

# Sample Persecution Sermon Theme Structure

- **Scripture Focus:** Acts 12 (Peter's deliverance), Ephesians 6 (prayer for boldness), Hebrews 13:3 (remember prisoners)
- **Core Theme:** "Fill their cells with prayer" – praying from inside the prison walls  
distribution in prison ministry
- **Structural Outline:**
  1. **Identify the Captives** – stories of imprisoned believers today
  2. **Biblical Parallels** – e.g. Peter's angelic release (Acts 12), Paul & Silas's praise in prison (Acts 16)
  3. **Call to Prayer** – inspired by "pray earnestly" and "earnest prayer opens prison doors" passages
  4. **Practical Application** – how the congregation can participate: prayer, advocacy, sending prayer cards, supporting ministries or groups that serve the persecuted
  5. **Worship/Response Time** – possibly using preselected songs or silent prayer