

FREE Catholic Bibles & Study Courses for Prison Ministry Groups *Share the Bible during Lent*



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul members work in prison ministry every day. In 2017 alone, we made 16,322 visits to our incarcerated brothers and sisters.

The USCCB states that during Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we have the opportunity to share the Bible with people in prison.

“Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ.” - Pope Francis

The Society has partnered with the national Dismas Ministry to provide free Catholic Bibles as well as prayer books and Bible study courses for the prison ministers to distribute to their inmates and use in their work.

FREE Materials

- The Bible is the New American Catholic Bible.
- “Pray in the Spirit” prayer book.
- The Bible study course in three (3) parts, “God with Us,” is original material developed by Dismas Ministry.
- All of the materials are formatted to be accepted in any prison system.
- These materials are provided in both English and Spanish.

These resources for inmates are tools to strengthen the faith they retain or help them rediscover the faith they lost along the way. A truly spiritual rehabilitation will serve our brothers and sisters well, whether they stay in prison or are released back to their communities.

Vincentians find the Bibles and materials are welcomed by those in prison.

“We received your Bibles and study material last year and I distributed them to our RCIA and Catholic Men’s Organization at Hunt Prison in St. Gabriel, LA. The men were excited to receive the Bibles and wanted me to thank you all for your generosity. They don’t get a lot of reading material and I see firsthand the need for keeping them occupied with scripture instead of other news of the outside world or idle time. Thanks again for your thoughtful giving.”

Michael J. Chatelain - Vincentian

A Great Lenten Project for your Prison Ministry Group

Our Bible program will also assist the inmates to begin a process of restorative justice for themselves, their families and our communities. This is especially during the Lenten season. As they seek the healing grace of God for themselves in their personal life, they then understand how to engage in the lives of their victims, loved ones, and the community where possible.

“By helping transform inmates from the heart outward, our fostering of the Word and prayers through the Bibles and prayer books, fosters a process of healing for all those experiencing the effects of incarceration, including the families and society,” said Tyler Curtis, executive director of the Dismas Ministry.

The Bibles, prayer books and Bible study course materials are provided **free of charge**. The only cost involved is the shipping.

[Click here](#) for the order form for the Bibles and materials or contact Barbara McPherson at bmcpherson@svdpusa.org or 314-576-3993 ext. 217.