Prisoners (1)* (August 15, 2013)
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We are all rapists and murders, that all we do, everyday, rape and murder each other.
We are all unrehabilitable, irredeemable, born evil.
We are all ignorant and mentally ill-worthless.
Yes, we are all these things, but not in reality...

Only to you,
You, the media, who refuse to report objectively, or do any investigating of your stories or your predispositions.
You, Hollywood, who refuse to portray us in any other manner.
You, Prison Industrial Complex, who profits off of these myths and our misery.
And you, guard unionist, who has no compunction about wasting taxpayer resources and making society less safe in the quest for job security for yourself because you can’t find another overpaid position for your unskilled, uneducated labor.
And you, everyday citizen, who refuses to question such a waste of resources and human capital, or your own prejudices, and deliberately remain ignorant.
And you, hypocrite Christian, who blindly repeat and support those ignorant stereotypes to self-righteously have someone to look down upon while you ignore a core tenant of your faith.
And you, prisoner, who refuses to work harder to eradicate the stereotype imposed on you, by rehabilitating yourself and doing something worthwhile with your life.

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