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PRAYING FOR THE LOST

Prayer is an essential tool in leading people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In order to see lost people surrender their lives to Jesus Christ, we must pray for this to happen. We must plead with God to do a powerful work of grace in the hearts of men and women. Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ must be built on the foundation of broken and agonizing intercession. If we desire to see lost people cry out to God, we must first cry out to God in their behalf. As Evelyn Christensen writes in *A Time To Pray God's Way*, "In pre-evangelism praying, we ask the omnipotent God of the universe to reach down and work in people's lives before we do. And what a difference such praying makes."

Unfortunately, prayer is the forgotten factor in evangelism. There are numbers of evangelistic programs that teach people how to share their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers need to know how to share the gospel with the lost. They need to know how to talk with others about God. **Yet, just as believers need to know how to talk to others about God, they also need to know how to talk to God about others.**

Our failure to fervently pray for lost people is the reason that our efforts to reach people with the gospel has produced little if any fruit. Our evangelistic programs can never substitute for the power of God that is released through prayer. There must be a combination of fervent prayer and Spirit-empowered witnessing if we are going to lead others to the Lord Jesus Christ. A harvest of souls

can be reaped only after fervent and broken intercession for the lost occurs.

It is time for believers to humble themselves before the Lord and offer intercession for those who need the Lord Jesus Christ. It is time to forsake our superficial praying for the lost. We need to forsake our half-hearted prayers of "Lord, save the lost" and begin pleading and standing in the gap for the salvation of sinners. Believers must offer agonizing and scriptural intercession for those who need Jesus Christ. Before we see people coming to Jesus Christ in faith and repentance, we must cry out to God in their behalf. **The church that wants to be a winner of souls must first be a weeper over souls.** If you want to have an impact on the lost world around you, you must plead with God for this lost world. God is pleased to save when His people plead with Him to save and transform sinners through His Son Jesus Christ.

My heart breaks as I see a lack of concern for those who are lost and a lack of fervent intercession in their behalf. Where is our pleading for the lost? Where are our tears for those who are lost? Have we forgotten that those who do not know Jesus Christ are lost and headed for hell (**John 3:16, 14:6; Acts 4:12**)? If a church is not pleading for the salvation of sinners, it is nothing more than a religious social club.

This issue of *The Prayer Closet* will focus on praying for lost people who need Jesus Christ. It is my hope and prayer that God will grant you insight through this issue on how to intercede for

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lost people. At the same time, it is my earnest prayer and hope that God will stir you to plead for the salvation of those who need Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. God uses the prayers of His people to bring lost person into a right relationship with Himself. God will bless your prayers for those who are lost. You are the only one who is standing in the gap between lost people and eternal damnation and misery in hell forever. Will you be committed to intercede for them? Will you cry out to God for their salvation? Or will you let them die in their sin and go to hell without weeping over their condition and crying out to God to save them from their sin? The choice is yours. You can make a difference in the lives of people. But, you must be committed to pleading with God for their salvation.

Why Should A Believer Pray For The Lost?

I have been asked on several occasions, "Does the Bible teach that believers should pray for the lost?" The answer is "Yes!". There are several biblical reasons why believers should pray for the lost. *First, the Lord Jesus Christ taught us to pray that God's kingdom would come (Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2).* God's kingdom is the reign and rule of Jesus Christ in the hearts of those who surrender to Him. When a person surrenders to Jesus Christ, He becomes the Lord of that person's life; He begins to reign over that person. By praying for the kingdom to come, you are actually praying for lost people to surrender to Jesus so that He becomes the Lord and Savior of their lives. You are praying for Christ to invade their lives through conversion. When Jesus says to pray, "Your kingdom come," it is a command to pray for the salvation of the lost. By teaching us to pray this way, Christ is revealing the necessity of praying for those who are lost.

Believers are to pray for the lost because it is the church's responsibility (1 Timothy 2:1). Paul declares that the church is to be characterized by fervent intercession for all kinds of people and needs. The church is to be a house of prayer. Since we are to pray for all kinds of men and needs,

this must include those who are in need of salvation. The church is to offer intercession for those who are lost. The church is to stand in the gap for those who need Jesus Christ and His life-transforming power. This is the desire of God for the church. It is the responsibility of the church to plead for the souls of men.

Believers should pray for the lost because of the example of the apostle Paul (Romans 9:1-3, 10:1). Paul prayed for the salvation of his lost Jewish family and friends. He plead with God to bring them to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He labored to share the gospel with them. Paul sets the example for the believer in this matter. He did share his faith in Christ with those who were lost. Yet, at the same time, he fervently interceded for God to save them. Praying for the lost needs to be a priority among believers. Witnessing to and interceding for lost people go hand-in-hand. Our burden to see them saved should motivate us to plead with God for their salvation and to share the gospel with them.

Fulfilling the Great Commission requires that we pray for the lost (Matthew 28:19-20). The church has the responsibility of leading people to Jesus Christ and then teaching and training them through the Word of God. This cannot be done in our own wisdom and power. We must have the power and wisdom of God that is released through pray to accomplish what Christ has called us to do. If we are going to see people saved, we must pray for their salvation. If we are going to see people discipled and transformed through the Word of God, we must pray for this. Transformed lives are a result of believing, fervent prayer. It is impossible to fulfill the Great Commission without praying for the lost.

If you desire to see God glorified, we will pray for the lost (1 Corinthians 10:31). The salvation of a sinner reveals how great and how gracious God is. There is nothing that exalts God like the salvation of a sinner. When a person comes to Jesus Christ in faith and repentance, God is revealed as a gracious, powerful, and loving God. When God saves a person, it shows people how mighty and good God is. If you long to see God exalted in this way, you will pray for the salvation of the lost. If you desire to see God revealed as a

gracious and powerful God, you will plead with Him to save sinners.

Praying for the lost is a way that you fulfill the second great commandment (Matthew 22:39). Jesus Christ has commanded that believers love their neighbor as themselves. This means that you will seek the highest good of others. You will strive to minister to others. The greatest thing that you can do for a lost person is to pray for his or her salvation. This is not a substitute for ministering to and sharing the gospel with the lost person. But, prayer is the crucial key. By praying for the lost, you are revealing your love for them. You are seeking their highest good by praying for them to be saved. You are seeking to minister to them through your intercession.

The condition of sinners should motivate you to pray for those who are lost (Ephesians 2:1-3). A lost person is dead in sin, bound by Satan, and dominated by the lusts of the flesh. This person is separated from God and is without hope in this world and in the life to come. This person is headed for eternal misery in hell. It will take a miracle for this person to come to Christ. Only God's grace and power can deliver this person from his or her condition and eternal damnation. You cannot save anybody through your own efforts or determination. You cannot deliver a lost person through your own power or persuasion. It will take God's power and grace. This power and grace are released through agonizing and heartbroken intercession. You must plead with God to transform this person. You cry out to God to deliver this person. This is the only hope that the person has. The condition of lost people should stir you to intercede for them.

You should pray for the lost because God has given you the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:19-21). God has given you the responsibility of bringing people into a right relationship with Himself. The only way that this can happen is by you leading them to Jesus Christ. Someone prayed for you to be saved. Someone shared the gospel with you. Through these things, you entered into a right relationship with God. Now God desires that you do the same with others. The only way that you will be able to carry out this ministry of reconciliation is through prayer. Prayer will enable you to lead others to Christ so that they

can be reconciled with God.

A final reason that you should pray for the lost is because Jesus Christ has taught you to ask (Matthew 7:7-8). If you want to receive from God, you must ask of God. If you want long to see lost people surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ, you need to ask God to save them. Lost people are not saved because we fail to ask God for their salvation. Ask God to powerfully work in the lost person's life. Seek God continually for this person's salvation. Knock for an open door to witness to lost people. God has ordained things in such a way that we must pray for the salvation of sinners. No one gets saved without someone somewhere asking God for his or her salvation. You are saved because someone prayed and asked God to save you. If you want to see people surrender their lives to Christ, you need to ask for this. Asking for a person's salvation is the way to this becoming a reality.

The Importance of Prayer in Leading People To Jesus Christ

The Bible does teach that believers should pray for lost people. This is God's desire. He wants you to intercede for lost people. Prayer for lost people is also crucial in leading them to Jesus Christ. It is a necessity that believers pray for the lost. Without prayer, you cannot lead a person to Jesus Christ. Prayer is a crucial part of the evangelistic process. Why is prayer so important in leading a person to Jesus Christ?

- (1) *Prayer prepares the heart of the unbeliever (Matthew 13:3-9).* A lost person's heart needs to be prepared to receive the Word of God. There are many things in a person's life that can hinder a person from hearing and seriously considering the Word of God. Prayer paves the way for the Word of God to be heard and received by the lost person. Through prayer, a hunger for God's Word can be created in the lost person. It can also cause a person to contemplate eternity and his or her condition before God. You cannot touch the

heart or the mind of a person. Yet, the Holy Spirit can. When you pray for a lost person, you are asking the Holy Spirit to touch the heart and the mind of the lost person. He can touch the innermost core of a person. Through prayer, you are seeking the Holy Spirit for this powerful work. When this happens, the lost person can be prepared to hear and receive the Word of God.

- (2) *Prayer empowers the believer to witness (Acts 1:8, 4:31).* Through prayer, the believer receives the filling of the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18**). This provides the believer with the spiritual power to share the gospel with those who are lost. Through prayer, a believer can receive insights on how to witness to a person. It also gives the believer courage and boldness and courage to share the gospel with others. When a believer intercedes for a lost people, it creates a greater burden to share his or her faith with the lost. Prayer deepens the burden that a believer feels for those who need Jesus Christ.
- (3) *Prayer defeats the forces of evil (2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2).* The lost person is under the control of Satan. This control varies in degrees from having influence on the lost person to demon possession. The lost person is bound by the chains of Satan. It is Satan's desire to damn lost people to hell forever (**John 8:44**). He does not want to lose his grip on the lost person's life. He does not want his deceitful and destructive plans for the lost person to be destroyed. He will oppose every attempt to lead any person to Jesus Christ. Leading people to Jesus Christ provokes a spiritual conflict. It is a spiritual warfare because Satan's power and grip on the lost person must be destroyed. The only way to neutralize and overcome the forces of evil in this situation is prayer. Prayer is an offensive weapon. It can destroy the chains of Satan in a person's life. It can release the power of God that can overcome Satan and his devious plans.

- (3) *Prayer destroys strongholds in a person's life (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).* A stronghold is a sinful habit or mindset that has been established in a person's life. The person has yielded to this sinful habit or mindset so much that it grips and controls the person. This sinful habit or mindset hinders the person from the truth of God. These things oppose the truth of God. They hinder the Word of God from taking root in a person's life and bringing change in the person. Yet, these strongholds can be torn down through fervent, believing prayer. Prayer can help in dealing with those things that are hindering the person from receiving the Word of God and from surrendering to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- (4) *Prayer focuses the power of God on the lost person (Jeremiah 32:17).* Prayer is the channel through which the power of God flows into a person's life. God is a God of power and might. He has created all things by His own power. He sustains all things by His own power. This power that created and sustains the heavens and the earth flows into a person's life. The lost person desperately needs this power to transform his or her life. Without this power, there is no hope for the lost person. It is this power alone that can bring salvation to a lost person. This power is channeled into the person's life through prayer.

Strategies For Prayer Evangelism

When you pray for lost people, you need to consider developing a strategy. It is not enough to simply say, "Lord, save the lost." You need to provide specific and intense intercession for people. You are in a struggle for the souls of people. You are facing an enemy that is not going to lose his control over people without a struggle. These people are headed to an eternal hell unless the miracle of salvation takes place. There needs to be

a plan of how you will pray for lost people. The following are some strategies that you might want to consider using you when you are interceding for those who need Jesus Christ.

Fasting **(Psalm 35:13; Ezra 8:23;** **Acts 13:2-3)**

Fasting will intensify your intercession for lost people. It gives you the opportunity to focus on seeing God for the salvation of sinners. You can powerfully and fervently pray that they will surrender to Jesus Christ. During this time, you can focus on the obstacles that are keeping the person from coming to Jesus Christ. Fasting saturates your prayers with authority and power that comes in no other way. By combining prayer with fasting, you are adding special intensity to your prayers for their salvation. Through fasting, you can gain insights in how to pray for this person. The Holy Spirit can lead you to pray for this person and against those things that are hindering the person from coming to Christ. When you fast, it is not that the Holy Spirit speaks louder, it is that you listen better.

Praying In Agreement or **Saturation Praying** **(Matthew 18:19-20)**

This is a strategy that involves at least two or three believers. You can have more involved but the goal should be to have at least two to three believers to a team. These believers will commit to pray for at least five lost people. They will agree on what five people for whom they will intercede. These believers will then agree on specific promises, arguments, and Scriptural prayers that they will use. They can decide on what promises and requests that they will use or they can use the "Praying For The Lost" key ring. Each day these believers will agree in prayer concerning these promises, arguments, and Scriptural prayers. These believers will come before God, agreeing in prayer on behalf of these

five lost people. They will use these promises, arguments, and Scriptural prayer in order to plead for the salvation of these lost people. The key issue is to saturate this person with prayer. These believers are to cover this person with continual and fervent prayer. God honors and blesses this type of praying. These believers are to follow this pattern until the person is converted. These believers need to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leadership as they pray. As the Holy Spirit leads, they can change the focus of their agreement.

Identification **(Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 3:13-** **16)**

The Bible reveals that Jesus Christ identified Himself with sinners. His identification with sinners enabled Him to bear their sins and sorrows. Because of this, He was able to intercede powerfully for sinners (**Isaiah 53:12; Luke 23:34**). His powerful intercession for them flowed out of his identification with them (**Luke 22:39-44, 23:34; John 17**). It is important to remember the sins and the sorrows of the lost for whom we pray. As Christians, we have a tendency to forget about the hopelessness of lost people. We forget about their desperate condition. Identification is a way of remembering and offering powerful intercession for those who are lost. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to enable us to identify ourselves with the lost for whom we are praying. Two events can help illustrate the concept that I am presenting here. Recently I was praying for a lost friend. I asked God to enable me to be "numbered with the transgressors". I prayed that God would enable me to be identified with this lost friend. After this, a sense of hopelessness and despair came over me. I began to feel pressure like never before in my life. I began feeling that life had no meaning. As I asked the Father to give me insight concerning this, He showed me that this is exactly how my lost friend felt. He allowed me to carry the burden that this friend has so that I could intercede more fervently for him. Another event drove this truth home to my heart and mind. Recently, I endured one of the

worst cases of the flu that I have ever had. I could not get out of bed for many days. I struggled with depression and frustration. I did not feel that I had time to be sick. After I had recovered from the flu, I asked the Lord why I had to get sick at that time. It was the worst possible timing in my mind. The Father showed me that He took me through that unique time to teach me how to pray for the sick. I have a tremendous burden to pray for healing in the lives of those who are sick. Yet, God allowed me to experience some of the emotions that those who are sick endure. This increased my compassion and the intensity of my intercession for those who are sick. Identification increases your compassion and intensity. As you identify with lost people through prayer, it will increase the intensity and the power of your intercession for them.

Ask the Holy Spirit to cause you to be “numbered with the transgressors.” Call on Him to identify you with the lost people for whom you are praying.

Intercessory Repentance (1 Peter 2:9; Leviticus 16)

The Bible reveals that believers are priests before God (1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6). As a priest, it is our responsibility to enter into God’s presence on behalf of others and to make intercession. In the Old Testament, the priest would enter into God’s presence and confess the sins of the people. As priests before God, we should confess the sins of lost people to God. It must be understood that an individual must confess his or her sin to God and seek His forgiveness and salvation. Our confession of their sin does not provide them with forgiveness and salvation. We are to confess their sins in order to plead with God for mercy. We are to agree with God concerning their sin. We are to confess that they are in rebellion toward Him. We are to agree with God that they deserve nothing but wrath and misery for eternity. Yet, at the same time, we are to plead with Him to show grace and mercy to this person. We are to call on Him to show mercy and grace to someone who does not deserve these things. We can ask God to glorify His name and power by delivering such an unworthy sinner. This

is strategy that you can use to plead for God’s mercy and grace to be poured out on a person.

Praying For the Needs of A Lost Person (Jeremiah 33:3)

This strategy calls on believers to get to know and show compassion to lost people. This can be done by individual believers or as a part of the evangelistic outreach of a church. This strategy calls for believers to find out the needs of a lost person. This can be done by simply asking a lost person, “What can I pray about for you?” When the lost person shares his or her prayer requests, pray fervently for God to answer and meet these needs. Then, periodically check with the lost person concerning these prayer requests. As answers unfold in this person’s life, it will give you the opportunity to share the gospel with this person. This method of prayer evangelism relies on the power of God. You are trusting God to answer prayers so that this person will know that God is real and powerful. This will prepare the heart of the unbeliever and will give you the opportunity to share the gospel with them. Ask God to reveal Himself to this person. Ask God to make Himself a living reality in the life of this person through the answers to his or her prayer request.

Prayer Requests For Those Who Are Lost

The following are some prayer requests that you might want to use in interceding for those who are lost. You can plead these requests with confidence and expectation because they are based on God’s Word. You can use these requests or develop your own from them. The key issue is to base your requests on the promises and truths of the Word of God. You also need to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s leadership as you pray for the lost. Ask Him to give you insights on how to pray for those for whom you are praying. Call on Him to show you what obstacles are keeping this person

from coming to Jesus Christ. As He shows you these obstacles, pray for God to see this person free from these things.

(1) *Pray that the Holy Spirit would draw this person to the Lord Jesus Christ (John 6:44).* The lost person needs a powerful work of the Holy Spirit in his or her life. Plead that the Holy Spirit will do this work. He alone can do it. We must pray that He will powerfully work in the life of the person.

(2) *Ask the Holy Spirit to convict this person and show this person his or her need of Jesus Christ (John 16:8).* Call on the Holy Spirit to provide vivid and convincing proof that he or she needs Jesus Christ.

(3) *Plead that the Holy Spirit would give this person a new heart (Jeremiah 31:33; 32:40).* This person needs to be changed from the inside out. The Holy Spirit is the only One who can do this.

(4) *Ask God to create genuine faith and repentance in this person (Ephesians 2:8; Acts 11:8; 2 Timothy 2:25-26).* Plead that God would enable this person to hate sin and turn from it to Jesus Christ. Pray that this person will trust Christ and Christ alone.

(5) *Pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal to this person who Jesus Christ is and what He has done through his life, death, and resurrection (John 1:1, 14; 3:14-16; 14:6).* This person must come to understand who Jesus is and what He has done. Pray that this person will clearly understand who Jesus is and what He can do for this person.

(6) *Ask that this person will find no satisfaction in anything apart from Jesus Christ (Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:7).* People will often refuse to come to Christ because of their pursuit of desires or possessions. Pray that this person will find no satisfaction, peace, or joy in any of these things.

(7) *Pray that this person will see and know the emptiness and foolishness of trusting in and pursuing worldly things above God (1 John 2:15-*

17). Lost people must come to see that the things of the world are fading. These are only momentary blessings. The things of God are eternal and lasting. Pray that the person will see that the things of God are the most important things of this life.

(8) *Call on God to remove anything from his or her life that is hindering him or her from coming to Jesus Christ (Mark 9:43-48).* In this text, the Lord Jesus Christ warns people from letting anything keep them from entering into true salvation. He is declaring that anything that is keeping a person from salvation must be dealt with by the person. Plead that this person will deal with anything that is hindering him or her from coming to Christ. Call on God to show this person how damaging and deceptive this obstacle is. Ask Him to show this person that it is the thing that is keeping him or her from salvation and eternal life.

(9) *Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to this person that he or she is a sinner, separated from God, and headed to an eternity in hell (Romans 3:23; John 3:18; Ephesians 2:1-3, 12-13).* In order to seek Jesus Christ for His salvation, a person must know that he or she is lost. This person needs to know of his or her sinfulness and separation from God. Plead that the Holy Spirit will reveal these things to the lost person. Call on Him to make it plain and vivid to this person. Pray that the Holy Spirit will teach this person his or her need of Jesus Christ's salvation.

(10) *Plead that this person will be stripped of any self-righteousness (Romans 10:13).* Many times a person will not come to Christ because he or she feels that his or her goodness or good works is sufficient to please God and to get him or her into heaven. Pray that the Holy Spirit would strip away the trust that this person has in his or her own good works.

(11) *Pray that this person would be prepared to receive the Word of God (Matthew 13:3-8).* Ask God to work the circumstances of this person's life so that he or she is ready to hear and receive the Word of God.

(12) *Ask Jesus Christ to bind any evil spirits that are at work in this person's life (Mark 1:23-26). Satan uses his demons to keep people bound and to prevent them from hearing and receiving the gospel. You need to pray that Christ will bind the demonic forces around this person and send them away.*

(13) *Pray that this person will see that he or she is condemned and without any hope apart from a relationship to Jesus Christ (John 3:18; Ephesians 2:3).*

(14) *Ask that this person will be brought into a right relationship with God (2 Corinthians 5:18). Call on God to bring this person into a right relationship with Himself.*

(15) *Pray that this person would truly believe in Jesus Christ and would surrender to Him as the Lord and Savior of his or her life (Romans 10:14). Pray that this person would not have an emotional response or a half-hearted response to the gospel. Pray that he or she will have a full surrender of his or her life to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.*

(16) *Pray that this person would be surrounded by godly people who will witness to and reveal powerful examples of Christianity to this person (Romans 10:14).*

(17) *Ask the Holy Spirit to deal with any false ideas that this person has about Jesus Christ and the way of salvation through Him (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).*

(18) *Plead that God would reveal the greatness of His mercy and grace in saving this person (Exodus 33:19, 34:6-7; Ephesians 2:4-10).*

(19) *Pray that this person would love Jesus Christ more than anything or anyone else in this world (Matthew 13:44).*

(20) *Ask the Holy Spirit to cause this person to think about what will happen to him or her after death (Hebrews 9:27).*

(21) *Plead that the Holy Spirit would give this person a sense of urgency about surrendering to*

Christ and that He would not let him or her be complacent about his or her condition before God (2 Corinthians 6:2).

(22) *Pray that this person would not be deceived about the way of salvation and his or her need of Jesus Christ (Proverbs 14:12).*

(23) *Pray that the Holy Spirit would cause this person to be born-again (John 3:3-6).*

(24) *Plead that this person will know that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).*

Prayer Arguments for Those Who Are Lost

The following are some prayer arguments that you can use to plead with God in behalf of lost people. These prayer arguments are based on the truths of the Word of God. You can use these arguments or develop your own from these. Use these arguments to plead with God to save lost people. The blanks are the places where you can place the lost person's name. Use these arguments as a starting point for pleading for the salvation of those who are in need of Jesus Christ.

Father, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world to save sinners. This is the purpose of His coming. _____ is a sinner. I plead with You to save _____ through Jesus Christ. Fulfill the purpose of Christ's coming by saving _____ (1 John 4:9, 10, 14, 15, 3:5, 8).

Lord Jesus, You declared that You came to seek and save the lost. Jesus, _____ is lost and needs You as his/her personal Lord and Savior. I plead with You to seek out _____ and to save him/her from his/her sin and lost condition. You have declared to be the Savior of sinners who calls sinners to Yourself. I ask You to be true to Your Word by saving _____ (Luke 19:10; Mark 2:17).

Holy Spirit, it is written of You in the Word of God that You have come to convict sinners about sin, righteousness, and judgment. This is what the Word of God says that You will do. I pray that You would convince and convict _____ of his/her sin. Show _____ his/her need to receive the righteousness of Jesus by faith. Cause _____ to see that his/her righteousness is totally inadequate and that his/her works will never be acceptable to God. Cause _____ to realize that he/she will face the judgment of God for his/her sin one day. Holy Spirit, carry out Your work in _____'s life so that he/she will surrender to Jesus Christ as his/her personal Lord and Savior (**John 16:8**).

Lord Jesus, You have declared in the Word of God that Satan is bound by Your coming. You have bound Satan, the strong man. You also declared that You have come to destroy the works of the devil. You are now setting people free from his powerful and murderous grip. Lord Jesus, I ask You to set _____ free from sin and Satan. Lord Jesus, will You be true to Your Word? You have bound the evil one. You have come to destroy his works. I pray that You will destroy his work in _____'s life. Deliver and save _____ (**Luke 11:20-22; 1 John 3:8**).

Father, You have been pleased to glorify and exalt Your Son, Jesus Christ. He is the powerful and perfect Savior. Yet, will You allow Satan to have more glory than Your Son? Will You allow Satan to be glorified by damning more people than Your Son saves? I ask that You would save _____ so that Jesus will be exalted as the perfect and powerful Savior. Deliver him/her from sin and Satan so that Jesus will be glorified (**Philippians 2:11**).

Father, You have declared in Your Word that Jesus will see the travail of His soul. You declared that Jesus did not die in vain. You promised Jesus that He would see many saved due to His death on the Cross. I pray that You would fulfill Your promise to Jesus by saving _____. Honor the death of Your beloved Son by bringing _____

to turn from his/her sins to trust in Jesus (**Isaiah 53:11-12**).

Father, You have declared in Your Word that Your voice is majestic and powerful. This is what You have said about Yourself. I pray that You would speak to _____. I ask that Your voice would penetrate the hardness of _____'s heart. I plead that Your voice will shatter _____'s unbelief.

Speak powerfully through Your Word to _____ so that he/she will surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ (**Psalms 29**).

Father, I plead that You will have mercy on _____. _____ deserves Your wrath and judgment. Yet, I plead that You will reveal Your mercy to _____ by saving him/her. Father, I am a finite, sinful person. I feel compassion for and want to show mercy to _____ and his/her lost condition. I know that if I, a sinful, finite being, has compassion for _____, how much more compassion and mercy should You have for _____. You are the good, infinite, and merciful God of heaven and earth. You are perfect. Your mercy and compassion are fresh and new every morning. Good, holy, and infinite God, show Your mercy to _____ by saving him/her (**Lamentations 3:21-24**).

A Prayer of Faith For The Salvation of A Lost Person

The following is a prayer that you can use to plead for the salvation of lost people. When you pray for the lost, you need to pray in faith, believing that God has the power and mercy to save the person. You need to be aggressive in your intercession. The condition of a lost person demands an aggressive and bold pleading with God.

You can use this prayer, adapt it, or develop your own from it as the Holy Spirit leads you.

Heavenly Father, as a member of the New Covenant priesthood, I now come to You through Jesus Christ who is the High Priest of my confession. I approach You not for myself but on behalf of _____ whose mind has been blinded and whose will is being held captive by Satan.

Mighty and holy God, I come to You in _____'s behalf, requesting that You grant mercy and grace to him/her. He/She is not innocent, but is a sinner and is in rebellion toward You. Yet, because of the power of the Cross, I ask You to wash away his/her sins with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Father, I realize that _____ must surrender to Jesus Christ and ask Him to save and forgive him/her. I ask in faith that _____ will do just this. I ask and believe that there is a hedge of divine protection around him/her through the blood of Jesus Christ. I acknowledge the merits of the blood of Jesus for _____.

As a New Covenant priest, I take my place before You, standing in the gap for _____. I ask that he/she will be delivered from the dominion of darkness and translated into the kingdom of Your Son. In the mighty name of Jesus, I refuse to allow the enemy to kill or destroy _____. Lord Jesus, I plead for You to destroy Satan's work in _____'s life. In the name of Jesus and through the power of Jesus, I plead that Satan and the demons influencing _____ will be bound, sent away, and that their influence in _____'s life will be completely broken. I pray that _____ will no longer live under a fog of demonic influence, but that his/her mind will be free and clear, able to respond to the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

Just as Lazarus was raised from death to new life, I come to You on behalf of _____ and ask that You raise him/her from spiritual death

to eternal life. I thank You, Father, that soon he/she will come forth into newness of life. I ask that he/she will come out of darkness and into light, out of sin and into righteousness, out of rebellion and into submission, out of hardness and into brokenness through Jesus Christ, the living Son of God and only Savior. I thank You, Lord Jesus, that the true light of Your love is now shining on _____. I ask You to send laborers to lead him/her to salvation through the good news of Jesus Christ.

Father, I put You in remembrance and plead my case in the name of Jesus. You have declared that those who call on the name of Jesus will be saved. I pray that _____ will call on the name of Jesus and will surrender himself/herself to Jesus Christ. By faith, I claim _____'s salvation. I will give You no rest until You hear me and answer me. I ask for this in the name of Jesus and for the glory of Jesus. Glorify Jesus by saving _____. Amen.

The "Six Questions" Method of Prayer Evangelism

The "Six Questions" method of prayer evangelism is based on six basic questions. These questions deal with a person's need of Christ and of one's eternal destiny. In using this method, you are praying for God to cause the lost person for whom you are interceding to focus on and contemplate six questions. As a person does this, he or she will be prepared to hear and receive the gospel of Jesus Christ. The six questions that you are to ask the Holy Spirit to plant into the heart and mind of the lost person are:

- (1) **Why:** Ask God to cause this person to wonder why he/she rejects Jesus Christ and His salvation. Call on Him to show this person the foolishness of rejecting Christ and of living life without Him.
- (2) **What:** Ask God to cause this person to start asking the question, "What is the purpose of my

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The following are new prayer products and a new seminar that this ministry is offering:

- **The Praying For The Lost Key Ring:** This is a key ring that contains prayers that you can pray for someone who is lost. The prayers are based on Scripture and will help you to intercede for the salvation of those who need Jesus Christ. It is also helpful in enabling believers to agree in prayer concerning the salvation of lost people.
- **The L.O.S.T. Method of Prayer Evangelism:** This is a program of prayer evangelism that can be used by an individual or a group. This program contains a manual, the key ring, the "John 3 Prayerwalking Card", and other resources to help you pray for lost people. The method of prayer evangelism is based on the acrostic L.O.S.T.: L-Lostness, O-Obstacles, S-Savior, T-Testimony.
- **Praying For The Lost Seminar:** This is a seminar that has been developed by Dr. Meador. It can be done in a day, a weekend, or in a revival. The purpose of this seminar is to motivate and challenge believers to intercede for the lost, encourage evangelistic outreach, and give believers the information and tools that are needed to intercede for lost people.

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life?" Plead with God to plant this question in the heart and mind of the person. Call on Him to give this person an urgency concerning this question. Plead with Him to show this person that living for anything or anybody but Jesus Christ is foolish and will end in a wasted life and a wasted eternity.

(3) **When:** Pray that God will grant this person an emptiness of heart. Ask God to show them that sin and selfishness will not satisfy but will only lead to more emptiness. Call on God to cause this person to start asking the question, "When will I really be free? When can I find true peace and joy?"

(4) **Whom:** Pray that God will cause this person to doubt all the lies that he or she has concerning Christ and His salvation. Plead that this person will find no help or hope in anything or anybody. Call on God to cause this person to ask the question, "Whom can I trust? In whom can I find hope? To whom can I turn?"

(5) **How:** Plead that God will plant this question in the heart of the person, "How can I cope with my problems? How can I deal with my guilt? How can I deal with my sin?" Pray that God will grant hopelessness of heart to this person concerning these questions. Ask God to show this person that he or she cannot cope with these things in his or her own strength or power. Pray that he or she will be forced to look outside of himself or herself and to God.

(6) **Where:** Call on God to cause this person to contemplate the question, "Where will I go when I die?" Ask God to cause this person to focus on what will happen to him or her after death. Plead with Him to show this person that there will be a judgment and that he or she must be prepared for this. Pray that this person will understand that the only way to be prepared for judgment is to surrender to and live for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Beloved Unbeliever Network is a network of intercessors who pray for believers who have spouses that are not Christians. This network of intercessors pray daily for believers who are in this situation. These intercessors have been trained and are committed to praying for believers who find themselves in this type of marriage. If you would like to be added to this prayer list or if you know of someone who is in this situation and would like to place them on this prayer list, please contact Dr. Kevin Meador. Please provide the following information:

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