

HOW TO PRAY FOR THE LOST

Lesson 13 – Outline

I. I'd like to share with you some biblical ways to effectively pray for a lost person.

A. This kind of prayer is like water.

B. You can water barren ground all you like, but it won't produce a harvest.

C. You must plant the seed of God's Word for people to be born again.

D. However, these are some good ways to pray to water the seed that's been planted.

II. As you start praying for a lost person, you need to recognize that God loves them infinitely more than you do (John 3:16).

A. The Lord doesn't want this person to perish, but to repent, turn to Him, and enjoy everlasting life.

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

B. In light of this, you could start thanking God, saying, "Father, I thank You that You love this person so much that You gave Your only begotten Son for them. It's not Your will for them to perish but to come to repentance and turn to You. I thank You, Lord, that You've already provided for their salvation."

He [Jesus] is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:2

C. You can continue praying, "Father, I thank You that You've already made provision. Jesus, You were the atoning sacrifice for everyone's sins—not only for those who believe but also those who are lost. So, Father, I thank You that You want them to be saved, and You've already provided it."

III. Then you can take your authority and start speaking out things that need to happen.

A. “Father, Your Word says that faith comes by hearing Your Word. So I’m praying that Your Word will come across their path.”

Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17

B. “I ask that You would send forth laborers across their path.”

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Matthew 9:38

C. Pray that the Word they’ve already heard will come back to their remembrance.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14:26

D. Then, offer yourself as a vessel.

IV. Also, you can take your authority and stand against the devil.

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:4

A. God needs someone in a physical body to take their authority and release His power, saying, “I command this demonic blindness and hardened heart to be gone in Jesus’ name.”

B. Because you are praying for another person—who has their own free will—you may need to pray these things for them again and again.

C. The reason you have to pray this kind of prayer over and over again is because the person is constantly voiding your prayer by hardening their heart.

D. When the Word says that you can remit sins, it means you can deal with the effects sin causes in that person.

Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

John 20:23

E. Even though they may choose to resist and reject the drawing of the Holy Spirit, you can be confident that through your prayers, God is continuing to work in their life.

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Lesson 13 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to John 3:16, God so loved whom?
2. That He gave whom?
3. That who should not perish?
4. But have what?
5. According to 2 Peter 3:9, is the Lord slack concerning His promise?
6. First John 2:2 reveals that Jesus is what for our sins?
7. For our sins only?
8. But also for the sins of whom?
9. Matthew 9:38 tells us to pray that the Lord would send forth whom?
10. Send them forth where?
11. Who does John 14:26 reveal will teach us all things Jesus said to us?
12. Who will send Him in Jesus' name?
13. According to 2 Corinthians 4:4, what light does the god of this world work to blind the minds of unbelievers from seeing?
14. John 20:23 speaks of the authority Jesus has given us to do what?

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Lesson 13 – Answer Key

1. The world.
2. His only begotten Son.
3. Whosoever believes in Him.
4. Everlasting life.
5. No.
6. The propitiation (atoning sacrifice).
7. No.
8. The whole world.
9. Laborers.
10. Into His harvest.
11. The Holy Spirit.
12. The Father.
13. The light of the glorious Gospel of Christ.
14. Remit and retain sins.