

## WHO TO PRAY FOR

**Jesus Christ purchased all of mankind.** This is the solid foundation for praying redemption. Their redemption is His cause and right. They are already His possession. Mankind belongs to Christ by the price He paid for them. God's wayward children have a way home to Him through Christ's shed blood at Calvary. People who are not "saved" are held by the enemy, still belong to God. Our prayers set them free to acknowledge that, and avoid the hell of eternity they are planning for themselves against the will of their true Father, God.

## HOW TO PRAY

**We need to confess our own sins and have them forgiven.** Note that *"it is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing"* (John 6:63) and that *"the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life"* (2 Corinthians 3:6). Therefore, we must constantly seek the motivation of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, in our faith, in our prayers, and in our testimony.

**We must pray in faith,** knowing our rights and Christ's desires, not in the spirit of fear or worry.

**As we praise the Lord,** we endeavor to believe what we are praying for.

**Intercession must be persistent** - not to persuade God, for redemption is by God, but because of the enemy. Our prayer and resistance are against the enemy - the awful powers and rulers of darkness. It is our duty before God to fight for the souls for whom Christ died. Just as some must preach to them the good news of redemption, others must fight the powers of darkness on their behalf through prayer.

Satan yields only what and when he must, and he renews his attacks in subtle ways, even long after definite results are seen. And we must pray for the new Christian even after he begins to be established in the faith.

## The Holy Spirit will give new directions as we pray.

As we speak the power of the blood against the enemy, bondages are broken and souls are set free. This is true warfare in the spiritual realm.

## WHAT TO PRAY

**They Belong to God.** To pray in the name of the Lord Jesus is to ask for, or to claim, the things which the blood of Christ has secured. Therefore, each individual for whom prayer is made **should be claimed by name as God's purchased possession,** in the name of the Lord Jesus and on the basis of His shed blood.

**Claim and take for God** in the name of the Lord Jesus that which is rightfully His through the power of faith. This can be done only on the basis of redemption. This is not meant to imply that, because all persons have been purchased by God through redemption, they are automatically saved. They must believe and accept the gospel for themselves; our intercession enables them to do this. *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."* Romans 10:9-10

**Pray that their conscience may be convicted,** that God may bring them to the point of repentance and that they may listen and believe as they hear or read the Word of God. Our prayer must be that God's will and purposes may be accomplished in and through them.

**Claim the tearing down of all the works of Satan,** such as false doctrine, unbelief, atheistic teaching and hatred, which the Enemy may have built up in their thinking. We must pray that their very thoughts will be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

The works of the enemy will be destroyed and torn down as we remember 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, *"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"*

**We claim their deliverance,** with the authority of the name of the Lord Jesus, from the power and persuasion of the Evil One and from the love of the world and the lust of the flesh.

**Thank God** that our spiritual weapons and armor are mighty and that our authority in Christ is far above all the authority of the rulers, powers and forces of darkness, so that the Enemy must yield. It takes faith and patience and persistence.

## WHY WE PRAY

**We have no power and no authority other than that of Christ.** The Enemy will use every possible means to silence our intercession and to block our attack against him. Equipped and protected, we need not have any fear.

If the one you have been praying for seems impossible and "out of reach," remember Mark 10:27; ***"With God all things are possible."***

I am happy we go together, in the name of our Lord, to secure souls for His Great Kingdom as the fruit of His suffering.

Your Shepherd

**Names I am claiming:**

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*“Now thanks be unto God,  
which always causeth us  
to triumph in Christ.”*

2 Corinthians 2:14

*“Greater is he that is you ,  
than he that is in the world.”*

1 John 4:4

*“I exhort therefore, that, first of all,  
supplications, prayers, intercessions,  
and giving of thanks,  
be made for all men;*

*For kings, and for all that are in  
authority; that we may lead  
a quiet and peaceable life  
in all godliness and honesty.*

*For this is good and acceptable in the  
sight of God our Saviour;*

*Who will have all men to be saved,  
and to come unto the knowledge  
of the truth.”*

1 Timothy 2:1-4

*“The Lord is not slack  
concerning his promise,  
as some men count slackness;  
but is longsuffering to us-ward,  
not willing that any should perish,  
but that all should come  
to repentance.”*

2 Peter 3:9



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# How to Pray for the Lost

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