

# PRISONER PEACE PACTS

*A Framework for Parallel Systems*

**By the incarcerated, for the incarcerated.**

**Representation. Dignity. Unity.**

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## The Vision

Prisons are total control systems — closed micro-nations inside a democracy. But even behind bars, self-governance is possible.

**Prisoner Peace Pacts** are voluntary, hand-to-hand treaties created by incarcerated people to end internal violence, promote mutual aid, and reclaim shared dignity.

This is not a policy reform or a protest.

**It is a framework. A structure. A way forward.**

Rooted in legacy — from the Iroquois Confederacy to the Zapatistas, kibbutzim, and peer-led councils inside — these pacts create a **parallel system of representation** built on trust, peace, and shared survival.

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## The Seven Steps

### 1. Identify Factions

Quietly observe the yard. Who influences what? Who can de-escalate? Map the real balance of power.

### 2. Quiet Peace Talks

Privately approach one person in each group. Ask:

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

Start with respect. Trust is the only foundation.

### 3. Name Neutral Reps

Each group chooses one neutral representative. No colors. No gang names. These are not leaders — they’re bridges.

### 4. Hold a Council (Any Way You Can)

Yard conversations. Notes through books. A quiet talk in the dayroom. The first goal:

Name shared problems and shared goals — violence, unfair treatment, education, dignity.

### 5. Draft a One-Page Pact

Example:

- No violence between groups
- Mutual aid: mentorship, food, support
- A path forward rooted in peace and unity

Copy it. Sign it. Pass it around. Make it real.

## **6. Take Quiet Action**

Pick one thing:

Reading groups. Clean-up teams. Peer-to-peer support.

Let results prove it works.

## **7. Speak as One, When Ready**

If needed, the Council may present a shared position:

Letters. Petitions. Calm refusal.

**Representation, not chaos. Strength through unity.**

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**“This is not a demand. It’s a declaration — that we can govern ourselves with honor.”**

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## **TO SHARE AND GROW**

- Copy it. Fold it. Rework it.
- Pass it by hand, through books, in conversation.
- Make it your own. This is for everyone. No leaders. No credit.

## **Digital home + materials:**

 <https://prisonerpeacepacts.neocities.org>

Includes:

- ☒ Full White Paper
- ☒ Seven Steps
- ☒ Printable copies for inside and outside