

June 2, 2018

Prayer Campaign

Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body. (Hebrew 13:3 NAS)

Hello All

I would like to invite you to join me in a Prayer Campaign for the people (inmates and guards) within Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Prison Facilities who are suffering due to extreme heat conditions.

This is an urgent Clarion Call to Prayer as people are suffering and dying due to extreme heat conditions. This type of torture has persisted too long. I am asking that an ongoing Prayer Campaign until this situation is rectified. I would like to encourage you to pray with others, **and Please Share this Post**. We need to pray in unity DAILY specifically. The following prayer points that have been put on my heart:

1. TDCJ to provide AC in all its' units QUICKLY.
2. Health and safety of our fellow human beings as they are currently suffering and some have died from the extreme heat.
3. Favor with Lawyers, Judges, and various officials in office and those in Authority that can be instrumental in helping in this situation.
4. A softening of hardened hearts that can now be moved with compassion to help our loved ones.
5. Strength, encouragement and needs met for those people and organizations which are currently trying to get AC in the units.

...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16 (KJV)

As many are oblivious to many of the horrific situations that exist within the TDCJ system here's A bit of background information:

- TDCJ continues to allow people to suffer in heat indexes of up to and over 149 degrees as reported by the Hutchins Unit on July 19, 2011.
- TDCJ lacks proper ventilation and temperature control within. The lack of humane treatment of the inmates also impacts their loved ones (mothers, fathers, wives and husbands) who suffer along with their incarcerated loved ones.
- Their plethora of media reports of several deaths, wrongful death lawsuits filed, and complaints for family members and union officials for well over 18 years
- TDCJ has money in the budget to replace its aging swine-production facilities with 6 new climate-controlled modular barns, at the cost of \$750,000, surely they could treat people better than pigs. Yes the pigs and dogs have AC, but not the inmates
- TDCJ is currently violating the U.S. Constitution and international human rights standards. <https://www.texastribune.org/2014/04/22/tdcj-violation-basic-human-rights-report-finds/>
- The heat inside the prison is usually approximately 10 degrees higher than what we experience on the outside
- The Texas Commission on Jail Standards already requires every county jail in Texas to maintain internal temperatures stay between 65 and 85 degrees, other states with hot

climates, such as Arkansas, Arizona, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, air condition their prisons, and even the detention center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is air-conditioned,

In addition to your prayers, I am hoping that you will get the word out to others to join us in prayer.

PLEASE SHARE THIS POST AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE! Some ideas to get the word out –

1. Post, Email, letters and phone calls. I am also writing a separate email letter to send out. Let me know if you want a copy that you can modify as your own and use to send out to others. I'm going to send mine to whomever I can find online Nationally and Internationally (Various Ministries and prison groups, friends and family). I plan on sending out a few daily.
2. Submitting a prayer request to various religious organizations. Lots of organizations have websites where you can submit a prayer request.
3. Get a group of people to pray with.
4. Talk to your religious leaders or leaders of existing prayer groups and ask them to add this to their list of prayers
5. Consider fasting and praying ***(Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Isaiah 58:6 KJV)***

Something must be done NOW! As a society, I believe that we can simply do better than this.

Thank you for your prayers! Love and Blessings

Matthew 25: 44- 45 44"Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' 45"Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'