



Praying For The Lost

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Effective prayer for the lost impacts God, people, and Satan. You are praying to God, for the benefit of a person, and in opposition to everything that Satan and his legions are doing to prevent the person's coming to salvation.



Pray In Faith For The Salvation Of Those For Whom You Are Burdened!

1. Affirm that God can do the impossible. *Mark 10:27. Jer. 32:27.*
2. Recognize that Satan has captivated lost people. Pray for their release from the world, the flesh, and the devil. Persist in Prayer not because of God's reluctance to save, but because of the resistance of the enemy. *2 Cor. 4:3-4, 2 Tim. 2:25-26, 1 John 2:15-17*
3. Thank God that He desires all to be saved. *John 3:16, 2 Peter 3:9, 1 Tim 2:1, 3-4.*
4. Thank God for the authority of the name of Jesus by which salvation has been purchased. *Acts 4:12, John 14:6*
5. Thank God for His power for salvation. *2 Cor. 10:3-5, Rom. 1:16*
6. Thank God for His gift of salvation. *Eph. 2:8-9, Rom. 5:8, 15.*
7. Thank God that He seeks the lost ones and draws them to Himself. *Luke 19:10, John 6:44.*
8. Claim the person by name for the victory of salvation by the blood of Jesus. *Col 1:13-14, 1 Cor. 15:57, 1 John 3:8.*
9. Pray that the lost one will seek to know God as the Holy Spirit works in them. *Acts 17:27, Deu. 4:29, John 16:8-13*
10. Pray that the lost one will confess Christ as Savior and Lord and turn from sin. *John 1:12, Acts 17:30-31, 3:19; Rom. 10:9-10, 13.*
11. Pray that the lost one will yield all to follow Jesus and grow in Him. *2 Cor. 5:15, Phil. 3:7-8, Col. 2:6-7*
12. Praise God that His word does not return to Him without accomplishing His purposes. *Rom. 10:17, Heb. 4:12, Isa 55:11.*

Be sensitive as the Holy Spirit gives direction to pray and persist in praise.

See also "Warfare Prayer For The Lost," *Warfare*, p. 43. I highly recommend Ron Dunn's excellent book *Don't Just Stand There, Pray Something* (Thomas Nelson Publishing). It has a final chapter on praying for the lost.