

How To Pray In The Spirit

Adapted from YWAM by Richard W. LaFountain
(I Cor 14:15, Eph. 6:19, Jude 1:20)

My Part (Internal)

Deal with Sin - (Me) Words, Actions, Thoughts, Attitudes, (W.A.T.A.)
(Psalm 66:18, Ps 139:23-24, Is 59:1,2, Mt 5:23-24) *Put on "sin-block"*

Deal with Self & Flesh - (Myself) *"The spirit is willing, the flesh is weak"*
Matthew 26:41 (who's on first? Who is on the throne?) Selfish desires and wants must be laid down. Breathe in the Holy Spirit. Ask for the Holy Spirit to take control of desires. Be in the Spirit, worship in the Spirit and pray in the Spirit. (Romans 8:8, 8:27, James 4:3, Gal 5:16,25)

Deal with Thoughts - (I) Reign in the wandering mind. His thoughts are not Your thoughts. (Is 26:3, Is 55:8, 2 Corinthians 10:3-4) *"Bring every thought into the captivity of Christ."*

Devil's Part (External)

Deal with the Devil - He is the hinderer, thief, liar, destroyer, murderer, deceiver (Daniel 9, Zech 3, I Pet 5:9, Rev 12, Eph 6) Resist him steadfastly. Having not dealt with him we are hindered by him. He is allowed to go unchecked, unfettered, un-gagged. *"We wrestle not against flesh and blood but principalities and powers."*

God's Part (Eternal)

Agree with God - *"We know not how to pray as we ought."* Romans 8:26-27, Proverbs 3:5, Luke 22:42 *"Nevertheless not my will but thy will be done."* Matthew 6:10 *"Thy will be done..."*

Believe God - Believe and expect God to lead you by His voice and revelation. (Rom 8:14) Believing prayer is acceptable to God. Wishing and hoping are not the same as confident believing prayer. (James 1:6-7, Hebrews 11:6, Romans 4:20)

Wait for God - Wait on God. Wait patiently for His burden and direction (Stand Still, be still, keep silence) Psalm 46:10, Psalm 27:14, Ps 37:7, Is 40:31

Too often we pray with prepared lists of requests in our hands. There is a place for the lists as reminders of immediate needs, but too much leaning on the fleshly mind will miss the mind of the Spirit. The Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be articulated (or listed). Seek to pray the heart of God – which is the mind of the Spirit.

How To Pray For Lost Souls

Pray Scripture

It is not an easy task to remain faithful in prayer for a lost soul. Though we may know the need, feel the burden, and even have some indication of what God must do in order for them to come to Christ, it still is a difficult task to keep at it and not grow weary, or bored in the task. After perhaps a week of prayer we all begin to wonder "What more can we pray for?"

The following is a helpful guide for praying for a lost soul by reading, reviewing, and reusing Scriptures in your prayer for the one on your Ten Most Wanted List. It is in the format of a daily devotional to help direct your thinking. There are eight points. You may want to choose seven, one for each day of the week to keep you focused and intense in your prevailing prayers for the lost. Pray for your most wanted people daily using this to guide your praying.

PRAY FOR HIS CONDITION: A MAN BEFORE SALVATION

1. He needs the grace of God to lead him to repentance John 6:44
2. He is a slave to sin. John 8:34
3. He does not see his sin as very sinful. John 16:8-11
4. He chokes out the Word with other interests. Luke 8:12-14
5. He has rejected, ignored, or neglected God's presence. Rom 1:18-20
6. He has a sin nature I Corinthians 2:14
7. He is blinded to the Gospel by Satan. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
8. He is dead in sins and trespasses. Ephesians 2:1
9. He willfully walks in disobedience Ephesians 2:2
10. He obeys the prince of darkness. Ephesians 2:2
11. He serves his own desires of the mind and body. Ephesians 2:3
12. He has no faith. Ephesians 2:8-9
13. He is separated from God, alienated by sin. Ephesians 2:12

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Monday	His WHEREABOUTS to be led by God	1. CONVICTION - John 16:8-11 "He (Spirit) shall convict the world of sin ... righteousness and judgement" 2. QUICKENING - John 6:63 "It is the Spirit that quickens the flesh profits nothing."
Tuesday	His CIRCUMSTANCES controlled by God	3. FAITH - Eph. 2:8 "It (faith) is a gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast." 4. EYES TO OPEN - II Cor. 4:4-6 "In whom the god of this world has blinded the eyes... God who commands light to shine in the darkness has shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God..."
Wednesday	His INNER EMPTINESS amplified by God	5. EARS TO HEAR - Rev. 3:20 "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in." 6. WORD TO PENETRATE - Hebrews 4:12 "The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword.."
Thursday	A FAITHFUL WITNESS to encounter him daily	7. WORD TO MELT & BREAK - Jeremiah 23:29 "Is not my Word like a fire. It is like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces." 8. WILL TO BE BROKEN - John 7:17 "If any man wills to do his will he shall know of the doctrine..."
Friday	The HOLY SPIRIT to influence his heart	9. BONDAGE TO SIN BROKEN - John 8:36 "If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed." 10. FATHER TO DRAW HIM - John 6:44 "No man can come to me, except the Father...draw him"
Saturday	The WORD OF GOD to affect him	11. FATHER TO CALL HIM - John 6:37 "All that the Father gives me shall come to me..."
Sunday	An ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS	12. FATHER TO SHOW MERCY - Romans 9:16 "It is not of him that wills nor of him that runs but God, which shows mercy."

My Ten Most-Wanted List

God almost always uses people to reach people for Christ. Someone led you to Christ. Someone prayed for you. Someone cared about your soul. Make a list of 10 names of people who are in close proximity to you that you want to pray and lead into the Kingdom. This is your 10 Most Wanted List.

Their Names

1. _____
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9. _____
10. _____

Pray Always, With All Prayer

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2. Quickening - John 6:63 "It is the Spirit that quickens the flesh profits nothing."
3. Faith - Eph. 2:8 "It (faith) is a gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast."
4. Eyes to open - II Cor. 4:4-6 "In whom the god of this world has blinded the eyes..."
5. Ears to hear - Rev. 3:20 "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in."
6. Word to penetrate - Hebrews 4:12 "The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword.."
7. Word to melt & break - Jeremiah 23:29 "Is not my Word like a fire. It is like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces."
8. Will to be broken - John 7:17 "If any man wills to do his will he shall know of the doctrine..."
9. Bondage to sin broken - John 8:36 "If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."
10. Father to draw him - John 6:44 "No man can come to me, except the Father...draw him"

Whereabouts, circumstances, inner emptiness, blinded eyes, a faithful witness, Holy Spirit guide, Word to convict, encounter with Jesus.

Praying for the lost is not just wishful thinking. It is to be "believing prayer." As you pray "believe" that you have the things you ask of God. Believe, expect, trust, lean on God, anticipate the answer. God has promised, and what God has promised, that he will do!

Pray Scripture for you friends. Pray the promises of God. Lay hold of the promise and do not let go, do not give up, pray without ceasing.