



By HIS GRACE

By His grace,
I can move a moun-
tain with one word.

By His grace,
my vision is cleared
when sight is
blurred.

I can't help
but think of all I've
done, but I'm for-
given through His
only Son.

It helps my
heart to know I'm
loved by God
almighty in Heaven
above. He loves you
too brother, this I
know, heed His
word and reap what
you sow.

Sin is death,
to repent is a moral
life, only He can
cure your inner
strife.

He's our Fa-
ther, no one can
take His place, open
your eyes brother
and believe by His
Grace.

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While focusing on the undue costs of excessive and extended incarceration of non-violent offenders, Reeve's article did not however analyze the Show-Me State's policies toward violent offenders. This oversight ignored by far the greater costs accrued for everyone by banishing this category of felons to generally excessive and costly prolonged purgatories.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that in the 29 Truth-In-Sentencing States (circa 1999), violent offenders served an average of 58% of their sentences before parole/release. The same prisoners in Missouri, however, served more than half again as much time (86% of their sentences) before being paroled. This translates into the longest period of incarceration in the nation, and approximately twice as much time served 4 as by the same category of offenders in any of the surrounding states. Moreover, just between 2000 and 2001, by comparison to the increasing national average of prison releases, the per capita number of Missouri citizens on parole actually

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