

## TESTIMONY OF ANTHONY M. RODRIGUEZ

### *“The Imprisoned Christian’s Prayer”*

Father, I’m sitting in this prison cell and I can’t do anything to get myself out. I’ve made a mess of my life. I thank You that You found me here. I praise You that You did not need a key to my cell to come to me and minister to me eternal life through Your precious Son Jesus. I am so glad that You have issued to me a “full pardon” from Your holy throne in Heaven. O Lord, if it were not for Your Holy Presence here in this tiny, choking space of a cell, I know that I could not keep my sanity and have any hope at all for the future. Thank You for the fact that Jeremiah 29:11 is a direct promise to me — You do have wonderful “plans” for my life. You **DO** plan to give me a “future and a hope” in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

One thing that I ask of You is that You will give me the grace to live out my life and my sentence “one day at a time.” I will awaken each morning and praise You with the words, “This is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it.” I declare through the love and power of the Lord Jesus that “Father, it is no longer all about me! My life does **NOT** belong to me any longer, but I fully and gladly surrender myself into Your Powerful and loving hands.” I expect to meet you each day of my life both here in prison and in whatever life that you give me when I am released. I will counter the thought “you will never get out of here” with the thought, “I will not remain here one day longer or shorter than that which is ordained and appointed by Almighty God. Lord I pray for my fellow prisoners. I pray that You will uncover in each one of us the falseness, fakery and deceitfulness that have been a natural part of our lives for so long. Truly come here in this prison and give us a real and powerful revival by the visitations of Your Holy Spirit. Let the convicting power of Your Spirit come over our lives and give us the true understanding of both our sin and the need to truly confess it fully and repent of it sincerely through the Strong Name and Power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank You for Your servants You send to minister to prisoners. Thank You for Brother Mel who ministered to me in the hole & gave me Your Arsenal Prayer that Your Holy Spirit gave Him. I was so encouraged & uplifted. He said it is all Jesus. Even though I am here, I feel freedom & liberty that You promised me as I dress daily for the battle with the devil who assaults our minds. Finally Father, I pray that I actually spend the rest of my time here seeking Your holy will for my life. I pray that I may be empowered by the grace and strength of Your Holy Spirit to cover myself and others with the blood of Jesus so that Satan will steal no more from us than what he has already stolen. I pray that I may see this incarceration as a “call” to the ministry. I pray that You will replace my loneliness with the divine fellowship and intimacy with You O Lord. I will study the Word and feed on its precepts. I will develop a powerful and life changing devotional life that will allow myself to build up myself in my “most Holy Faith.” For the answers to all these requests, I submit my will and life to You in and through the Great Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior, amen!