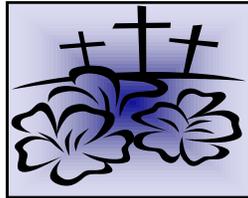


## Prayer to Saint Dismas

Glorious Saint Dismas, you alone of all the great Penitent Saints were directly canonized by Christ Himself; you were assured of a place in Heaven with Him "this day" because of the sincere confession of your sins to Him in the tribunal of Calvary and your true sorrow for them as you hung beside Him in that open confessional; you who by the direct sword thrust of your love and repentance did open the Heart of Jesus in mercy and forgiveness even before the centurion's spear tore it asunder; you whose face was closer to that of Jesus in His last agony, to offer Him a word of comfort, closer even than that of His Beloved Mother, Mary; you who knew so well how to pray, teach me the words to say to Him to gain pardon and the grace of perseverance; and you who are so close to Him now in Heaven, as you were during His last moments on earth, pray to Him for me that I shall never again desert Him, but that at the close of my life I may hear from Him the words He addressed to you: "This day thou shalt be with Me in Paradise."



### Saint Dismas Prison Ministry

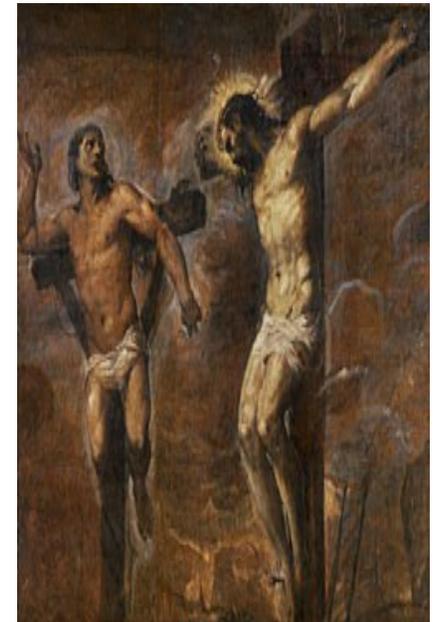
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Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."



He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**Mountain View  
Womans Prison  
Gatesville, Texas**

Holy Family Saint Dismas Prison Ministry is focused on bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic Faith to the imprisoned woman at the Mountain View Correction Facility located in Gatesville Texas.

There are approximately 645 female inmates housed at the Mountain View Unit an presently we minister to approximately 30 women who attend Catholic service.

We share our faith with these women through, Bible study, Spiritual reflections, and soon an RCIA program. Communion services are held on the second Thursday and Reconciliation and Mass held the Fourth Thursday of every month.

**"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth,  
whatever you did for one of the least of**



**Volunteers**

Anyone eighteen and older can volunteer to join prison ministry, however a State background investigation must be passed as well as mandatory training that must be attended before a volunteer will be allowed to retain permission to visit the prison for a period of about two years.

We ask you to please discern your joining this ministry and consider it a part of your baptismal promise to share our Catholic faith to all who hunger Gods love and peace.

Please contact Deacon Tim Hayden to discuss the possibility of joining us during one of our visits as a special visitor. Permission is given to visit up to four times before needing official long term approval.



*Saint  
Dismas*

Dismas is known as the Good Thief crucified with Christ on Calvary. The other thief is known as Gestas. A completely unsubstantiated myth from the Arabic Gospel of the Infancy that enjoyed great popularity in the West during the Middle Ages had two thieves who held up the Holy Family on the way to Egypt. Dismas bought off Gestas with forty drachmas to leave them unmolested, whereupon the Infant predicted that they would be crucified with Him in Jerusalem, and that Dismas would accompany Him to Paradise.

His feast day is March 25th.