

I WANT
TO PRAY
FOR THE
LOST



**100 Scriptures to Use in Prayer
for the Lost to Come to Christ**

All prompts and Scriptures found in the booklet are used in the [PRAYER BANNER](#), [PRAY FOR THE LOST](#) section. The [PRAYER BANNER](#) is included in the Resources section of 'The Loop,' BCM/D's weekly email.

We encourage use of this in both corporate and individual settings.

Include some of these in your prayer calendar, prayer bulletin, or other communication.

Select some to share as prayer prompts in your prayer gatherings.

Use these as you pray for your own loved ones to come to Christ.

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*"I KNOW I WANT TO PRAY FOR THE LOST, BUT
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT TO SAY."*

If you have had the above thought, we encourage you to [PRAY THE SCRIPTURES](#).

Below is the strategy we use when praying God's Word for someone's salvation.

Read the verse. Take a moment to meditate on the Scripture and start with a few words of worship. Then, ask God, "How do you want me to pray for this person?" After that, wait quietly for God's Spirit to prompt you to use the words and phrases of the verse to be your prayer. Be conversational and pause to wait for His Spirit to prompt your prayer with words or phrases in the verse.

The BCM/D prayer ministry has found the Scriptures on the following pages helpful in praying the Word for the lost.

1. PRAY THEY SEEK GOD

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”
Hebrews 11:6

2. PRAY GOD SETS THEM FREE

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1

3. THANK GOD THAT IT IS NOT TOO HARD FOR HIM TO SAVE THEM

“Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.”
Jeremiah 32:17

4. PRAY THAT GOD KEEPS YOU RESOLVED IN PRAYER

“Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!”
Psalm 126:5

5. CLAIM THE PROMISE OF GOD'S DESIRE FOR THEIR SALVATION

“Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?” Ezekiel 18:23

6. PRAY THEY ADMIT THEY ARE JUDGED

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” Matthew 25:41

99. PRAY AGAINST THE DEVIL'S WORK IN THEIR LIVES

“Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.” 1 John 3:8

100. PRAY GOD OPENS THEIR EYES

“to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”
Acts 26:18

94. CLAIM THE TRUTH OF THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” Romans 1:16

95. PRAY THEY SEE HOW GOD HAS BLESSED THEM

“Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?” Romans 2:4

96. PROCLAIM THEIR SALVATION WILL FULFILL THE GLORY AND WILL OF GOD

“Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:9-10

97. PRAY GOD REVEALS TO THEM THAT THEY ARE IN DARKNESS

“They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.” Ephesians 4:18

98. PRAY THE PURPOSE OF JESUS IS FULFILLED

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

7. PRAY GOD BLESSES THE WORD THEY HEARD

“And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 3:15

8. PRAY THEY BELIEVE IN THE PROMISE OF JESUS

“I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.” John 12:46

9. PRAY FOR THEM TO HAVE GODLY REPENTANCE

“The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,” Acts 17:30

10. CLAIM THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS’ NAME

“Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.” John 14:13-14

11. PRAY THEY UNDERSTAND GOD’S LOVE AND SACRIFICE FOR THEM

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

12. PRAY GOD GIVES THEM CHILDLIKE FAITH

“Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” Luke 18:17

13. PRAY FOR GOD'S LIGHT TO SHINE IN THEIR HEARTS

“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” 2 Corinthians 4:6

14. PRAY THEY CRY OUT TO THE LORD FOR SALVATION

“And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Acts 2:21

15. PRAY AND DECLARE THEIR SALVATION WILL BRING GOD GLORY

“Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.” Luke 15:7

16. PRAY THEY HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE PROMISE OF JESUS

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.’” John 6:35

17. PRAY THAT THEY SEE JESUS GIVES PEACE

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1

18. CLAIM THE PROMISE THAT GOD IS WILLING

“So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.” Matthew 18:14

88. PRAY THEY BEHOLD JESUS

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” John 6:40

89. THANK GOD THAT THEIR SALVATION IS POSSIBLE

“For nothing will be impossible with God.” Luke 1:37

90. PRAY GOD TO BE TRUE TO HIS NAME, "GOALI" MEANING "REDEEMER"

“I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.” Isaiah 44:22

91. PRAY THEY RECEIVE JESUS

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” Acts 2:38

92. PRAY THAT THEY KNOW CHRIST PAID FOR THEIR SIN

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” Isaiah 53:6

93. PRAY THEY HEAR GOD'S WORD AND BELIEVE

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” John 5:24

82. APPEAL TO GOD'S NAME, EL SHADDAI, "GOD ALMIGHTY"

"I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself known to them." Exodus 6:3

83. PRAY THEY BELIEVE AND RECEIVE JESUS

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

84. CLAIM THE POWER OF GOD FOR THEIR SALVATION

"But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

85. PRAY THEY REJECT THINGS THAT KEEP THEM FROM GOD

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: Repent and turn away from your idols, and turn away your faces from all your abominations." Ezekiel 14:6

86. APPEAL TO GOD'S WILL THAT HE DESIRES TO SAVE THEM

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

87. PRAY THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS'S NAME

"The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!'" Luke 10:17

19. DECLARE TO GOD THAT THEIR SALVATION WILL BRING HIM GLORY

"And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:11

20. PRAY THEY ARE CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR SALVATION

"And throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 13:42

21. PRAY THE DEVIL FAILS TO CORRUPT THE WORD THEY RECEIVED

"The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved." Luke 8:12

22. PRAY THAT THEY KNOW THEY CANNOT SAVE THEMSELVES

"Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for 'The righteous shall live by faith.'" Galatians 3:11

23. PRAY GOD BREAKS THE POWER OF EVIL OVER THEM

"We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one." 1 John 5:19

24. THANK GOD FOR THE ANSWERS

"I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation." Psalm 118:21

25. CLAIM THE PROMISE OF JESUS'S NAME

“You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”

John 15:16

26. PRAY THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE NO RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THEMSELVES BEFORE GOD

“as it is written: ‘None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.’” Romans 3:10-11

27. PRAY GOD REMOVES THEIR HARDNESS TO THE GOSPEL

“And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh.” Ezekiel 11:19

28. PRAY THEY GRIEVE OVER THEIR SINS

“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.” 2 Corinthians 7:10

29. PRAY GOD WILL SET THEM APART FOR SALVATION

“But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.” 2 Thessalonians 2:13

76. PRAY YOUR LIFE SHOWS THE GOSPEL TO THEM

“For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing,” 2 Corinthians 2:15

77. PRAY THEY RESPOND TO THE INVITATION OF CHRIST

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

78. APPEAL TO THE NAME OF JESUS ON THEIR BEHALF

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” John 14:6

79. PRAY THEY RESPOND TO JESUS' INVITATION FOR THEM TO FOLLOW HIM

“And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.’” Matthew 4:19

80. PRAY FOR THEM TO HAVE A HUNGER FOR GOD

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” Matthew 5:6

81. PRAY GOD SHOWS THEM THEY CAN BE FORGIVEN THROUGH JESUS

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.” Ephesians 1:7

70. PRAY THE WORD THEY KNOW DRAWS THEM TO JESUS

“And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

2 Timothy 3:15

71. PRAY TO BOLDLY SHARE THE GOSPEL

“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.” Acts 4:31

72. CLAIM THE VICTORY OF JESUS' BLOOD

“And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.” Revelation 12:11

73. PRAY GOD SANCTIFIES (SETS THEM APART) FOR SALVATION

“According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood.” 1 Peter 1:2

74. PRAY THE DEVIL FAILS TO ROB THEM OF GOD'S WORD

“And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.”

Mark 4:15

75. IN CHRIST CLAIM THE FATHER'S PROMISE FOR THEM

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.” Psalm 2:8

30. PRAY FOR THE WORK OF GOD'S WORD IN THEIR HEARTS

“So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55:11

31. PRAY IN JESUS' NAME FOR THEIR DELIVERANCE

“The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!’”

Luke 10:17

32. PRAY GOD SENDS FRIENDS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’” Matthew 9:37-38.

33. PRAY GOD GIVES THEM NEW LIFE

“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses.”

Colossians 2:13

34. PRAY THEY LONG FOR AND CRY OUT FOR SALVATION

“For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:13

35. PRAY THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS THEM OF THEIR SIN

“And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”

John 16:8

36. CLAIM THE PROMISE THAT GOD DESIRES ALL TO BE SAVED

“This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:3-4

37. PRAY THAT GOD OPENS THEIR EYES TO THE GOSPEL

“To open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

Acts 26:18

38. PRAY THAT THEY WILL BEGIN TO SEEK JESUS AS EAGERLY AS HE PURSUES THEM

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

39. PRAY GOD DELIVERS THEM FROM THE EVIL ONE'S LIES

“And they may come to their senses and escape from the devil's snare, after being captured by him to do his will.” 2 Timothy 2:26

40. PRAY TO THE FATHER TO DRAW THEM TO JESUS

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.” John 6:44

63. PRAY THAT GOD IS TRUE TO HIS NAME TO THEM

(*Jehovah Go'el*): “The LORD our redeemer”

“Then all flesh shall know that I am the LORD your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.” Isaiah 49:26b

64. PRAY THAT GOD SHOWS THEM THEIR SIN'S JUDGMENT.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

65. PRAY THAT GOD SOFTENS THEIR HEART

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness.” Psalm 95:7b-8

66. PRAY THEY BELIEVE IN THE GOOD NEWS

“And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” Acts 16:31

67. PRAY THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE THEM TO JESUS

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.” John 15:26

68. PRAY THE LORD SENDS SOMEONE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

“Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:38

69. PRAY THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST

“I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.” Luke 5:32

57. PRAY GOD GRANTS THEM THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE.

“...correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth.” 2 Timothy 2:25

58. PRAY GOD RESCUES THEM FROM THE EVIL ONE

“But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.”

Mark 3:27

59. PRAY THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.”

1 Timothy 1:15

60. PRAY GOD GIVES THEM A DESIRE TO FIND HIM

“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13

61. PRAY THAT BY GOD’S SPIRIT, CHRIST WILL BE LIFTED UP BEFORE THEM

“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” John 12:32

62. PRAY GOD SENDS THEM SOMEONE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?” Romans 10:14

41. PRAY THE SCRIPTURES THEY HAVE HEARD WILL FULFILL GOD’S PURPOSE FOR THEIR SALVATION

“So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55:11

42. PRAY THE CHRISTIANS THEY MEET WILL OBEY GOD’S COMMAND TO WITNESS

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

43. PRAY THEY CONFESS JESUS AS LORD

“So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:10-11

44. PRAY THEY ARE SET FREE FROM THE DEVIL’S LIES

“In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” 2 Corinthians 4:4

45. PRAY THE SPIRIT REVEALS THE TRUTH OF JESUS

“So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36

46. PRAY THAT THE LORD DOES NOT ALLOW EVIL TO TAKE THE WORD FROM THEIR HEART

“When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.” Matthew 13:19

47. IN FAITH GIVE THANKS THAT GOD'S SPIRIT WILL BRING THEM TO CHRIST

“The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!” Psalm 50:23

48. CLAIM GOD'S DESIRE FOR THEIR SALVATION

“Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?” Ezekiel 18:23

49. ASK GOD TO CONVINCE THEM THAT HE CAN SAVE THEM.

“I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior.” Isaiah 43:11

50. PRAY THAT THEY BELIEVE SALVATION IS A GIFT OF GOD

“For by grace you have been saved. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” Ephesians 2:8

51. PRAY THAT GOD RESCUES THEM FROM SATAN

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.” Colossians 1:13

52. PRAY THAT THEY DREAD THE JUDGMENT OF GOD

“And saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.’” Mark 1:15

53. PRAY THAT THEY CALL ON THE LORD IN FAITH FOR SALVATION

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

54. CLAIM JESUS'S PROMISE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

“Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” John 16:24

55. CLAIM THE PROMISE OF ANSWERED PRAYER AND THAT IT IS HIS WILL

“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.” 1 John 5:14

56. PRAY THAT GOD DELIVERS THEM FROM SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” 2 Corinthians 4:3-4