

God's Heart for the Lost

6. That God sends someone to lead them to Christ.

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" -Matthew 9:37-38

7. That they believe in and confess Christ as Savior and Lord.

*"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."
-John 1:12*

*"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."
-John 5:24*

*"...if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
-Romans 10:9-10*

8. That they take root and grow in Christ.

*"So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you are taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."
-Colossians 2:6-7*

Read Genesis 12:1-3, Matthew 9:35-38 and Psalm 126:5-6.

Ask God to help you see people with the same concern, love and compassion that He has.

Ask God to help you identify five (5) people in your life who likely do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Start by considering friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors. Record their names here:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Use the following guide as a means to pray regularly for the salvation of these five people.



How to Pray for Lost Friends



"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." - Matthew 9:37

1. That Satan is bound from blinding them to the truth.

“When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart...” -Matthew 13:19

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” -2 Corinthians 4:4

“How can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can rob his house.” -Matthew 12:29

2. That they seek to know God.

“God did this so men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.” -Acts 17:27

“But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul.”
-Deuteronomy 4:29



3. That they believe the Scriptures.

“And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God...” -1 Thessalonians 2:13

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”
-1 Corinthians 1:18

“See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principle of this world rather than on Christ.” -Colossians 2:8

4. That God draws them to Himself.

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him...”
-John 6:44

5. That the Holy Spirit works in them to turn from sin and follow Christ as Lord.

“When (the Holy Spirit) comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment...He will guide you into all truth...” -John 16:8-13

“...(God) commands all people everywhere to repent.”
-Acts 17:30-31

“Repent, then, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.” -Acts 3:19

“...and he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”
-2 Corinthians 5:15

“But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ...”
-Philippians 3:7-8