

A Special Prayer Request

A personal testimony and prayer request from Chaplain Betty Standifer, Cleveland, Tennessee, who visits the jails and prisons to minister to women.

I am still visiting in lock-down. It is my assigned place. In a large room behind the jail cells, several women are locked up for special reasons. I immediately saw two women on their cots that I felt led to talk with. We talked for 20-30 minutes about their situation. One is an alcoholic and just doesn't see any way out of it. Of course, we talked about the God that could bring her through this. She wanted this. She wanted a touch from God. **She really needs your prayers.**

The other woman was such a precious one that had so much anger inside her that she got into a fight there at the prison and will spend more time because of it. We talked a long time about anger issues and how God wanted to completely deliver her. She seemed to be so touched of the Lord. She had been reading her Bible before I got there and had it open to a certain section. She is searching. **Pray that she finds her way.**



Another young woman in lock-down had her Bible open and was reading. I talked to her and she told me what a wonderful change God had done in her life. **Please pray for her.**

As I went through and talked with others and prayed with them, I kept noticing the guard tracking me and listening to what I had to say. When I got ready to leave lock-down, she came and put her hands on my shoulder and said, "Ms. Betty, God has many stars to go into your crown for coming to talk with these women." This guard is going through serious problems at home. I just stopped and started praying for her. She said, "You will never know what that prayer meant to me."

Sometimes I may be at my very lowest (which I have been this week), and I can go into the prison and do the will of the Father and He lifts the burden from my shoulders and brings joy. What a joy it is to serve our Lord. **Pray for me too!**

Pray for our chaplains, both men and women, who are sacrificing much to go to "those outside the gates."