

Prison Ministry India Economy

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PMI Community Life

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All those who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts praising God and having the Goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved (Acts 2/ 43- 47). This is PMI lifestyle

PMI Community Life

Like in the early Christian Community PMI members shall gather together, Pray together, Break Bread together, Listen the Teachings of Leaders, Love one another, Witness life and Share what we have.

PMI Wealth

Peter said, “I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk” (Acts 3,6).

**The Name of Jesus Christ
is the sole wealth of PMI**

Power of the Name of Jesus

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved” (Acts 4,12).

Thank you Jesus

PMI Funds

PMI has 5 different types of Funds for the reformation of prisoners: Prayer Fund, Suffering Fund, Penance Fund, Self-Sanctification Fund and Material Fund. These five funds, offered together with the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, are a great source of divine power to enhance the reformation of prisoners. As PMI members we shall be experts in developing these funds and in making use of these funds in our attempt to redeem prisoners.

1. Prayer Fund

Jesus spent 40 days of prayer in the desert before his public ministry. Even during His three years of public ministry, Jesus began His day with solitary talks with His Heavenly Father and ended with prayerful nights. Let's begin our prison visit with a Holy Hour before the Holy Eucharist accompanied by Holy Mass and the prayers of the Church and end the day with another sacred hour before the Eucharistic Lord. Deposit your prayer fund in the PMI Bank of Prayer for the sake of prisoners' redemption.

2. Suffering Fund

It is the passion and death on the cross of our Lord Jesus that has redeemed the world from sin and eternal death. Over the centuries, the sufferings of martyrs and saints offered in the name of Jesus have continued to transform humanity. Suffering fund is collected by uniting all our sufferings with the sufferings of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Offer your sufferings to the PMI Bank of Suffering so as to save a prisoner.

3. Penance Fund

Jesus began his public ministry after 40 days of fasting and prayer. All the great Christian mystics, throughout the centuries, liberated human souls by their penances. The Church always encourages her faithful sons and daughters to involve in fasting, abstinence and other such acts of penance for self-sanctification and for the conversion of sinners. Do some mortifications everyday and deposit in PMI Penance Bank for the sake of prisoners' reformation.

4. Self-Sanctification Fund

“And for their sake I sanctify myself, so that they may also be sanctified in truth” (Jn 17:19). The grace of self-sanctification flows out from the Sacred Heart of Jesus and from the Immaculate Heart of Mary to redeem the mankind. Like Jesus and Mary it is through our self-sanctification that we reform prisoners, their families, the Catholic Church and the whole world. To renew the world, renew myself. Let’s sanctify, protect and strengthen ourselves by the precious blood of Jesus, by His body and Word and by Spiritual exercises.

Make Friends With Your Wealth

Make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes (Lk 16,9).

Be generous with your wealth so that in the life to come your new friends will receive you “into eternal dwellings.

PMI Economics

Bless Others with Your Wealth and Be Blessed

Make friends with your wealth, bless others with your resources. With your monetary resources you have to reach out to others.

The result will be friendships that endure into eternity: the souls we reach in this world will welcome us into “eternal dwellings” someday.

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Everything we own should be used to further God's kingdom. We are God's stewards. Just as the unjust steward in the parable was "shrewd" in benefitting himself materially, so we should be "shrewd" in benefitting ourselves (and others) spiritually.

We are to use the Master's resources to further the Master's goals. We have been entrusted with material possessions, and we are to use them for the eternal benefit of others.

PMI Economics

Bless Others with Your Wealth and be Blessed

If God is our Master, then our wealth is at His disposal. The faithful steward whose Master is God will employ the wealth entrusted to him in building up the kingdom of God.

Use our worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when our earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome us to an eternal home.

Be Shrewd Stewards

When we give to missions, when we support our local church, when we give to PMI, then we are using “unrighteous, worldly wealth” to build up the kingdom of God and lift up the name of Christ.

We are being “shrewd” in our dealings in this world when our eyes are on the “eternal homes” we will one day inhabit with our “friends” in Christ.

Divine Providence

“The postman is searching you; there is a money order for you”. Postman gave Bro Francis two hundred rupees. There was a message on the money order coupon: **“For your prison apostolate, a friend from Oman”**. Overwhelmed with joy of Divine Providence, Bro Francis ran to his friends and shared this wonderful experience with them. This was not the end of Divine Providence but the beginning, a great beginning.

“Do not worry about what are we to eat? (Mt 6/31-33).

Divine Providence

“Francis, this is thousand rupees. I came here from Palai to give you this. I know you need money. I will also visit you when you come to Kottayam”.

Mr John Thomas Kottukappally said to Br Francis during the first all Kerala Prison Pilgrimage.

Divine Providence

When Fr. Francis Kodiyan was appointed by the Kerala Catholic Bishop's Council as a full-timer for prison ministry, his main concern was to respond to the cries of prisoners by establishing renewal and rehabilitation centers for them. In March 1991 Rt. Revd. Dr. Joseph Kundukulam, the Archbishop of Trichur, gave him a book of signed and sealed letterheads asking him to collect fund from well-wishers.

Have Dreams, Great Dream Divine Dreams for Prisoners

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Let Your Dreams be Approved by the Authorities Concerned

As a part of discernment we need to get approval for our dreams from our authorities. Its called Green Signal.

Fully Immerse and Involve in Your Divine Dreams for Prisoners

The moment you are fully immersed and involved in the divine dream for prisoners, money begins to flow like anything.

Open to the Spirit

Watch out and be alert! The Lord will bring to you opportunities and people to realize your dreams. Our prompt positive responses to them is of utmost important.

Believe in God and Visualize Your Dream

This is the faith dimension. Let our dream be concrete. Daily visualize its minute details and thank God for its realization.

Pray and Thank God

Pray personally and ask prayers from as many people as possible. Trust in the Lord and thank the Lord for the abundant blessings he is going to shower upon us.

How Do We Raise funds?

- **Prison Ministry Sunday Collection** - Prison Ministry Sunday is Celebrated Every Year on the second Sunday of August. All the Bishops write letters to the parishes requesting to contribute for the Prison Ministry India.
- **Voluntary Donors** - Monthly or Annually they pay a fixed amount.
- **Benefactors** - Contributing Money or materials for the Kolbe Home children's education and maintenance.
- **According to the need, on special occasions we approach Bishops, Superior Generals, Provincials of religious Congregations through letters or Phone calls for donations.**

- **For the Ruby Jubilee we have launched many New projects. Letters are sent to all Bishops as wells as Superior Generals, and Provincials of Religious Congregations for their generous contributions.**
- **Raffle – coupons – Donate a Brick to Rehabilitate a Prisoner Rs 1000/-**
- **Children Empowering Children – Rs 100/-**
- **Volunteers all over India play a vital role in raising funds in various ways.**
- **Friends and families of volunteers.**
- **School and College students.**

Fund Distribution

- **Prisoners' Release, pay the court fees and fine, advocate fees**
- **Rehabilitation of released prisoners**
- **Assistance to prisoners' families**
- **Assistance to victims**
- **Establishment and maintenance of Rehabilitation centers**
- **Establishment and maintenance of Homes for Prisoners' children**

- **Assistance to different PMI units for their various activities.**
- **Scholarships to Prisoners' Children**
- **House Construction for reformed prisoners**
- **Marriage Assistance to reformed prisoners**
- **Medical assistance to prisoners**
- **Salaries and stipends to Office staff**

BDP – Bank of Divine Providence

- **God provides. We need to go forward always like Father Abraham, the father of faith. We have lot of dreams, plans and projects not for us but for our suffering brethren behind the bars, the poor, rejected, neglected and oppressed.**
- **“In so far you did this it to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me. (Mt 25/ 40).**

Begging Lifestyle

- Our responsibility is to cooperate with the divine inspirations. It is God who provides everything.
- As you know PMI has no foreign contributions or FCRA Accounts, except our lifestyle - begging.

- Share our ministry with others and invite and motivate everyone, your Friends, Parishioners, Neighbors, and colleagues. Optimum utilization of our human resource is very important. Let's join our hands together to materialize our RUBY JUBILEE PROJECTS. Thank you for patient listening. May God Bless all of us.
- Thank you.

THANK YOU

