



# Prisoners For Christ Outreach Ministries

## VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

<i>List full legal name as it appears on your driver's license:</i>			Birth Date	Place of Birth
First			Gender	Race
Middle			Email Address	
Last			Employer/Job Title	
Home Address			Name of Spouse if Married	
City	Location	Zip	Home Church	
Cell Phone			Senior Pastor	
Home Phone			Referred by	
Work Phone			Institution applying for	

**Please Note: You must attach 2 CLEAR, readable copies of your WA Driver's License or we will not be able to process your application.**

Have you made a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please list (approximate) date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know for SURE that if you died tonight you would DEFINITELY go to Heaven?  Yes  No

What do you think would get you into God's Heaven?

Why do you want to serve in Prison Ministry?

What area(s) of Prison Ministry do you want to serve in?

Do you lead worship or play any musical instruments? If so, please list.

What areas of Prison Ministry have you served in or been involved with in the past?

Have you been regularly attending a church?  Yes  No Length of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been incarcerated?  Yes  No If YES, how many years have you been out? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Having a jail or prison record will not necessarily disqualify you from prison ministry and, in fact, can enhance your testimony to inmates. The institution will take into account the length of time you have been out and the type of offense before approving or denying clearance.

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Entered in Access By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  Missionary Affiliate \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and return ASAP Attn: Volunteer Placement Coordinator  
 PO Box 1530, Woodinville, WA 98072**



## VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

**As a prison and jail volunteer for Prisoners for Christ I agree to:**

1. Abide by the rules and guidelines as set forth by the administration of Prisoners for Christ in any jail or prison institution.
2. Report violations of any volunteer of any rules and guidelines to the administration of Prisoners for Christ.
3. Attend the Basic Training Program.
4. Be submissive to correctional officers and chaplains of any institution regardless of the situation.
5. Do not ask for special privileges of the correctional officers and chaplains of any institution.
6. Introduce any sessions as Prisoners for Christ.
7. Be able to give an overview of what Prisoners for Christ stands for.
8. Be in constant prayer for the volunteers of this ministry, for the ministry needs, and for wisdom and discernment for the leadership of Prisoners for Christ.
9. To hold this administration or any person associated with this ministry harmless for any physical or emotional harm due to the carrying out of the duties or responsibilities of this ministry.
10. To be photographed or video taped and to release ownership.
11. I understand that membership at a local church is required of me to qualify for acceptance as a Prisoners for Christ volunteer. If I am not a member of a church I agree to become one within six months of today's date.
12. I have read the above and understand this agreement. \_\_\_\_\_(Initial)
13. I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to follow it. \_\_\_\_\_(Initial)
14. I understand that I am making a six month commitment to Prisoners for Christ as a volunteer. \_\_\_\_\_(Initial)
15. I understand that the policy of Prisoners For Christ is that men minister in institutions for men and women minister in institutions for women. \_\_\_\_\_(Initial)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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## STATEMENT OF FAITH

- ◆ That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Mat 3:16-17; 1 Pet 1:1-2; Isa 48:16*
- ◆ The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible, authoritative word of God. *II Tim. 3:16-17*
- ◆ Man is by nature a sinner from birth. *Ps. 51:5; Rom 3:23; Rom 5:12-13*
- ◆ Jesus Christ was virgin born, sinless, died on the cross for the sins of the world, was buried raised from the dead on the third day and is coming again. *Matt. 1:18-21; Heb. 4:15; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; John 14:3-4*
- ◆ Salvation is a free gift, bestowed by God's grace and received by faith. *Eph 2:8-9*
- ◆ A believer's salvation is secured by Christ alone. *John 10:27-28; Acts 4:12*
- ◆ Immersion in water of a professed believer is the biblical baptism and such baptism is symbolic of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. *Rom. 6:1-4; Acts 8:36-39*
- ◆ The church is the bride of Christ and the body of Christ. *1 Cor. 12; Eph. 5:25-33; Col 1:18*
- ◆ The local church is governed by Godly men known as elders or bishops. *Titus 1:5-9; 1 Tim 3:1; 1 Tim 5:17; Acts 20:28*
- ◆ The purpose of the church on earth is to fulfill the last command of Jesus. *Matt. 28:18-20*
- ◆ Christians are endowed with spiritual gifts which enable them to minister in the church. *Eph. 4:11ff*
- ◆ The Holy Spirit, whom every believer receives at conversion leads and guides us. *Eph. 1:13-14; Rom 8:14*
- ◆ In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life and in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus. *Gal 5:22-25; 1 Cor 6:19; Rom 15:5; Eph 4:3*

I have read, I understand, and I am in accord with the Prisoners for Christ Statement of Faith.

I have read the Prisoners for Christ Statement of Faith and disagree with some of it.  
(Please explain the areas that you disagree with on a separate sheet of paper.)

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Signature

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Date

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## CODE OF CONDUCT (I PETER 2: 13-17 NIV)

### Clearance Procedures

1. For entry into the Correctional Facility, have your driver's license for I.D. If you forget your license you will not be allowed entry. If you are late and your group enters without you, you will not be allowed to enter. Do not be irresponsible and ask for special privileges from jail and prison staff.
2. All volunteers will be subject to background investigations 7-10 days prior to admittance. No last minute substitution will be allowed.

### Contraband

3. No items, whatsoever, are to be given to inmates or taken from inmates unless approved by the Chaplain prior to admittance. Everything is considered contraband. You are normally allowed a Bible, pen, and scratch pad. **This Is One Rule That Is Punishable By Fine And/Or Imprisonment!!!**
4. Do not send money, stamps, or any other gift to any inmate. Sometimes inmates see the volunteer program as a means to obtain gifts. This is unacceptable and should always be communicated in a loving fashion.

### Your Relationship with the Prison Staff

5. Wait patiently for an officer to assist you. Realize that Officers are frequently very busy and their priorities must come first. If they are too busy to assist you at a particular time, wait patiently.
6. When passing through gates or doors, always allow inmates or correction officers to go first.
7. Correctional Staff are in control of the security and safety of all volunteers and prisoners. Cooperate with their duties and directions. Practice courtesy with corrections officers and inmates.
8. Bring special problems or difficulties to your group leader, Chaplain, or correctional officer. Experiencing problems does not reflect on your ability to render an effective service in any facility. Report any security violations you may become aware of to the Shift Commander on duty and the Chaplain.

### Your Relationship with the Inmate

9. Do not loiter in hallways, doorways, etc., (see #5) or hold conversations with inmates in walkways.
10. You are here to provide a specific service. Do not become involved in the personal affairs of any prisoners. Do not attempt to accomplish tasks for inmates which fall outside the service. Do not make contact with a prisoner's family, friends, attorneys, or parole officer. Again, if there is a need, share that need with the Chaplain. The Chaplain is our God ordained authority figure.
11. Remember your mission is to share Jesus Christ. Many inmates are lonely people, and it is easy for them to respond to Christian kindness in the wrong way. If your intentions are made clear from the start, you will be able to avoid misunderstanding.
12. Do not let yourself be drawn into the negative aspects of a person's life. Encourage them to let their "**jail time**" be used by God to help them grow spiritually.

13. Do not let an inmate play on your sympathy, good intentions, or sense of guilt. You are the one directing the content of the correspondence.
14. ***Do not ask*** about the reason for the person's incarceration. Let him volunteer that information.
15. Meeting with inmates after they're released is beyond the scope of this ministry and is not allowed for beginning volunteers. Inmates are often released in the late hour of the evening. Do not volunteer to pick him up or take him to your home. Instruct him on available missions. Pray for him.

### **Your Role & Expectation as a PFC Volunteer**

16. Avoid denominational doctrine unless it is to answer specific questions.
17. As a volunteer, periodically review your call to this ministry with an open mind. There is a maturity process that entails "**mountain top and valley experience**" that can result in a workable reality of obedient service.
18. Be punctual and regular in attendance as the success of your future endeavor rests greatly on your **credibility, consistency, and integrity**.
19. Dress should be very modest. Gals should wear slacks or skirts at the knee or below. No low cut blouses or sweaters. Jewelry should be at a bare minimum, if any. No open-toe shoes or sandals. Men, stylish clothes in our society is appropriate; however, in prison society it may be construed as feminine or homosexual in nature. You are not here to impress people.
20. Keep your word. Know the rules and regulations as it relates to the limitations of your ministry. ***Do not promise things that you may not be able to follow through on*** (for example, if an inmate makes a request, and you are unsure of the rules and regulations bearing on the nature of that request, do not make any commitment before first finding out what you are allowed, or not allowed to do in such a situation).

### **Miscellaneous**

21. Do not take wallets, purses, keys, or money into the institution. Either leave that material in your locked car, or rent a locker that is provided at many institutions. Remember you will need your driver's license always.
22. If you desire to write an inmate, check with the prison ministry for guidelines to our Pen Pal Program.
23. Become acquainted with the Prisoners For Christ Ministries, a non-denominational ministry designed for support of prisoners and volunteers regarding follow-up programs, Bible studies, Pen Pal Program, etc.
24. Stick with it, constantly pray for the discernment of the Holy Spirit, and above all--**BE A FRIEND!**  
***Remember you are Ambassadors of Christ.***

**PLEASE KEEP THIS "CODE OF CONDUCT" FOR YOUR REFERENCE!!**