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## NITTY-GRITTY PRAYING FOR THE LOST

When *The Prayer Closet* began in 1998, one of my burdens was to encourage and equip believers to pray for people who need Jesus. It has burdened me that believers and churches do not spend time interceding for the lost. We will quickly pray for people who need healing or who have had loved ones die. Yet, we seem hesitant, almost unconcerned, to pray for the lost, whether in our community or across the world.

God will and does honor praying for people who need Jesus. It is a part of His way of saving sinners. I want to challenge you to pray for the lost around you. I would encourage you to make a list of people that you know need Jesus. The following are Scripture prayers to help you. They are based on the three basic truths of the gospel: the condition of the sinner, who Jesus is, and faith and repentance. I have used these myself and have taught them to many others.

You can use these or develop others from them. I would urge you to pray by name for people with these. At the same time, you might consider placing “the lost of this area” in your prayers. The key is to plead the truth of God’s Word over those who are outside of Christ and in danger of everlasting condemnation.

### The Condition of the Sinner

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will comprehend that he/she has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (**Romans 3:23**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will know that he/she is under Your wrath right now because he/she will not receive Jesus Christ (**John 3:35**).

I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will know that the wages of sin is death—eternal separation from God and punishment in hell. Do not allow him/her to be deceived about this (**Romans 6:23**).

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will know with deep and abiding conviction that he/she has broken God’s law and stands guilty before Him even at this moment (**1 John 3:4**). Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will understand that he/she has a sinful nature that is leading him/her away from God and into eternal hell. Make it clear to \_\_\_\_\_ that this is his/her worst problem (**Ephesians 2:1-3**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will know that he/she has no power to deal with his/her sinful nature. Cause \_\_\_\_\_ to know that his/her power cannot deal with his/her sinful nature. Show him/her that Jesus Christ is the only One who can (**John 8:36**).

Father, show \_\_\_\_\_ that his/her good works cannot deal with his/her sin and lostness. Reveal to him/her \_\_\_\_\_ the utter hopelessness of good works dealing with sin (**Galatians 3:9**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will know that he/she is lost and headed to an eternity of misery and despair without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ (**John 3:16**).

Father, I ask You to convict \_\_\_\_\_ of the truth that they he/she is in rebellion against You. Show \_\_\_\_\_ that without faith in Christ, there is no peace between You and him. Reveal to \_\_\_\_\_ that his/her lifestyle is actually rebellion and a sign of hostility against You (**Romans 5:1; James 4:4**).

I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will understand that his/her unrepentant heart and stubbornness will bring the wrath and righteous judgment on him/her (**Romans 2:5**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will understand that he/she has turned aside from You and does no

spiritual good. Reveal to him/her that the flesh profits nothing of spiritual or eternal value. Show \_\_\_\_\_ that only a work of God can change him/her (**Romans 3:12**).

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will understand that he/she is not righteous or acceptable to You. Show \_\_\_\_\_ that his/ her goodness and works are nothing but filthy rags in Your sight (**Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:10**).

### The Person And Work of Jesus Christ

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will see and understand that salvation only comes through Jesus Christ (**Acts 4:12**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will see that Jesus Christ is the only appointed and empowered Savior (**Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18-21**).

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will know with certainty that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, even God in human flesh (**John 1:1, 14**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will know that Jesus Christ is the only hope that he/she has for salvation from sin and damnation in hell forever (**John 3:16-18**).

I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will know that Jesus Christ has come to give life and life more abundantly (**John 10:10**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will see and understand that Jesus Christ is full of love and compassion for sinners (**Luke 15**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will know and rest completely in the truth that Jesus Christ has the power to save him/her and to change his/her life (**Matthew 8:1-4**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will see and understand that genuine and lasting peace and hope comes only through Jesus Christ (**Matthew 11:28**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will know that You have sent Jesus into the world not to condemn sinners but to save them (**John 3:17**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will know that Jesus' death on the Cross is sufficient to deal with his/her sin and lostness. Cause \_\_\_\_\_ to trust in and

rely solely on Jesus and His death and resurrection (**John 3:14-15**).

I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will understand in his/her mind and believe in his/her heart that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead (**Romans 10:9-10**).

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would know that Jesus Christ is fully human and has offered the perfect sacrifice for sin (**1 John 4:2; Hebrews 9**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will know that Jesus Christ is the only Mediator between God and man (**1 Timothy 2:15**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will know and realize that forgiveness of sin is a reality only through Jesus Christ (**Colossians 2:13**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will know and be stirred by the fact that Jesus Christ will judge him/her one day (**John 5:22**).

I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will know that Jesus Christ is the coming King. Convict \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus' Second Coming is to judge and condemn those who do not surrender to Him. O God, use this to show \_\_\_\_\_ his/her need to surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ (**Revelation 1:7**).

Father, show \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus Christ will receive him/her if he/she turns to Him in faith and repentance. Teach \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus will save him/her and that He will not turn him/her away (**John 6:33**).

Father, reveal to \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus has come to save people from their sins (**Matthew 1:21**).

Father, convict \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus Christ is the only One who can destroy the works of the devil in his/her life (**1 John 3:8**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will understand that He is a powerful, merciful Savior who can deliver him/her from his/her sin and guilt (**Hebrews 13:8**).

### Faith And Repentance

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ would turn from his/her sinful, selfish lifestyle and surrender to Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and Lord so that he/she can experience Your salvation (**Acts 3:19**).

Father, You now command all men everywhere to repent. I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would repent of his/her sin (**Acts 17:30**).

Father, I ask You to give \_\_\_\_\_ a heart to know You. Enable \_\_\_\_\_ to turn to You with all his/her heart (**Jeremiah 24:7**).

Lord God, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would seek You while You may be found. I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would forsake his/her evil way and evil thoughts. Let \_\_\_\_\_ turn to You so that You will have mercy on him/her and so that You may freely pardon him/her (**Isaiah 55:6-7**).

I ask You to deliver \_\_\_\_\_ from a worldly sorrow over sin that brings remorse but no repentance. I plead that You would grant \_\_\_\_\_ a godly sorrow for sin. Show \_\_\_\_\_ how abominable and insulting his/her sin is to You, the holy and living God. Cause him/her to hate sin and to forsake it (**2 Corinthians 7:10**).

Father, I ask You to grant \_\_\_\_\_ repentance unto life (**Acts 11:8**).

Father, I plead that You would create in \_\_\_\_\_ a hatred of his/her sin. Cause \_\_\_\_\_ to see how offensive it is to You and how destructive it is to him/her. Through this, enable \_\_\_\_\_ to forsake his/her sin in order to receive Jesus and His salvation (**Psalms 38:18**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would not attempt to rationalize or justify his/her sin. I plead that he/she will see it as rebellion against You. I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would confess and forsake his/her sin so that You will have mercy on him/her (**Proverbs 28:13**).

I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would understand that if he/she does not turn from his/her sin to Jesus that he/she will die in sin and spend an eternity in hell (**Luke 13:3**).

I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ would believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and that he/she would be saved (**Acts 16:31**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ, whom You have sent to be the Savior (**John 3:16**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ would turn to You in repentance of his/her sinful, self-centered lifestyle and would trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ the Savior (**Acts 20:21**).

Father, I pray that You would deliver \_\_\_\_\_ from simple, intellectual assent to the gospel. Enable him/her to trust in Jesus Christ as his/her Savior, surrendering the control of his/her life to Him (**John 2:20**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would not reject Your Son Jesus Christ but that he/she will surrender to Him, trusting in Him as his/her Savior (**John 3:15-16**).

### **Prayer Closet News**

We began publishing *The Prayer Closet* newsletter in February of 1998. It was originally started to encourage those who prayed for my itinerant, evangelistic ministry. At the prompting of others, we expanded it to anyone who wanted it. Our first mailing of the newsletter was to 26 people. It has grown in circulation now, going into every state in the United States and over 50 foreign countries. It has truly been the hand of God. I give all the credit and glory to God.

During these 23 years, we have experienced many changes. We have had board members come on and rotate off. We've had a number of volunteers come and go. We started out in a board member's living room to a house donated to us and now to our facility outside of Hickory. We've had time of great blessing and times when I had no idea how we could continue. We've experienced and weathered some of the fiercest attacks of the enemy that I've ever seen.

At this time, we stand at the brink of another change. This is something that I've wrestled with, prayed about, and wept over. The time has come that we are going to end the hard copy issue of *The Prayer Closet*. *The Prayer Closet* newsletter will still be available by email. It can be downloaded at our website [prayerclosetministries.org](http://prayerclosetministries.org).

Please realize that this is not the end of *The Prayer Closet* newsletter. It will still be published. It will still be available by email or download. This has been a hard decision. The health of my staff has declined and it has become increasingly harder to put out the hard copy. Moreover, at the same time, we want to put more emphasis and resources into our website and facility. We are looking to expand the website and offer more prayer guides and helps for believers and churches. We are also working on a podcast called *The Prayer Closet*. This podcast will focus on teaching believers and churches how to pray, fast, and seek God for revival. I'll be doing interviews and book reviews too.

At this point, we plan to publish two more hard copy newsletters - this one and one for November-January. In February of 2020, the newsletter will be available bimonthly through email and download at our website.

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I would appreciate your continued prayers as we make this transition. Please continue to pray for God's blessing on this ministry and that He will use it to glorify His name and build His kingdom. I would also deeply appreciate your financial support. For this ministry to continue to make a difference, we still need your financial help. I deeply appreciate you and your prayers, support, and reception of this newsletter. May God keep you and richly bless you!

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