

How to Pray for Pre-Christians

1. ALWAYS begin with worship: before any prayer begins, worship and adore God for His lovingkindness, grace, and mercy, which has freely offered us the gift of salvation (Rom 5:8, 15; Eph 2:4-5, 8-9; Titus 2:11; 3:3-7).
2. Pray for laborers (Matt 9:35-38; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).
3. Pray for boldness (Rom 15:30-33; 2 Cor 5:20; Eph 6:18-20; Col 1:28-29; 4:2-6).
4. Pray for Satan's power to be broken (Luke 11:21-22).
5. Pray that Satan will not be able to blind the minds of unbelievers (2 Cor 4:3-5).
6. Pray for the conviction of sin (John 16:7-11).
7. Pray for the realization of impending death (Heb 9:27-28).
8. Pray that God draws them to Himself (John 6:44; 12:31-32).
9. Pray that God opens hearts (Acts 16:14).
10. Pray that they believe the Scriptures (Rom 10:17; 1 Thess 2:13).
11. Pray that they believe in Christ (John 1:12; 5:24).
12. Pray that they submit their will to Christ's lordship (2 Cor 5:15; Phil 3:7-8).
13. Pray that they take root and grow in Christ (Col 2:6-7).
14. ALWAYS conclude with thanksgiving, believing in faith that God WILL answer prayers that are prayed according to His desire (1 Tim 2:1-4; 2 Pet 3:8-9).
15. ALWAYS conclude with worship. God assures us that in the eternal state, there will be "a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'" (Rev 7:9b-10). He is worthy to be praised!!!

Nutshell Summary: we are to pray for...

Laborers (Matt 9:35-38; Luke 10:1-2; Eph 4:11-13)

Opportunities (Eph 5:15-16; Col 4:2-4)

Boldness (Matt 10:32-33; Acts 4:29-31; Eph 6:18-19)

Sinners (Acts 26:29; Rom 10:1; 1 Tim 2:1-4)

How to Pray for Christians

1. **Pray that we will be thrust out into the harvest:** “Then He said to His disciples, ‘the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send [thrust out] out workers into His harvest’ (Matthew 9:37-38).
2. **Pray that we will be filled with compassion:** “Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd” (Matthew 9:36).
3. **Pray that we will be bold:** “With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel” (Ephesians 6:18-19).
4. **Pray that we will be wise and will have an open door:** “Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person” (Colossians 4:2-6).