

## **"The Power of Prayer in Evangelism"**

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*"Prayer releases power from the Holy Spirit, which brings about the new birth or salvation. We are 'birthers' for God. The Holy Spirit wants to bring forth spiritual sons and daughters through our intercession."*

How to Pray for Lost Loved ones, Sheets

Prayer softens the field of battle.

### **1. Pray for the Lost in Your Immediate World.**

*"Influencing someone for Christ should start not with total strangers but with people already in our lives."*

*"The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah . . . And he brought them to Jesus.'"*  
John 1:41

### **2. Pray that God Would Open Doors.**

*"Devote yourselves to prayer...and pray for us, too, that God may open door for our message . . . Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should."*  
Colossians 4:2-4

### **3. Pray for/with Non-believers In Their Times of Trial.**

If you learn about a non-believer's trial, ask if you could pray for them right then. Most will be okay with it even if they do not believe. Make the prayer short and simple.

### **4. Pray that God Would Grow Your Passion for the Lost.**

One of the greatest ways one's passion for the lost can be stirred is by regularly seeing people come to faith in Jesus. Also, praying for increased passion is helpful.

### **5. Pray for Boldness to Share Christ.**

*"Now Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness . . . After they prayed, the place they where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."*  
Acts 4:23-24, 29-31

### **6. Do Spiritual Warfare when Needed.**

*"The devil . . . is well aware what damage and harm he suffers when prayer is properly used . . . The devil expected to crush us, and the gospel as well, except that the prayers of a few godly people intervened like an iron wall on our side."*

Martin Luther; The Large Catechism

*"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers."*  
2 Corinthians 4:4