the Son of God!

God Gives Second Chances: How to Get up, Dust Off and Be Used Again by God When You Fall by R.T. Kendall (2008) • 9781599792538 •

Kendall encourages those who have fallen into sin—publicly or privately—with the hope that they can be fully restored and used by God again.

Grace for the Moment by Max Lucado (2000) • 9780849956249 •

This year-long devotional features previously published meditations by Lucado. Each entry includes a Bible verse and a brief meditation, all designed to remind readers of their inestimable value to God.

Healing the Masculine Soul by Gordon Dalbey (2003) • 9780849944383 •

Our culture demands that men be more sensitive, while the media constantly bombards them with macho images of violence and lust. Learn how God's design for the masculine soul dares men to be as *He* created them—not as society demands.

Hope Again: When Life Hurts and Dreams Fade by Dr. Charles Swindoll (1997) • 9780849940880 •

Swindoll offers encouragement and hope to those who are struggling. He gives guidance for finding God's purpose in suffering, for rebuilding life after failure, for allowing God to share grief, and for finding joy when life doesn't seem fair.

How to Begin the Christian Life by George Sweeting (2012) • 9780802435828 •

Sweeting defines what a Christian is and how a new believer can grow spiritually. He relies on scriptural references as he covers important concepts such as prayer, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, and sharing your faith.

The Last Addiction: Why Self-Help Is Not Enough by Sharon Hersh (2008) • 9780877882039 •

We're not as bad as we think we are ... we're actually worse than we ever dreamed. When we learn to live between those two realities with appropriate balance, we can let go of the belief that we can save ourselves.

Lord, I Give You This Day by Kay Arthur (2005) • 9781400071609 •

Arthur invites you to join her on a year-long devotional journey to discover faith, power, and perfect peace found in surrendering each day to God's plan.

A New Kind of Normal: Hope-Filled Choices When Life Turns Upside Down by Carol Kent (2007) • 9780849964718 •

After her only son was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, Kent's life took a permanent detour. Here she shares the difficulties of the journey—and she recounts biblical stories of deep struggles to describe how God can lead *any* willing heart to choose life, gratitude, vulnerability, involvement, forgiveness, trust, and action.

Real Christianity by William Wilberforce (2006) • 9780764216312 •

Bob Beltz translates the writings of Wilberforce regarding slavery into a modern paraphrase that brings to light the watered down view of sin and evil we often find in today's culture. Glean timeless truths, and discover an authentic faith in Christ.

When God Doesn't Make Sense by Dr. James Dobson (2012) • 9781414371153 •

Encountering difficulties in life can challenge our faith in God—and when questions are left unanswered, we may feel that God has abandoned us. This book addresses hurting souls who are confused and disillusioned by life's problems.

When I Lay My Isaac Down: Unshakeable Faith in Unthinkable Circumstances by Carol Kent (2004) • 9781612914428 •

When her only son committed murder, Kent was forced to leave him in the hands of God. Here she offers several principles to help bolster your faith, renew your hope, and challenge you to new levels of spiritual renewal.

Broadcasts

Allowing God to Use All Things for Good – I, II (Grove Norwood) • 9781624715136 •

Grove Norwood prayed that God would allow him to help someone else in a tangible way. He had no idea it would be his friend Ulice Parker after Ulice accidentally killed Grove's daughter in a tragic hit-and-run accident. In the midst of heartrending loss and pain, God showed up in an incredible way. Their story is a powerful reminder that each of us needs to forgive and be forgiven.

Trusting God When the Unthinkable Happens – I, II (Carol Kent) • 9781624710704 •

Kent shares the difficult journey of her son's conviction and sentence to life in prison for killing his wife's abusive ex-husband. Through it all, she has seen God answer many prayers, and she has learned the power of heartache, the power of community, the power of faith, and the power of speaking up.

A Visit With Chuck Colson – I, II (Chuck Colson) • 9781624713651 •

Colson discusses his experiences as an aide to President Nixon and his involvement in the Watergate scandal. He also explains how he came to faith in Jesus Christ and why he founded Prison Fellowship Ministries.

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Resource Lists and Q&As**

Resource Lists

- focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a/resources-and-referrals
Find recommended resources and referrals listed by topic, including:
 - **Christian Growth for Adults** • RL022 •
 - **Overcoming Sexual Brokenness** • RL050 •
 - **Substance Abuse** • RL049 •

Q&As

- focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a
Browse our Q&As for advice and encouragement.

Referrals

Awana Lifeline

1 East Bode Road
Streamwood, IL 60107
888/944-4292
awanalifeline.org

- This organization equips incarcerated mothers and fathers with tools for healthy living and godly parenting.

Bethel Bible Village

3001 Hamill Road
Hixson, TN 37343
423/842-5757
bbv.org

- This outreach ministers to children of prisoners.

Crossroad Bible Institute

P.O. Box 900
Grand Rapids, MI 49509
800/668-2450
crossroadbible.org

- This ministry disciples prison inmates through Bible studies and personal letters of encouragement from trained instructors.

Emmaus Bible College

2570 Asbury Road
Dubuque, IA 52001
800/397-2425
emmaus.edu

- This organization offers extensive Bible study and Christian growth materials.

Koinonia House National Ministries

P.O. Box 1415
Wheaton, IL 60187
630/221-9930
koinoniahouse.org

- Through biblical discipleship, this ministry enables inmates to transition from prison to the local church, the workplace, and society.

Prison Fellowship

44180 Riverside Parkway

Lansdowne, VA 20176

800/206-9764

prisonfellowship.org

- This ministry brings the Gospel to prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families through evangelism, instruction and visitation. They also provide pre-release counseling and support, and after-release assistance.
- Justice Fellowship seeks to promote victims' rights, alternative forms of sentencing, victim-offender reconciliation, and church-based victim assistance programs.
- Angel Tree provides Christmas gifts for children of prisoners. They also offer a monthly newsletter titled "Jubilee," and a bi-monthly newspaper, "Inside Journal," which is sent to correctional facilities across North America.

Someone Cares Prison Ministry

P.O. Box 11245

Fort Wayne, IN 46856

260/387-7423

someonecares.org

- This Christian ministry reaches out to inmates through letter correspondence. They publish a free monthly newsletter, and conduct seminars for churches and other interested groups.