

# How to Pray for the Lost

1. THAT GOD DRAWS THEM TO HIMSELF
  - a. John 6:44 – “No one can come to me unless the father who sent me draws him...”
2. THAT THEY DESIRE TO KNOW GOD
  - a. 2 Chron. 15:4 – “But in their distress they turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and sought him, and he was found by them.”
  - b. Acts 17:27 – “God did this so that men would seek him & perhaps reach out for him & find him, though he is not far from each one of us.”
3. THAT THEY UNDERSTAND AND BELIEVE THE SCRIPTURES
  - a. Luke 24:45 – “Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.”
  - b. Rom. 10:17 – “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”
  - c. 1Thess. 2:13 – “...when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God...”
4. THAT SATAN IS BOUND FROM BLINDING THEM TO THE TRUTH
  - a. Matt. 13:19 – “When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart...”
  - b. 2 Cor. 4:4 – “The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”
5. THAT GOD SENDS SOMEONE TO LEAD THEM TO CHRIST
  - a. Matt. 9:37-38 – “Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’”
6. THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS THEM OF THEIR SINFULNESS AND GUIDES THEM INTO ALL TRUTH
  - a. John 16:8-11 – “...he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.”
  - b. John 16:13 – “...he will guide you into all truth.”
7. THAT GOD GRANTS THEM THE GRACE OF TRUE REPENTANCE AND SAVING FAITH
  - a. Acts 3:19 – “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”
  - b. Eph. 2:8-9 – “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God”
8. THAT GOD OPENS THEIR HEARTS TO RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL
  - a. Acts 16:14 – “The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.”
9. THAT THEY BELIEVE IN CHRIST AS THEIR SAVIOR
  - a. John 1:12 – “Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God”
  - b. John 5:24 – “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned.”
  - c. Acts 16:31 – “...Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved –you and your household.”
10. THAT THEY CONFESS CHRIST AS LORD
  - a. Rom. 10:9-10 – “That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”
11. THAT THEY SURRENDER EVERYTHING TO FOLLOW CHRIST
  - a. Matt. 16:24 – “Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.’”
  - b. 2 Cor. 5:15 – “He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them & was raised again.”
  - c. Phil. 3:7-8 – “But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ...”
12. THAT THEY CONTINUE TO LIVE IN CHRIST
  - a. Col 2:6-7 – “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”
13. THAT THEY GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST
  - a. 2 Pet 3:18 – “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

# How to Pray for the Lost – Putting It Into Practice

We could read the Bible from beginning to end, and overwhelmingly come up with a clear conclusion: Prayer changes things. We want to invite you to embark on a prayer journey---a journey of asking God to save lost people---a journey that can change lives for all eternity---just through prayer.

Take time right now to pray. Ask God to bring to your mind the names of 5 people you know who do not have a personal relationship with God through Jesus. Listen to God...let Him fill your mind with names. Then, write the names of your five lost people here:

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Now take the next sheet called "How to Pray for the Lost" and put it some place where you'll see it often. Maybe stick it on a mirror, in your Bible, or in your car dashboard. Over the next month, pray through these 13 scriptural prayers for your lost people. You can be creative with how you do it---there are no rules.

One idea to get you started may be to start on a Monday. On Monday pray request #1 for your five people (ie "Father today I pray that you would draw these 5 people to yourself.") Then place an "x" next to request #1. On Tuesday, pray request #2, then place an "x" next to it. Continue down the sheet until you have prayed all 13 requests for the lost people on your list.

The important thing is to be praying regularly for lost people you know and lost people on your campus.