

Question: Should we pray for unbelievers in the specific details of their lives or is God's only concern that they believe in Christ? Will God answer prayers for them on our behalf?

Answer: I DO believe that you can and should pray for specific answers to prayer for unbelievers. God often uses answers to prayer to draw unbelievers to Himself. For example, I pray for my neighbor's marriages, children, business ventures, etc. with no ulterior motive. I then boldly tell my neighbors that I'm praying for them and am always available to do so whenever they need additional prayer. While I'm sure this seems a bit odd to them, I know they appreciate the fact that I pray for them. And when (not if) God answers my prayers, I am able to say, "Remember, I told you that I was going to pray for you. God loves to answer prayer." This promotes God's glory and His sovereign care for those who have yet to believe.