



The unsaved, unreached and nations

As followers of Jesus Christ, we have to realise that one of the primary commandments given to us is to pray for the salvation of the unsaved and the nations. It is not merely a good thing to do: the salvation of people and their reconciliation with God is the heart of the gospel.

Practical Guidelines

1. We find the following commandment in Matt.9:37-39: 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.”

2. In this article you will find a prayer compiled from several verses from Scripture. You may add other verses from Scripture at the end, as the Holy Spirit leads you.

3. When you pray, remember that God gave the nations to Jesus Christ and to us as an inheritance. (Ps.2:8 and also Rom.8:17)

4. The Great Commandment “to go” is fulfilled by giving financially, by praying for spiritual workers and the unsaved, by going yourself, by witnessing, by using your talents, gifts and training in reaching the unsaved. You cannot pray without also asking: Father, how do You want me to be involved?

5. Write down the names of a number of unsaved people, a few countries and where possible, the names of unreached groups for whom you can pray. As you pray through the verses from Scripture you may add the names of these people and countries to your prayers.

a. Names of people I want to pray for:

b. Unreached groups or world religions I want to pray for:

c. Countries I want to pray for:

Scripture-based prayers

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matt.6:10) As co-heir with Christ Jesus, I ask of you the nations as an inheritance, because You promised the ends of the earth as our possession. (Ps.2:8; Rom.8:17) Your Word teaches that people from every nation, tribe, country and language, were bought by the blood of Jesus. In front of your throne a multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language will be standing, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. (Rev.7:9)

Almighty God, You so loved the world that you gave your one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. You did not send your Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:16-17) You gave us the ministry of reconciliation and that is why we as your priests pray that You will reconcile the world to yourself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. (2 Cor.5:18-19) It is not your will that the wicked will die, but that they will repent and turn from their wicked ways and live. (Ezek.18:23) Jesus, You are the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29) Father, in the Name of Jesus we pray that the Holy Spirit will convict the nations of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment. (John 16:8)

Like a wise son we want to save lives and not sleep during harvest like a disgraceful son. (Prov.10:30; 5) May thousands call out like the prophet Isaiah: "Here am I. Send me!" (Isa.6:8) Father, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. We pray to You, who are the Master of the harvest, to send out workers into your harvest field. (Matt.9:37-38; John 4:35) May your children go out into all the world and preach the good news to all creation and make the nations your disciples. (Mk.16:15) Lord Jesus, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to You and You promised us that You will be with us to the end of the age. (Matt 28:18-20; Mk.16:20)

Lord, enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. (Acts 4:29) We pray that the Holy Spirit will come on us; and that we will be your witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8) Lord, you appointed us over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build, to plant and to establish your Kingdom. (Jer.1:10) May You, O God also testify with us by signs, wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to your will. (Heb.2:4)

Lord, we pray that your message may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you. And we pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. (2 Thess.3:1-2) We pray too, that You may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ to the world. Father we pray that You will, through the working of the Holy Spirit help missionaries and spiritual workers to proclaim the Gospel clearly and with great boldness. We also pray that whenever they open their mouths, words may be given to them so that they will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. (Col.4:3-4; Eph.6:19-20) Like the man who sowed on good soil, we pray for a crop yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. (Matt.13:23)

Father, your Son came to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mk.10:45) Lord, You are not slow in keeping your promise to return, but thank you that You are patient with us, because You do not want anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Pet.3:9) Lord Jesus, You

were pierced for our transgressions, You were crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon You, and by your wounds we are healed. (Isa.53:5)

We have confidence to approach You Lord, because we know that if we ask anything according to your will, You hear us. And if we know that You hear us we know that we will have what we asked of You. (1 John 5:14-15) Lord, we pray that You will give the unsaved a new heart and put a new spirit in them and remove from them the heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. (Ezek.36:26) The weapons You gave us to fight with, are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Cor.10:4-5) The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. (1 John 3:8) Jesus, You died to destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. (Heb.2:14-15)

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You alone can give life, no man can do it. (John 5:21) We pray that You will bring the nations to life and as Paul prayed, that You will save the Jews, so that You will save our own nation. (Rom.10:1)

Father thank you that You have exalted Your Son, Jesus Christ, to the highest place and given him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall 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. (Phil.2:9-11)

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