

Hello [Inmate's First Name],

My name is [Volunteer's First Name], and I am writing to introduce myself and to get to know you! I got your name and address through my church. The church just started a letter writing ministry and I am so happy it created a way for us to connect and communicate! I live in Fort Worth with my husband. Where are you from and where did you grow up? I am originally from a small town outside of Austin but have moved around a lot since then.

Here in Fort Worth, we just experienced a horrible snowstorm. It was so weird to see this much snow in Texas! Did you lose power or water from the storm at all? We were very lucky and only had one burst pipe, but we had just moved into a new place, were very tired, and could not really unpack. There is this bible verse that says God will not give you more than you can handle. That verse certainly felt true when the plumber and repair man quickly came to help us! Did you grow up going to church?

I hope to hear back from you soon. I really enjoy writing letters and am so grateful we have connected. If you would like to include a prayer request in your response, I can do the same when I answer your response.

-[Volunteer's First Name]