A LETTER FROM STATEVILLE PRISON!

I write this letter from the conclaves 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 systemically and structurally start
Show a 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!