

Seven Steps to Build a Prisoner Peace Pact

A voluntary peace and self-governance framework — by the incarcerated, for the incarcerated.

Step 1 – Identify Factions

Quietly map out the active groups, cliques, or crews in your unit. Who influences what? Who can stop violence? This isn't about labels—it's about understanding the balance of power and potential for peace.

Step 2 – Quiet Peace Talks

Approach one rep from each group you trust. Ask:

“Would you agree to a short truce if it helped us all?”

Keep it respectful, private, and voluntary. Build trust first—everything else follows.

Step 3 – Name Council Reps

If factions are open to peace, ask each to pick one neutral rep—no gang names, no colors. Reps aren't leaders, they're bridges.

Step 4 – Hold a Council (Any Way You Can)

Whether it's brief talks on the yard, shared notes, or library meetups, have reps gather. The goal: list shared problems and shared goals—violence, unfair treatment, education, mental health, dignity.

Step 5 – Write a One-Page Pact

Draft a simple agreement:

- No violence between factions
 - Mutual aid inside (mentorship, food help, emotional support)
 - A shared path for learning, peace, and dignity
- Get it copied. Get it signed. Keep it alive.
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Step 6 – Take Quiet Action

Pick **one** starting goal.

Clean-up crews. Teaching circles. Peer counseling.

Whatever the group chooses—show it works. Quiet results speak loud. Let change grow from presence, not pressure.

Step 7 – Speak as One, When Ready

If conditions demand it, the Council may politely voice collective concerns—through peaceful petitions, shared letters, or calm refusals.

Not rebellion—representation.

This is strength through unity, not conflict.

"Power doesn't always come from pressure. Sometimes it comes from presence."