

Batch 11 — Intercession

Prayer 5: Interceding for the Lost & Those Far From God

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Primary Scripture Foundation (KJV): Ezekiel 18:23; Matthew 9:36–38; Luke 15:1–32; Luke 19:10; John 3:16–17; John 6:44; Romans 5:6–8; Romans 10:1–17; 1 Corinthians 3:5–7; 2 Corinthians 4:3–6; 1 Timothy 2:1–6; 2 Peter 3:9

This prayer completes our foundational **Intercession** collection.

When Paul spoke about Israel in Romans 10:1, he said:

“Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.”

That gives us the heart of this prayer.

We pray for salvation because we love people—not because unbelievers are our enemies. We proclaim Christ, pray for hearts to respond, live as witnesses, and trust God with what only God can do.

And we remember something humbling:

Christ did not wait for us to become righteous before He loved us.

FULL PRAYER — KINGDOM STRUCTURE

1. RELATIONAL ACCESS — REMEMBERING WHERE GRACE FOUND ME

Our Father which art in heaven,

I come before You in the name of Jesus Christ.

And today I bring before You those who do not know Christ.

Some have never believed.

Some grew up around church but never truly understood the gospel.

Some once professed faith but have wandered far away.

Some are angry with You.

Some have been hurt by churches.

Some have questions nobody took seriously.

Some are indifferent.

Some believe they have absolutely no need for God.

And some may be closer to responding than anyone around them realizes.

Father, before I pray for them—

I remember me.

I was not saved because I was better.

I did not earn grace.

Jesus did not die for me because I had everything together.

Your Word says:

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

So I intercede from humility.

Grace found me too.

2. WORSHIP / HONOR — THE GOD WHO SEEKS THE LOST

Father, I worship You because salvation began in Your heart.

Jesus said:

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Jesus came seeking.

The shepherd searched for the sheep.

The woman searched for the coin.

The father watched for the son.

The gospel reveals a God who saves.

So Father, give me Your heart for people.

Not merely concern about their behavior.

Concern about **them**.

Let me see people beyond labels.

Beyond addictions.

Beyond political beliefs.

Beyond lifestyles.

Beyond arguments.

Beyond reputations.

Beyond what they post online.

Beyond what they have done.

They are people for whom Christ died.

3. KINGDOM ALIGNMENT — YOUR WILL, NOT MY MANIPULATION

Father,

“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done...”

I pray that people would come to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

But teach me how to participate correctly.

I cannot manipulate someone into salvation.

I cannot argue someone into regeneration.

I cannot pressure someone into genuine faith.

I cannot force another person's heart.

So remove desperation that becomes manipulation.

I can proclaim Christ.

I can answer questions.

I can live faithfully.

I can love.

I can pray.

I can invite.

I can testify.

But **You give the increase.**

Father, teach me to trust You enough to witness faithfully without trying to become the Holy Spirit.

4. PETITION — DRAW THEM TOWARD CHRIST

Father, I bring specific people before You now.

[Pause.]

You know every name.

Draw them toward truth.

Where there is misunderstanding about Jesus—

bring clarity.

Where hypocrisy has distorted their view of Christianity—

let them encounter authentic followers of Christ.

Where church hurt has created walls—

bring healing without minimizing what happened.

Where intellectual questions exist—

send people who will take those questions seriously.

Where pride says:

“I do not need God,”

bring humility.

Where shame says:

“God would never want me,”

let the gospel answer.

Where someone believes they have sinned too greatly to return—

show them the cross.

Where addiction has taken hold—

bring conviction, support, treatment where appropriate, healthy community, and freedom.

Where destructive relationships continually pull someone away from truth—

give discernment.

Where someone has wandered from the faith—

bring remembrance.

Let truth they once heard return to their heart.

5. FORGIVENESS / ALIGNMENT — CHANGE THE WITNESS

Father, search **Your church** while we pray for the lost.

Forgive us where our lives contradicted our message.

Forgive us where we preached love but practiced cruelty.

Forgive us where we preached holiness but hid sin.

Forgive us where we demanded repentance from the world while refusing repentance ourselves.

Forgive us where we turned unbelievers into political enemies.

Forgive us where winning an argument became more important than loving a person.

Forgive us where we were embarrassed to speak about Jesus.

Forgive us where we reduced evangelism to inviting someone to a building rather than carrying the gospel into our everyday relationships.

Father, make us credible witnesses.

Not perfect people.

Repentant people.

People whose lives demonstrate that the gospel we preach actually transforms us.

6. WARFARE / TRUTH AGAINST DECEPTION

Father, Paul wrote:

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost...”

and spoke of minds being blinded.

So where deception prevents people from seeing Christ clearly—

let truth shine.

Where false ideas about God have been accepted—

bring truth.

Where someone thinks Christianity is merely moral behavior—

reveal Christ.

Where someone thinks salvation is earned by being good—

reveal grace.

Where someone believes religious activity can replace relationship with God—

reveal the gospel.

Where shame says they are beyond redemption—

reveal the cross.

Where self-righteousness says they need no redemption—

reveal their need for grace.

But Father, keep me from treating people as though they themselves are the enemy.

Our warfare is not against flesh and blood.

People are the ones we are praying for.

7. DECLARATION — I WILL BE A WITNESS

Father, I declare:

I will pray for the lost.

But I will also live ready to become part of the answer.

If You open a conversation—

give me courage.

If someone asks a question—

give me patience.

If someone needs to hear my testimony—

help me tell it without making myself the hero.

If someone rejects what I say—

keep me loving.

If someone disagrees—

keep me respectful.

If someone mocks my faith—

keep me from responding in pride.

I do not need to win every argument.

I need to represent Jesus faithfully.

I will plant.

Someone else may water.

And I will trust **God to give the increase.**

8. SEAL — LEAVING THE DOOR OPEN

Father, I place every person I named before You.

I cannot follow them everywhere.

I cannot monitor their thoughts.

I cannot force their decisions.

So I release them.

But I will keep the door of love open.

Like the father in Luke 15—

I will not call rebellion righteousness.

But neither will I allow someone's rebellion to make me stop loving them.

If they return—

let there be grace.

If they ask questions—

let there be patience.

If repentance comes—

let the church know how to celebrate restoration without pretending consequences never existed.

Father, send laborers.

Jesus said:

“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.”

Raise witnesses in workplaces.

Schools.

Neighborhoods.

Families.

Hospitals.

Businesses.

Prisons.

Communities.

Online spaces.

Everywhere people are.

And let me be one of them.

My heart's desire and prayer is:

that they might be saved.

Not recruited into my personality.

Not made into a copy of me.

Not merely added to a church attendance number.

Saved.

Reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

Born again.

Discipled.

Transformed.

And taught to follow Christ.

Father, I trust You with every name.

I will pray.

I will love.

I will witness.

I will live the gospel before them.

And I will trust You with what only You can do.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

**QUICK PRAYER — FOR THE LOST & THOSE FAR
FROM GOD**

Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I bring before You those who do not know Christ and those who have wandered far from You.

Before I pray for them—

I remember me.

I did not earn grace.

Christ died for me while I was yet a sinner.

So I pray from humility.

Father, draw people toward truth.

Where they misunderstand Jesus, bring clarity.

Where church hurt created walls, bring healing.

Where shame says they are too far gone, show them the cross.

Where pride says they do not need You, bring humility.

Where questions exist, send people willing to listen and answer faithfully.

Where someone has wandered, bring truth back to remembrance.

And Father, change **us** as witnesses.

Forgive us where our lives contradicted our message.

Forgive us where we treated unbelievers like enemies.

Give us courage to speak about Jesus with truth, humility, patience, and love.

I cannot force anyone to believe.

I cannot manipulate someone into salvation.

I can pray.

I can love.

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But God gives the increase.

Father, send laborers into the harvest.

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