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The theme of my artwork submissions #1 + #3 is 'under resourced'. Many of the women here in prison face daily challenges of having enough material goods. For example, phone, food, clothing + personal hygiene products must be purchased by inmates to live adequately. Women coming from under resourced communities may encounter similar needs as they had at home. Also, women prisoners as a whole are under resourced because they have a wealth of creativity and a variety of talents left unexpressed.

The three drawings presented in Artwork submission #1 are pieces from a body of work with the same theme. The drawings are representative of a direct personal experience with prison. A minimal amount of supplies: white all purpose paper, pencil, black ink, tan + gray crayon. The textures in the drawings are pencil or ink rubs from the cell walls, desks, bulletin board and surroundings. The limited colors and types of texture represent the stark, masculine, industrial and military enclosures throughout the prison. falling into chaos
The central idea in 'Falling' is falling into prison, falling out of grace, + how it feels.

'No' represents the feminine will refusing to be shut off.

'Bottom Bunk Detail' is the actual view of the bunk bed above my head when I'm laying down. A 'detail' is a designation for women prisoners with a disability or injury + is provided by the doctor. The circles are the cut outs from the metal frame. The criss cross pattern is of the plastic mattress cover that lays on top of the frame.

Artwork submission #2 is 'Sharing Peace', a Spanish & English translation of the Our Father prayer, side by side with open hands offering the prayer. This is spoken word art released into the infinite. Artwork submission #3 is 'Obstacles' women with disabilities in prison face extra difficult challenges. Mobility is a struggle on the long walks to medicine clinics + food lines (chow hall) each day. Finding work may be difficult as opportunities for non-physically demanding jobs are not as available & Invisible disabilities are not always recognized and may go untreated or unsupported.