

## ***Buddhist Peace Fellowship Prison Project*** **Buddhist and Faith-Based Resources for Prisoners**

### **Free or low cost Buddhist books and other publications:**

Americana Buddhist Temple  
10515 North Latson Road  
Howell, MI 48855  
(tel) 517-545-7559

*Books available include Buddhist Tales for Young and Old and Living Meditation, Living Insight. Write to find out what other titles are offered in the Mahayana tradition.*

Association for Research and Enlightenment  
215 67th St.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
(tel) 800-333-4499; 757-428-3588 ext. 7120  
prison@edgarcayce.org  
[www.edgarcayce.org](http://www.edgarcayce.org)

*Prisoners may receive two books every other month on spiritual growth, except OR, CA, WA: 1 book every other month.*

Atlanta Soto Zen Center  
Gassho  
1167C Zonolite Place  
Atlanta, GA 30306  
(tel) 404-5320040  
[www.aszc.org/prison.htm](http://www.aszc.org/prison.htm)

*"Gassho" is written by and for prisoners. They welcome submissions.*

Barre Center for Buddhist Studies  
149 Lockwood Road  
Barre, MA 01005  
(tel) 978-355-2347  
[www.dharma.org/bcbs](http://www.dharma.org/bcbs)  
bcbs@dharma.org

California Buddhist Vihara Society  
4797 Myrtle Dr.  
Concord, CA 94521  
(tel) 510-845-4843

*Prisoners can write to this group to receive Buddhist books from the Mahayana and Theravadan traditions.*

Chuang Yen Monastery  
Attn. Richard Baksa  
Program Director for English Program  
1709 Mexico Ave.  
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689  
(tel) 727-934-8040  
rjbhhh3@aol.com

*They send Buddhist books, tapes, and malas to prisoners who request them, answer questions regarding Buddhist beliefs and practice, contact prison Chaplains, when necessary, to get Buddhist resources into a prison.*

The Corporate Body of the Buddha Education Foundation  
11F  
55 Hang chow South Road Sec. 1  
Taipei, Taiwan  
Republic of China

(tel) 886-2-23951198  
overseas@budaedu.org.tw  
[www.amtb.org.sg](http://www.amtb.org.sg)

*This group sends free books to prisoners about Buddhism in various languages. Write to them for a list of available books and make sure to indicate which language.*

Dallas Buddhist Association  
515 Apollo Road  
Richardson, Texas 75081  
(tel) 972-234-4401  
[www.amtb-dba.org/index-eng.html](http://www.amtb-dba.org/index-eng.html)  
ambt@ambt-dba.org

Engaged Zen Foundation  
Rev. Kobutsu Malone  
P.O. Box 100  
Galena, IL 61036  
kobutsu@engaged-zen.org  
[www.engaged-zen.org](http://www.engaged-zen.org)

*The Engaged Zen Foundation is an independent organization of Buddhist practitioners involved with prison ministry. They publish a quarterly journal called Gateway which is available free to prisoners.*

Gay Buddhist Fellowship  
2215-R Market Street PMB 456  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
(tel) 415-974-9878  
[www.gaybuddhist.org](http://www.gaybuddhist.org)

*Publishes a monthly newsletter by the same name.*

The Hanuman Tape Library  
524 San Anselmo Avenue #203  
San Anselmo, CA 94960  
(tel) 800-248-1008

Healing Tao Prisoners Program  
James Cappellano, Director  
P.O. Box 471  
Revere, MA 02151  
(tel) 781-289-2955  
[taojching@attbi.com](mailto:taojching@attbi.com)  
[www.tao-inc.org](http://www.tao-inc.org)

*Their newsletter "Prison Panda" is published two or three times each year.*

Insight Meditation Society  
1230 Pleasant Street  
Barre, MA 01005  
(tel) 978-355-4378  
[www.dharma.org/ims/programs/index.htm](http://www.dharma.org/ims/programs/index.htm)  
ims@dharma.org

*Publishes a newsletter called "Insight" available to prisoners twice a year.*

International Buddhist Meditation Center  
928 S. New Hampshire Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90006  
(tel) 213-384-0850  
[www.ibmc.info](http://www.ibmc.info)  
ibmc@myway.com

Lionheart Foundation  
P.O. Box 194 Back Bay

Boston, MA 02117  
(tel) 781-444-6667  
questions@lionheart.org  
[www.lionheart.org](http://www.lionheart.org)

*Write to this group to find out more about their Emotional Literacy Program. They also offer a book called Houses of Healing.*

Liberation Prison Project  
P.O. Box 31527  
San Francisco, CA 94131  
(tel) 415-701-8500

[www.liberationprisonproject.org](http://www.liberationprisonproject.org)  
info@liberationprisonproject.org

*This organization provides books, tapes, and videos to prisoners and can also help to arrange a free subscription to the bi-monthly magazine entitled Mandala.*

The Mountain Record, Dharma Communications  
P.O. Box 156 MR  
South Plank Road  
Mt. Tremper, NY 12457  
(tel) 845-688-7993

[www.mro.org/mr/mountainrecord.html](http://www.mro.org/mr/mountainrecord.html)

mreditor@dharm.net

*Publishes a quarterly newsletter by the same name. Write for more information concerning prisoner subscription rates.*

Naljor Prison Dharma Service  
PO Box 628  
Mt. Shasta, CA 96067  
(tel) 877-277-6075; 530-926-1166  
npds@naljor.us

[www.naljor.com](http://www.naljor.com)

*Buddhist altar cards free to inmates or prison sangha members; They also have a resource directory for prisoners.*

Parallax Press/ Community of Mindful Living  
P.O. Box 7355  
Berkeley, CA 94707  
(tel) 510-525-0101

parallax@parallax.org

[www.iamhome.org](http://www.iamhome.org); [www.parallax.org](http://www.parallax.org)

*Books focus on Zen - in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh. Some books are available free to prisoners.*

Prison Dharma Network  
P.O. Box 4623  
Boulder, CO 80302  
(tel) 303 544-5923

www.PrisonDharmaNetwork.org

[pdn@indra.com](mailto:pdn@indra.com)

*They provide books from various Buddhist traditions.*

Purple Lotus Society Publisher  
636 San Mateo Ave.  
San Bruno, CA 94066  
(tel) 650-952-9513; 650-583-6495

[www.purplelotus.org/temple/en/plpub/publisher.html](http://www.purplelotus.org/temple/en/plpub/publisher.html)

*Free Buddhist quarterly journal in English or Chinese.*

Shambhala Sun  
1345 Spruce Street

Boulder, CO 80302  
(tel) 877-786-1950 toll-free; 902-422-8404  
magazine@shambhalasun.com  
[www.shambhalasun.com](http://www.shambhalasun.com)  
*They provide low or no cost subscriptions. Write for more details.*

Snow Lion Publications  
P.O. Box 6483  
Ithaca, NY 14851  
(tel) 800-950-0313  
[www.snowlionpub.com](http://www.snowlionpub.com)  
info@snowlionpub.com  
*Snow Lion distributes books about Tibetan Buddhism to prison libraries. When writing, make sure to include the address of the prison library so they know where to send books. They do consider sending books to prisoners in solitary confinement.*

Society for Buddhist Understanding  
c/o MTI Corporation Los Angeles Office  
16925 East Gale Avenue  
City of Industry, CA 91745  
(tel) 626-369-5035  
*Send a free copy of the book, "The Teaching of Buddha" (a \$7.00 donation is appreciated) upon request.*

Sutra Translation Committee  
2611 Davidson Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10468  
(tel) 718-584-0621  
*Books on Buddhism include The Story of Buddha, The Fundamentals of Meditation Practice, and Thus Have I Heard: Buddhist Parables and Stories.*

Temple of Enlightenment  
3070 Albany Crescent  
Bronx, NY 10463  
(tel) 718-884-9111  
*Books on Buddhism include A Path to True Happiness and Love in Buddhism.*

Tricycle  
92 Vandam St.  
New York, NY 10013  
(tel) 212-645-1143  
[www.tricycle.com](http://www.tricycle.com)  
*Publishes a magazine by the same name available quarterly for \$24/year.*

Turning Wheel  
P.O. Box 3470  
Berkeley, CA 94703  
(tel) 510-655-6169 ext. 307  
(fax) 510-655-1369  
prisons@bpf.org  
[www.bpf.org](http://www.bpf.org)  
*"Turning Wheel" is the quarterly publication of the Buddhist Peace Fellowship which is available for \$10/yr to prisoners and \$45 a year for non-prisoners.*

Yin-Shun Foundation  
67 Lawrence Rd.  
Lafayette, NJ 07848  
(tel) 973-300-9250  
[www.yinshun.org](http://www.yinshun.org)  
request@yinshun.org  
*Books available include Living Meditation, Living Insight and Fundamentals of Buddhism.*

Wisdom Publications  
199 Elm Street  
Somerville, MA 02144  
(tel) 617-776-7416  
[www.wisdompubs.org](http://www.wisdompubs.org)  
info@wisdompubs.org  
*Books focus on Tibetan and Theravadan traditions.*

Zen Home Stitchery  
Aid for Incarcerated Dharma Friends (AID)  
120 East 18th Street  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627  
(tel) 949-631-5389  
Zenhomestitchery@yahoo.com  
[www.zenhomestitchery.com](http://www.zenhomestitchery.com)  
*Donations of dharma books, sitting clothes, and cushions.*

### **Free or low cost general books and other publications:**

AHAM  
Association of Happiness for all Mankind  
4368 NC HWY 134  
Asheboro, NC 27203  
(tel) 336-381-3988  
Ahamcntr@asheboro.com  
[www.aham.com](http://www.aham.com)  
*Free spiritual books, newsletter.*

Books Through Bars NYC  
c/o Clovis Press  
229 Bedford Ave.  
Brooklyn, NY 11211  
(tel) 212-2543697, ext. 323 (ABC No Rio)  
btb@abcnorio.org  
*Provides political, historical, and educational books free to prisoners.*

Books Through Bars  
4722 Baltimore Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19143  
(tel) 215-727-8170  
info@booksthroughbars.org  
[www.booksthroughbars.org](http://www.booksthroughbars.org)  
*Provides educational and political books.*

Books to Prisoners Project  
c/o Left Bank Books  
92 Pike St. Box A  
Seattle, WA 98101  
(tel) 206-622-0195  
//btp.tao.ca/

Larson Publications  
Dept. K  
4936 Route 414  
Burdett, NY 14818  
(tel) 607-546-9342  
Larson@lightlink.com  
[www.larsonpublications.org](http://www.larsonpublications.org)

*The book entitled, "What is Karma?," a non-sectarian but spiritual approach to the idea of karma, is available free to US/Canadian prisoners.*

Oceana Publications  
75 Main St.  
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522  
(tel) 914-693-8100  
[info@oceanalaw.com](mailto:info@oceanalaw.com)  
[www.oceanalaw.com](http://www.oceanalaw.com)  
*Provides some free legal literature.*

Prison Book Program of Boston,  
C/o Lucy Parsons Bookstore  
110 Arlington St.  
Boston, MA 02116  
(tel) 617-423-3298  
[info@prisonbookprogram.org](mailto:info@prisonbookprogram.org)  
[www.prisonbookprogram.org](http://www.prisonbookprogram.org)  
*Prisoners may request free books on all subjects by topic and title. They send a resource list with books (LGBT resource list available).*

Prison Book Project  
Box 396  
Amherst, MA 01004  
(tel) 413-584-8975 x 208  
[www.prisonbooks.org](http://www.prisonbooks.org)  
[info@prisonbooks.org](mailto:info@prisonbooks.org)  
*A volunteer collective working to distribute books free of charge. Simply request those books you're interested in.*

Prison Library Project  
915-C West Foothill Blvd., P.M.B. 128  
Claremont, CA 91711  
*There will be a form letter and resource list in response to your first inquiry. Books will be shipped upon your second letter telling them your interests. Books focus on self-help, spiritual growth, wellness, and metaphysics.*

Prisoner's Literature Project  
c/o Bound Together Books  
1369 Haight St.  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
(tel) 510-893-4648  
[www.prisonactivist.org/plp](http://www.prisonactivist.org/plp)  
*Provides free books to prisoners.*

Prison Policy News  
Box 2143  
Colorado Springs, CO 80901  
(tel) 719-475-8059

Theosophical Book Gift Institute  
PO Box 270  
Wheaton, Illinois 60189  
(tel) 630-668-1571, ext. 333  
*Books to facilitate growth and healing, to encourage the study of religion, philosophy, and science, and to promote fellowship among all people.*

Women's Prison Book Project  
c/o Arise Bookstore  
2441 Lyndale Ave. S.

Minneapolis, MN 55405

(tel)612-729-5845

[www.prisonactivist.org/wpbbp](http://www.prisonactivist.org/wpbbp)

wpbbp@prisonactivist.org

*Donates books relating to the specific needs of women, (including child care, women's health, and other topics) to female inmates.*

Woodland Publications

Relational Yoga Press

2000 Arapaho Street

Woodland Park, CO 80863

(tel) 877-687-8176 toll-free; 719-687-8176

Marybhim@yahoo.com

[www.woodlandpublications.com](http://www.woodlandpublications.com)

*Donation of books on Relational Yoga.*

## **Dharma/Spiritual Correspondence courses and pen pal programs:**

The Asian Classics Institute

P.O. Box 144

New York, NY 10276

(tel) 212-475-7752

[www.world-view.org](http://www.world-view.org)

aci@world-view.org

*This organization offers several courses on Buddhism. The cost is \$58 for each of the 15 courses but will be provided free to prisoners that do not have the money to pay.*

Buddhist Peace Fellowship Prison Project

P.O. Box 3470

Berkeley, CA 94703

[www.bpf.org](http://www.bpf.org)

*This project sends free dharma books to prisoners, and connects prisoners interested in Buddhism with a dharma pen pal.*

Chuan Yen Monastery

Attn. Richard Baksa

Program Director for English Program

2020 Route 301

Carmel, NY 10512

(tel) 845-225-1819; 845-228-4288

[RJBHHH3@aol.com](mailto:RJBHHH3@aol.com); [programs@baus.org](mailto:programs@baus.org)

*This Monastery's prison program includes a correspondence program that connects incarcerated Buddhists with free-world pen pals.*

Engaged Zen Foundation

Rev. Kobutsu Malone

P.O. Box 700

Ramsey, NJ 07446-0700

(tel) 201-236-0335

[www.engaged-zen.org](http://www.engaged-zen.org)

*Write to this project for more information.*

Gay Buddhist Fellowship

2215-R Market Street PMB 456

San Francisco, CA 94114

(tel) 415-974-9878

[www.gaybuddhist.org](http://www.gaybuddhist.org)

*Write to this organization to be connected with a Dharma pen pal.*

Healing Tao Prisoners Program  
James Cappellano, Director  
P.O. Box 471  
Revere, MA 02151  
(tel) 781-289-2955  
[taojching@attbi.com](mailto:taojching@attbi.com)  
[www.tao-inc.org](http://www.tao-inc.org)

*Write to this organization to find out more about their pen pal program.*

International Buddhist Meditation Center  
928 S. New Hampshire Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90006  
(tel) 213-384-0850  
[www.ibmc.info](http://www.ibmc.info)  
[ibmc@myway.com](mailto:ibmc@myway.com)

*Correspondence with teachers or monks for religious purposes only.*

Siddha Yoga Meditation Prison Project (West Coast Office)  
P.O. Box 99140  
Emeryville, CA 94662  
(tel) 510-428-1836  
[www.oaklandsyda.org/community/prison.htm](http://www.oaklandsyda.org/community/prison.htm)  
[prisonp@oaklandsyda.org](mailto:prisonp@oaklandsyda.org)

*They offer a free twelve year non-denominational correspondence course entitled "In Search of the Self". This is available in English and Spanish. Prisoners must fill out an enrollment application before the course is sent.*

SYDA Foundation Prison Project (East Coast Office)  
371 Brickman Road  
PO Box 600  
South Fallsburg, NY 12779  
(tel) 845-434-2000, ext. 1775  
[104134.3677@compuserve.com](mailto:104134.3677@compuserve.com)

[www.siddhayoga.org/projects\\_support/prison/](http://www.siddhayoga.org/projects_support/prison/)

*Correspondence, meditation in prisons, non-denominational "In Search of Self" Program.*

Zen Mountain Monastery, National Buddhist Prison Sangha  
P.O. Box 197  
Mt. Tremper, NY 12457  
(tel) 845-688-2228  
[shugen@dharma.net](mailto:shugen@dharma.net)  
[www.mro.org/mro.html](http://www.mro.org/mro.html)

*Write to this organization to be connected with a Dharma pen pal.*

### **Other resources with Dharma/Spiritual Focus for prisoners:**

Chuang Yen Monastery  
Attn. Richard Baksa  
Program Director for English Program  
2020 Route 301  
Carmel, NY 10512  
(tel) 914-225-3285

*In addition to distributing free books to prisoners and offering a pen pal program, this organization engages in ministry in which monks and nuns visit local prisons in New York to provide Buddhist instruction, meditation and spiritual help.*

Human Kindness Foundation, Prison-Ashram Project

P.O. Box 61619  
Durham, NC 27715  
(tel) 919-304-2220

[www.humankindness.org/project.html](http://www.humankindness.org/project.html)

*The Human Kindness Foundation consists of the following components: 1) The Prison-Ashram Project, founded in 1973, offers friendship and support in the form of books, tapes, newsletters and workshops. 2) Education and Outreach which includes the free distribution of their 3-times/yr newsletter "A Little Good News" and a catalog of books and tapes.*

Prison Dharma Network

P.O. Box 4623  
Boulder, CO 80306  
(tel) 303-544-5923

[www.PrisonDharmaNetwork.org](http://www.PrisonDharmaNetwork.org)

[pdn@indra.com](mailto:pdn@indra.com)

*This organization is a non-sectarian Buddhist support network for prisoners, prison volunteers and correctional workers. In addition to distributing free Buddhist books to prisoners, this organization coordinates a network of Dharma volunteers nationwide. Write to them to find out about volunteers and Dharma programs in your state.*

Upaya Prison Project

Zen Program  
1404 Cerro Gordo Rd.  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(tel) 505-986-8518

[upaya@upaya.org](mailto:upaya@upaya.org)

[www.upaya.org](http://www.upaya.org)

*This organization teaches Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction courses to prisoners and correctional staff in various prisons throughout the New Mexico prison system.*

Zen Mountain Monastery, National Buddhist Prison Sangha

P.O. Box 197  
Mt. Tremper, NY12457  
(tel) 845-688-2228  
[shugen@dharm.net](mailto:shugen@dharm.net)

[www.mro.org/mro.html](http://www.mro.org/mro.html)

*Zen Mountain Monastery's current projects include the National Buddhist Prison Sangha which is a network of Buddhist prisoners and volunteers, active participation in two prison meditation groups in New York, distribution of training manuals designed to help guide prisoners through different aspects of Zen practice and correspondence with prisoners across the U.S.*