
12 WAYS TO PRAY FOR THE LOST



1. **John 6:44-47** "44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— 46 not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life."

— Pray that the Father will draw your friends to Himself and that they will come to Jesus for eternal life.

2. **Romans 10:14-15** "14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? [42] And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

— Pray that your friends will hear a clear presentation of the Gospel from you or someone else.

3. **1 Corinthians 2:14** "14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned."

— Pray that your friends will be able to understand the truth that they are in need of redemption and their need of forgiveness of sins.

4. **2 Corinthians 3:14-16** "14 But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains un-lifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. 15 Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. 16 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed."

— Pray that God will soften your friend's minds and hearts and lift the veil from their hearts so that they might understand and turn to the Lord and to the truth of the gospel.

5. **2 Corinthians 4:3** "And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

— Pray that God might prevent Satan from blinding your friend's minds from the gospel of the glory of Christ.

6. **Matthew 13:3-8** "And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, 'Behold, the sower went out to sow; 4and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up. 5And others fell upon the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. 6But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7And others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out. 8And others fell on the good soil, and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty. 9He who has ears, let him hear.'"

— Pray that your friend's hearts will be like the good soil so that the Word of God when preached to them will sink in. Pray that the seed of the Gospel will take root and produce an exponential crop.

7. **Romans 16:18** "For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting."

— Pray that God will protect your friends so that false teachers will not deceive them with spiritual lies.

8. **2 Corinthians 7:10-11** "For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death."

— Pray that your friends will have Godly sorrow over their sin that produces repentance that leads to their salvation.

9. **2 Thessalonians 1:7-10** "7 and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 10 when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed."

— Pray that your friends will obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and believe the testimony that is proclaimed to them to avoid the promised eternal destruction for those who do not believe.

10. **John 16:7-11** “7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

— Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict your friends of sin, judgment and righteousness and that they will feel a deep conviction of their sin and need for redemption and forgiveness of sin through Jesus Christ.

11. **John 3:18-21** “18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light,”

— Pray that they will turn from the darkness that they love and move into the light of the truth of Jesus Christ.

12. **John 3:36** “36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

— Finally, pray your friends will understand and embrace the truth of the Gospel and believe in the Son for eternal life.

In **Mark 16:15-16** Jesus commanded His followers to...“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

As you respond in obedience to our Lord’s command to preach the gospel to the whole of creation, it is also necessary for you to enlist others to pray for you, just as the Apostle Paul did on many occasions:

Ephesians 6:18-20 “18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, **that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel**, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”

Colossians 4:2-6 “2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us, **that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ**, on account of which I am in prison— 4 **that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak**. 5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

God has commanded all of us to participate in this grand mission and has appointed you as His ambassador to the people you live, work, and play with. He has entrusted you with the message of reconciliation and the charge to implore your hearers to be reconciled to Him. (**2 Corinthians 5:18-21**) Whatever method you chose to use to convey this wonderful truth, you do not need to coerce your hearers to believe or feel like you need to have all the right answers because the power for salvation does not rest in your methods or in human wisdom, but in the gospel itself: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,”

(**Romans 1:16**).

As you pray for your lost friends and enlist others to pray for an open door and for the courage to declare the mystery of Christ clearly as you should, God will use you and His people to build His Kingdom and see His gospel advance. May He bless you as you obey His commands and trust in His strength and power to see others enter His Kingdom.

13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. – Colossians 1:13-14

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