

# Prison Ministry



## GUIDELINES FOR CARDS AND BOOKMARKS

### General Guidelines for Projects

- Please include a Christian message in your letter, card, or bookmark
- Let the message reflect God's love
- Your project may use a Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, or general theme. We especially need general notes of encouragement, prayer, and faith for use throughout the year.

### Do NOT place the following on your cards or bookmarks

- The name of your church or school
- The name of your city or state
- You may sign your card or bookmark with a student's first name or a pen name and grade:  
Lisa, grade 2                      Mark, grade 7                      Sue
- Adult letter writers, use only your first name and no identifying information about yourself.

### Materials that may be used

- Paper - any kind
- Card size 8 1/2" x 11" folded in quarters (The cards are generally mailed with the inmates' certificate in a 6" x 9" envelope)
- Bookmark size 2" x 6"
- Colored pencils, liquid markers
- Used Christmas/Easter/ Thanksgiving cards - Send us the front side only. Stamp or write a short religious message on the back of each card. Please do not send secular (non-religious) cards.

### Materials that may NOT be used

- Staples
- Stickers/Tape
- Lamination
- Ribbon or yarn
- Any type of glue
- Glitter

## Holiday cards

Our students appreciate receiving our letters, cards, and bookmarks. How much more is the case during holiday seasons! Help us share the gospel with inmates and their families by referring to the following guidelines when donating new or used Christmas Cards:

- New Christmas Cards - Send uncut and unsigned, brand new cards with envelopes. The pictures on donated cards should reflect a gospel centered message. Watch for cards that have halos on anyone's head except Jesus'. We cannot use these cards. New cards are sent to facility chaplains for inmates to send to their families.
- Used Christmas/Easter cards/ Thanksgiving - Send the front side of used cards that are still in good condition, and within 5 years old. The religious guidelines that apply to new cards also apply to used cards. Stamp or write a short religious message on the back of each card. Please do not send secular (non-religious) cards.

## When your cards or bookmarks are complete

- Please mail completed cards and bookmarks to:

WELS Prison Ministry  
P.O. Box 452  
New Ulm, MN 56073

Thank you for sharing your faith with inmates through letters, cards and bookmarks. Please contact the WELS Prison Ministry main office if you have any questions.

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