

A Convicts Prayer

*Oh God please hear this convicts plea
And continue to lay your hands heavily upon me
For shive and shank equals my rod and staff
But if death should call, will you intercede on my behalf
Will you touch my spirit and hold my soul
Keep me program enrolled and eligible for parole
Take me off the docket of any further days in court
While at the same time keeping me secluded from the disciplinary reports
Make my environment safe and friendly
Whether at a level five state prison or a privately owned facility
Don't let my family forget or abandon me
Help me remain connected to the land of the free
Protect me from the throws of depression and doubt
And don't let me become institutionalized or get jointed out
Keep me strong in this dark place of stress —————
And at the same time not allow me to be abused and oppressed
Shield me from the violence and block me from the hate
While I pay this debt and clear my slate
Because sometimes doing this time is in no ways fair*

So have mercy on me and answer this convict's prayer

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