



Devotions for South Dakota Women's Prison

An ongoing grant of the LWML SD District.

- Leader:** The LWML South Dakota district has been providing *Morning Light* devotions to the women of the South Dakota Women's Prison for many years. These devotions are available to women who are experiencing a very dark time in their lives. It is our hope that these writings may prove to be a light for them in their life's journey.
- Reader 1:** *Thy word is lamp for my feet and a light on my path. The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple* (Psalm 119: 105, 130 NIV).
- Leader:** Many of these women are caught in a vicious cycle of drug addiction and crime which is entered through an unhealthy relationship. Pray that this cycle of addition and crime would be broken through the power of the Holy Spirit and a new life in Christ. Jesus is the answer to all our sorrows!
- Reader 2:** *I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip — he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you — the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm — he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore* (Psalm 121, NIV).
- Leader:** Within the walls of the prison, there are so many opportunities for the devil to destroy women's hope and success. But Jesus has overcome the world we live in. Although things are desperate for many held here, there is freedom even within these cells through the knowledge of Jesus and the Spirit.
- Reader 3:** *Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save me. The Lord will vindicate me; your love, Lord endures forever — do not abandon the works of your hands* (Psalm 138: 7,8 NIV).
- Prayer:** O all-knowing, all-seeing God, You **know** each of these women and You **know** their history. You **see** them, You **feel** their pain and sorrow. Come along side of them through Your Word. Reveal Yourself to them through faithful women who love you and have the peace of knowing you are truly in control of things we have no control over. Bless the words they read, the words they hear, the actions of others that will help them through this dark place in their lives today. You are the Light in the darkness! You alone are the true Peace we all are searching for, no matter where we are living. Reassure the women in the prison that no sin is greater than Your love for them. No sin is able to block them from Your love. You alone are the Peace we all need. In Your powerful name! Amen.