



#FreeMario Toolkit

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Elected officials can help Mario

Mario needs his green card to be reinstated to get employment. Elected officials can help him obtain a pardon from Governor Newsom so that he can get his legal residency again. Here is a template with instructions.

[Pardon request for Mario Ramos](#)

You can help Mario reintegrate into his new community.

Please help IM4HI raise 6000.00 to help Mario with his extraordinary need for housing. This will help him pay rent for six months and pay for basic needs, while he reintegrates and finds a job.

Mario's video thanking his accompaniment team (1 minute)

<https://youtube.com/shorts/JAHPgSK8OjU?feature=share>

Send check to:

Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity

310 8th Street Suite 310

Oakland CA 94607

Memo: Mario Ramos Housing

Or donate through our website

www.im4humanintegrity.org/donate



Mario is Free!

After over a decade spent separated from his mother and family, Mario Ramos was finally released on January 27th after enduring double punishment as a result of collaboration between prisons and immigration detention centers.

* This story is shared with the permission of Mario and his lawyer*

About Mario

Listen to Mario tell his story: [Mario's Story](#) (6 minutes, 38 seconds)

Listen to Dina, Mario's Mother: [Dina's Testimony](#)

Mario Ramos migrated from El Salvador to the U.S. when he was 4 years old. He experienced abuse as a child and that trauma led him to make wrong decisions later in life, including turning to drugs and alcohol to numb his pain. He served a prison sentence of 7 years for an assault he committed while intoxicated. While in prison, he was diagnosed as bipolar and prescribed medication to help him manage daily life. Nevertheless, Mario decided to study theology through a prison fellowship program centered on faith-based recovery. He developed a ministerial gift to counsel other males and serve as a role model for fellow incarcerated individuals struggling with addiction. He also acquired a certificate in water treatment and tutored other men in their GED studies.

In 2018 he completed his sentence and was released from prison, but without being notified he was transferred to Adelanto Immigration Detention center - a violation of his rights. In the past 4 years in detention, Mario continues to strengthen his spiritual life and minister to his friends who feel despair. Mario has experienced the negligence of GEO and ICE at the Adelanto facility given during the Covid outbreak. Mario became ill with the virus and he was placed in a cold room for 23.5 hours, without any kind of treatment.

Mario has served his time, availed himself of every opportunity for rehabilitation, and yet will be detained for the foreseeable future because of a mistake he committed while suffering from untreated mental illness and addiction. Mario's freedom depends on a discretionary decision from David Marin, the Assistant Field Office Director of ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) for the Los Angeles region.

It's been almost 10 years since Mario has been separated from his family, elderly parents, and extended family in San Bernardino. He relies on his lawyer and on the interfaith network to advocate for his release. It is time for his gift of ministry and his earned GED to be put to use in the community. He aspires for an opportunity to integrate back to society, to reunite with family, and to go back to school.

Mario is an example of a person that has gone through a spiritual growth that leads to his personal restoration and counseling others to find that same journey. *As people of faith, we believe that no person's worth is determined by their worst mistake. We believe in redemption and transformation for every human person.*
