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I'm honored to be apart of Prison Creative Arts Project for the second year in a row. This exhibition allows me to still be able to share my creativity with the world, and that's a true blessing from God ; U of M. Last year my pieces focused on family and mental health. My pieces this year souly focus on finding/gaining peace in life. In life we experience losses, life changing events pill up, and when it comes to things of this world ... You should be easily ~~and~~ readily understood.

My first piece, "HER PEACE of My Mems", it's a dedication to my grandmother. The day she passed away, I found myself alone behind this Ann Arbor hospital feeling lost ; hurt. She helped raise and mold me, along with my mother ; aunts, all under one roof. While praying for peace, a breeze blew petals from a cherry blossom tree all around me, that was the sign I needed from God to know my grandmother was no longer in pain. My second piece, "When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Art!", it's a message to people all around the world free ; incarcerated. When life comes at you from all directions, and you don't have a shoulder to cry on, or a therapist to talk to... express yourself through creating! My third piece, "Transparency Is Key," is for anyone that wants a stronger friendship or relationship with anyone in their life. Being transparent allows openings to be valunerable, trusting, and understanding between one another. Each message in my pieces are revealing that their are plenty of ways to find peace, but it all starts with God. Finally, "Food For Thought" is a message of affirmation to anyone whose self-esteem, or self worth may be low. Or if you're judged based off of your past, and living for others approval... This piece simply states YOU ARE ENOUGH!