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A LETTER FROM STATEVILLE PRISON!

I write this letter from the conclave of a prison,
simply to visit the instrument of atonement and,
FORGIVENESS.

It's no question that among society and prison not
everyone wants to be forgiven for their sins and
CRIMES against humanity.

THE real cost of prison and redemption is
ACCEPTING responsibility for your actions by asking,
FOR forgiveness and moving on, prayerfully as a
CHANGED person.

REDEMPTION doesn't necessarily mean admitting
IN public that you committed a crime or stating
you are guilty of the offense that has you currently
INCARCERATED.

REAL redemption is fully understanding and
RECOGNIZING your actions were wrong and MAKING
ATONEMENT.

IN the criminal Just-us-system
Most defendants tend to forget about the Victims,
OR WANT to be looked at as a Victim themselves,
MAYBE because they've been wrongfully convicted,
OR forced to confess to crimes for which,
THEIR ACTUALLY INNOCENT OF.

IN the world today I think it doesn't matter
WHETHER Right Wrong or no reason we must all
ATONE before God because ONLY God CAN JUDGE
US.

I believe if the prison systems World Wide,
Would atone their systems to include real prison
REFORM and systematically and structurally start
SHOWING real COMPASSION and mercy so
WOULD those committing crimes or thinking
About such actions for the first time,
THE time is now and the need is real and
SERIOUS atonement and prison reform!

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VOICE OF THE POOR AND INCARCERATED!