

works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. *They Need to Hear and Believe the Gospel* Ephesians 2:8-10

*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.* Romans 1:16

<sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:2-4

### *They Need Someone to Present the Gospel to Them*

**Ask God to bring people into their lives who will present the Gospel to them.**

<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15

**Ask that God would give YOU an opportunity.**

<sup>3</sup> And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Colossians 4:3-4

**Ask God to give YOU boldness.**

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. Ephesians 6:19

## Scripture Prayer Guide

### Using the Word of God

# To Pray for Those Who have Not Yet Trusted Christ

...Using the *New International Version* of the Bible...

## *All People are Sinners and Need to be Saved*

**Ask God to use His Word to show them their sin.**

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. Romans 3:20

<sup>9</sup> What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. <sup>10</sup> As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." Romans 3:9-12

**Ask the Holy Spirit to convict them of their sin.**

<sup>7</sup> But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. John 16:7-11

**Ask God to take away their spiritual blindness.**

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of

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*the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

## **Only God Can Save People**

**Ask God to draw them to Himself.**

*No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.* John 6:44

**Ask God to make those who are spiritually dead alive in Christ.**

<sup>1</sup> *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.* Ephesians 2:1-5

## **God Loves Us and Sent Jesus Christ to Pay the Penalty for Our Sin**

**Ask God to help them understand His love for them.**

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* John 3:16

<sup>6</sup> *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* Romans 5:6-8

<sup>1</sup> *I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone — <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all men — the testimony given in its proper time.* 1 Timothy 2:1-6

<sup>8</sup> *But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

2 Peter 3:8-9

**Ask God to show them that they are not too bad to be saved.**

<sup>15</sup> *Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal* 1 Timothy 1:15-16

## **The Message of Salvation is Proclaimed in the Bible**

**Ask God to use His word to show them their need for Christ.**

<sup>25</sup> *He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.* Luke 24:25-27

*You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me.* John 5:39

<sup>30</sup> *Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.* John 20:30-31

## **We are Saved by Grace through Faith**

<sup>28</sup> *Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”* John 6:28-29

<sup>8</sup> *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — <sup>9</sup> not by*