

Perry Kairos Weekend No. 46 on October 3-6, 2024

Requirements for Cookie Prep & Packaging

1. Cookies can be made ahead of time and frozen.
2. Feel free to use your own recipe as long as you pay attention to #4 and #5 below.
3. Cookies should be 2" to 2 ½" in diameter, no larger, and no thicker than ½".
4. Do not make them too thin; crisp cookies break in transit and when repackaged for prison security.
5. Cookies cannot be frosted/coated: no sugar, powdered sugar, sprinkles, or any decorations.
6. Cool completely before packaging; this keeps them from sticking together.
7. Package cookies in shoeboxes, pizza boxes, Christmas gift boxes (ex. shirt boxes) or similar sized boxes lined with wax paper. Do not use aluminum foil (*not allowed at the institutions*). Boxes will be stacked when transported.
8. **Do not package cookies in Ziplock plastic bags!!**
9. Please pray over your cookies. Pray for those that will receive them. The Kairos team will pray over them as they are distributed to every inmate cell-by-cell.

Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff on the weekend. Cookies are a concrete reminder that God's people show practical love.
10. Try hosting a "*Kairos Cookie Bake*" in your home. Involve children and young adults. Read Matthew 25:31-46 and pray together.

Suggested Cookie Recipes

Peanut Butter

- ¾ cup Creamy Peanut Butter
- ½ cup Crisco Shortening
- 1-¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1-¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda

Combine peanut butter, shortening, sugar, milk, and vanilla in a large bowl and mix at medium speed until well blended. Add egg and mix well. In a separate bowl combine flour, salt, and baking soda, mix well *saying an Our Father or a personal prayer for the men that will receive these cookies*. Add flour mixture to peanut butter mixture and mix until just blended. Drop by heaping teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheet and flatten slightly in a crisscross pattern with the tines of a fork. Bake at 375°F for 7 to 8 minutes until set. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

Chewy Oatmeal

- ¾ cup butter flavor Crisco Shortening
- 1-¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- ⅓ cup milk
- 1-½ teaspoon vanilla
- 3 cups quick cooking oats
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon

Combine shortening, brown sugar, egg, milk, and vanilla in a large bowl. Mix at medium speed until well blended. Combine oats, flour, salt, baking soda, and cinnamon in a separate bowl, mix well *saying an Our Father or a personal prayer for the men that will receive these cookies*. Add to shortening/sugar mixture until just blended. Drop rounded tablespoons of dough onto cookie sheet. Bake at 375°F for 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes 2-½ dozen cookies.

Chocolate Chip

- ¾ cup Crisco Shortening
- 1-¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1-¾ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Combine shortening, sugar, milk, and vanilla in a large bowl, mix until well blended. Add egg and mix well. In a separate bowl combine flour, salt,

and baking soda, mix well *saying an Our Father or a personal prayer for the men that will receive these cookies*. Add to shortening/sugar mixture until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375°F for 8 to 10 minutes for chewy cookies or 11 to 13 minutes for crisp cookies. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

Molasses Cookies

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup margarine or shortening
1 cup granulated sugar
1 egg
4 tablespoons molasses
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking soda

In a large bowl, cream margarine or shortening with sugar. Add egg and blend. Add molasses and spices; mix well *saying an Our Father or a personal prayer for the men that will receive these cookies*. Add flour and baking soda and blend. Chill dough 30 minutes or overnight (covered tightly). Shape dough into small balls and place 2-inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 325°F for 10–12 minutes. Remove from oven and cool on wire racks. Makes 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen.

Sugar Cookies

1 cup margarine (or butter); (2 sticks) at-room temperature
1 cup vegetable oil
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup powdered sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cream of tartar

Beat together margarine, oil, granulated sugar, powdered sugar, eggs, and vanilla. Sift together flour, salt, baking soda, and cream of tartar. Add dry ingredients to margarine mixture *saying an Our Father or a personal prayer for the men that will receive these cookies*. Drop from a teaspoon

onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350°F until cookies are light brown around the edges, about 8 to 10 minutes (watch closely; cookies will be dry if they get too brown). Makes about 5 dozen.

Why does the Kairos Weekend need so many cookies?

You need to hear the background story!

It was just a dozen chocolate chip cookies!

To most people it might be a favorite family snack, but I have seen God do amazing things with a dozen cookies. On a Kairos Weekend in one of the state's correctional institutions, the men on the Weekend have almost an unlimited supply of cookies during their four-day retreat. It is true that some men say they just come for the cookies, but by the end of the Weekend they have gotten so much more. These cookies reach every man in the institution. On Friday and Saturday night of the Kairos Weekend, the team members personally deliver a dozen cookies to every single resident, and every single correctional officer in Perry with a scripture verse in the bag with the cookie. Smiles, handshakes, exchanged blessings—it is a special moment. The last night of the Weekend the residents that have been on the retreat are given 3 dozen cookies each! They are drooling, until they are told they cannot eat them. They have to give them away to 3 other men they need to ask for forgiveness from or that they are trying to forgive. These cookies make things happen. One resident said it took 3 days to get enough courage to give them to another resident who was terrorizing him, but he did, and it brought them together. The Kairos Weekend has been called by many the *Cookie Ministry*. I can live with that.

Delivery of the Cookies:

All cookies need to be delivered to **Name of Church** office by noon on **pick a date**. If you bake them early you can drop them off at the Church office before Wednesday.

ANY QUESTIONS

contact **Name of Contact Volunteer**
Name of Church
Volunteer email • Volunteer phone#