

HIGHTOWER

You are precious to the Lord,
Each one of you are Loved,
The Creator of the Universe
loves you and don't let
a soul tell you that
you are meaningless,
to God and to I--you are
the most precious soul
in the world !!!

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Smile, Jesus Loves You !!!!
And so do I !!!

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Happy Independence Day America,

What a special day it is to celebrate the day America became a Free Country. I love this nation, no matter how twisted and calous its politicians and so-called "justice-system" professionals are. I volunteered for the US Army in 1975. I came out a crippled up man, spinal damage. Yet I do not regret giving back to my nation.

I do however, have a gripe about the way you treat your citizens in these prisons I have occupied here in California for 18-years straight now. I do think its a crime the way my family, and the families of hudreds of thousands of others prisoners are trated and suffer just to be with their inmate family members. Did you forget that we are all Fathers, Sons, Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Brothers to others in the free world? Then why is it that I cannot even call my own aged father (I am a grandfather myself, yea I'm that old and so is my Dad) on Father's Day? I can't even call him but once every two months. Why? Because it costs us 20 dollars to talk 15-minutes on a phone service that interupts the call every 30-seconds with a recording telling us we are being recorded. Dad lives in Idaho. That is 1,500 miles away. My entire family abandoned California due to its insane 3-strikes laws. My Family are all crime-free, clean record citizen who worry they will have a car wreck or hunting accident and get life in prison for it. So for 18-years I have not had a visit from my loving family ever. Not that they would not love to visit, but its too expensive. Why does a phone call have to be such a rip off? Why is it that every single items an inmate consumes in California must come from a vendor approved by the prison system and charges on average 150% mark up on every item? I am not kidding you. I have seen just this week, a 49¢ pack of binder paper, that we must pay \$8.00 for. Honest and true. A typewriter under California's rip off law is \$217.00 and it does not even have spell check on it. Wholesale it can not cost more than \$29.00. That is close to a 700% mark up. All because we are inmates. Has not the State received its pound of flesh? Why then do they want my family's flesh, blood, and money too?????

THANK YOU FOR YOU TIME.

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