



Prayer Walk Guide

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Why a Prayer Walk?

Prayer walks have been successful for many Churches and can be successfully done by small groups. These walks illustrate the power of the idea that we “pray nearer to pray clearer” and “we have insight when we pray on-site”. These prayers raised out in the community are particularly successful when the Holy Spirit is allowed to guide and bring focus to the prayer time.

A prayer walk in a neighborhood, around schools, by churches, fire halls, police stations, varied ministries and many different locals makes a statement by you and the group that prayer can and does make a difference. Jesus establishes an important threshold for prayer when in Luke 18:1 he says we should pray and never give up. Couple that admonition to the statement James makes in the latter part of the verse James 4:2: “You do not have because you do not ask God.”

Groups on their prayer walk are urged to be persistent in prayer while asking God to do His Will as it is in Heaven in and for the areas you transverse. Ask the Father to expand the boundaries of the Kingdom of God in these locations. Speak blessings, safety and protection over all the participants as you do this important work. Please read and allow the suggestions, scripture noted and a passion for lost and wayward to fuel effective, powerful prayer.

A Good Place to Start:

Ask God to Reveal His purposes in the Prayer Walk for you to understand and embrace:

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

“Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.

Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. – Acts 4:23-31

All Campuses – East, West, Online

Pray for the Shepherds, Ministers of each Campus, Staff and Volunteers that work at each campus.

Suggestions for Structuring Your Prayer Walk

Begin your walk with Praise

Ask God what He's already doing in the place you are praying. Ask Him to open hearts, spirits, souls and even doors to the Gospel even to "stretch out your (His) hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus".

Do some listening prayer.

Ask God questions and writing down anything you hear or feel. Ask: Lord, what are YOU praying for this campus, this neighborhood, this location. Campus? Who are you moving in here right now? Is there a person of "peace" we can connect with? What are the barriers to your work here? How we pray to break down barriers?

Ask God to Renew minds, hearts, and spirits.

This includes you and your group. Ask each to pray for renewal of their own faith—and for greater faith. Pray for God to move deeply in each heart of the group. Ask Him to renew faith in what He can do, is doing and what He wants to do in each place you walk. Ask for great rewards of your prayer walk:

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. —Acts 2:37-41

Have the leaders ask questions like: Did God reveal any barriers to you as you prayed and particularly when you asked Him to reveal insights?

Ask God for Revival.

Ask God to show what revival would look like at each place on this prayer walk. Have the Small Group Leader write down anything that is revealed.

Pray that people of faith will rise up in each area and will be bold, encourage each member to have faith and be bold and courageous in prayer.

The following pages include additional prayer points based on the location of your prayer walk. Many of the points include Scriptures to pray. We encourage you to develop your own prayers based on both the verses and the written prayers.

Prayer Points for Governments

From The Navigators

- **That these in public offices be God-fearing and recognize that they are accountable to Him for each decision and act.**

Proverbs 9:10 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

- **That they seek and be granted wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.**

James 1:5 – If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

- **That, if unsaved, they be drawn to a saving encounter with Christ: that, if baptized and born again, they would be strengthened and encouraged in their faith.**

1 Timothy 2:4 – Who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Ephesians 1:17-23 – I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

- **That each public official recognizes their own personal inadequacy and pray and seek the will of God.**

Proverbs 3:5-8 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Luke 11:9-13 – “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

- **That they be convicted of sin, transgression, and iniquity should they violate the public trust and their oaths of office.**

Psalm 51:17 – My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

John 8:9 – At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

○ That they will be sensitive to their spirit and conscience, confess any sins, and repent.

Proverbs 8:13 – To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.

James 4:8 – Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

○ That they value and hold in high regard the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Christ.

Psalm 19:7-11 – The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

John 8:31-37 – To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are Abraham’s descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word.

○ That they read their Bible and understand the Word of God and its high requirements of those who follow Christ and attend prayer meetings and Bible studies.

Psalm 119:11 – I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Colossians 3:2 – Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

○ That they respect and honor God and the high ethical and spiritual requirements of their service to the community.

Ephesians 6:2-3 – “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord...

- **That they respect authority and practice accountability, give Godly counsel, are honest and faithful to those they work for and those in their family, desire purity and avoid the profane, and Seek to be humble, meek, and serving the community.**

Romans 13:1-7 – Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended...

Proverbs 24:6 – Surely you need guidance to wage war, and victory is won through many advisers.

Malachi 2:15-16 – Has not the one God made you? You belong to him in body and spirit. And what does the one God seek? Godly offspring. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth. “The man who hates and divorces his wife,” says the Lord, the God of Israel, “does violence to the one he should protect,” says the Lord Almighty. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 – Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

Titus 2:12 – It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

John 13:14 – Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.

Titus 3:1-2 – Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

Prayer Points for First Responders

From Dave & Kim Butts

○ Give thanks to the Lord for those who often put their lives on the line for others.

Peter 4:11 – “If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.”

Colossians 1:3 – “We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you.”

Father, we are so blessed to have men and women who work diligently for our safety and well-being, even when their jobs are difficult and often thankless. Help us remember to thank You for their sacrifices and service to our community. May we touch heaven with prayers of gratitude whenever we see or personally encounter first responders. Give them the strength that You provide so that as they serve, You will be honored.

○ Pray for spiritual salvation for first responders, and a faith in Christ to sustain them in the face of danger.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 – “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

Psalm 27:1 – “The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?”

Lord Jesus, we pray for first responders everywhere who have not yet made You their Lord and Savior. Please put Your people in their paths, so that they might learn to seek You first and honor You. It's so important to have godly men and women in these positions of influence for the sake of Your Kingdom. We also pray that You will intervene in the lives of those who once knew You well but have fallen away from You due to the pressures of their jobs. Reignite their hearts with passion for all that You are, Lord Jesus! Stir people all over our nation to pray fervently that our first responders will be salt and light in dark places and beacons of hope to the hopeless. Help them to minister in a very difficult occupation so that they might be change agents for the sake of Your name!

○ Pray for their protection and safety because many first responders are in situations of significant danger.

Isaiah 54:17 – “No weapon forged against you will prevail.”

Psalm 91:1-4, 14-16 – “Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’ Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart...”

'Because he loves me,' says the Lord, 'I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.'

Gracious God, first responders have such dangerous jobs! Help them to dwell in Your shadow. May You always be their refuge in difficult situations. May they trust in You completely, moment by moment. Show them Your power when they find themselves in unsafe situations or when they face people who threaten to harm them. Keep them safe for the glory of Your name!

- **Pray for wisdom and discernment as they face every crisis. Pray for increased skill and effectiveness in their daily tasks of coming to the aid of others.**

2 Chronicles 20:12: "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

Psalms 5:8 – "Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies—make your way straight before me."

Lord, every day first responders have to make difficult and complicated decisions. Help them to choose wisely and well in every situation. Give them clarity and help them to stay calm and collected in the tensest moments they face. Help them call out to You whenever they don't know what to do. May they always keep their eyes fixed upon You.

- **Pray for courage and strength as they enter harm's way.**

Joshua 1:9 – "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Zechariah 4:6 – "'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty."

Father, every shift first responders' work requires them to be prepared and ready for whatever comes. Give them the ability to stand strong. Fill them with courage. Help them to be aware of Your presence and see their need for You in every challenging situation.

- **Pray for vigilance as they keep watch. Ask God to give them confidence in their abilities to help others.**

Psalms 130:5-6 – "I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning."

Mark 14:38 – "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Father, as our first responders watch over us and respond to the needs in our community, please keep them alert and always ready. Keep them sharp, confident, and prepared in every way. May they place their hope in Your Word and wait upon You.

- **Pray for emotional protection for first responders, that the Father would guard their hearts, especially in the face of criticism or anger from others.**

Galatians 6:9-10 – “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Philippians 4:5-7 – “Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Father, please keep our first responders emotionally strong but spiritually tender when they are confronted by the evil and brokenness around them. Give them Your peace as they deal with the pain and suffering of others—and at times experience injustice. May they have compassion for those whose lives are broken and may they demonstrate kindness to them. Help them to recognize that when others express hate and anger toward them, they can find their security in You.

- **Pray that the words and deeds of every believing first responder will reflect the life of Jesus Christ in every situation.**

Psalm 141:3 – “Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.” Psalm 19:14: “May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.”

Father, give words and actions to Your people who serve their community as first responders. Even in the most intense situations, we ask that they look to you to show them how to react and what to say. May they bring honor to You and be godly examples to their unbelieving coworkers and to others with whom they interact daily.

- **Pray for peace for the first responders’ family members who are aware of the dangers their loved one’s face. Ask God to guard their marriage and family relationships.**

Prayer Points for Schools

From V. Kearney on the "We Have Kids" blog

○ **Pray for Students, Teachers, Administrators, & Staff You Know.** As you walk, think about the different people you know at school. Ask God to bring people to your mind who need your prayers. You can pray that they can:

- Deal with the stress they feel without hurting other people
- Make good decisions
- Be forgiving
- Be kind and loving
- Be thankful
- Have energy
- Do a good job
- Have an understanding of other people and be forgetful when people do them wrong
- Have love, have joy, have peace, have patience, have goodness, have faithfulness, have self-control
- Be thoughtful of other people
- Do the right thing
- Get help if they are hurting
- Will do a good job
- Will come to know Jesus (if they are not believers)
- Will show Jesus in what they do and say (if they are believers)

○ **Pray for People You May Not Know.** Along with praying for people you know, you can pray for people in the school that you don't know but God does know. Here are some of the people in schools that you can pray for:

- Teachers
- Principal, Vice Principal, & Counselors
- Secretaries, nurses, receptionists, and other office workers
- Staff in cafeteria
- Maintenance workers
- Crossing Guards
- Bus Drivers
- School Board who makes decisions for the school
- P.T.A. parents
- Students who are leaders on campus
- Christian students
- Students who have a hard time doing schoolwork
- Students who have a hard time at home, or in family
- Students who are disruptive in class
- Students who are bullies to others or just mean
- Students who get bullied, gossiped about, or ignored
- Students who feel like no one cares
- Pray for safety in sports and other activities.

○ **Examples of Praying from Scriptures**

1 Thessalonians 5: 11-13 – Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

Dear Lord, I ask that you help the Christian students at the school to encourage each other and build each other up. I ask that you help them to appreciate their teachers who diligently labor among them. I ask that John and Christine will tell their teachers today that they appreciate them and esteem them very highly in love because of their work. I ask that the students in Mr./Mrs. _____'s class live at peace with one another.

2 Timothy 2:15-16 – Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.

Dear God Almighty, I pray that the Christian students from our Church at the High School will be diligent to present themselves approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. I also pray especially that they will avoid worldly and empty chatter like gossip and mean talk about other people.

○ Additional Scriptures

- Psalm 1
- Psalm 5
- Psalm 15
- Psalm 119
- Psalm 139
- Psalm 145
- Psalm 147
- Proverbs 3
- Proverbs 4
- Proverbs 11
- Proverbs 15
- Proverbs 24
- Proverbs 27
- Proverbs 28
- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 13
- Galatians 5:22-26
- Galatians 6: 1-9
- Ephesians 1:16-23
- Ephesians 3:14-21
- Colossians 3:1-17
- 1 Thes. 5: 12-24
- 2 Tim. 2:15-16
- 2 Tim. 2:22-26
- Matthew 5:3-16
- 1 Peter 2:12-17
- 1 Peter 3:8-17
- 1 Peter 5:1-11
- 2 Peter 1:1-8
- 1 John 3
- James 5:7-20
- Hebrews 12:1-14

Prayer Points for Other Churches

From Ligonier Ministries

- **To encourage community bonding.** We need to be reminded that there are other faithful Christians praying and laboring to the same end you are—to magnify Christ by seeing sinners forgiven and transformed.
- **To stimulate relationships between church leadership.** (Think David Young and Cory Trimble). Leaders of faithful churches can spend time together in order to know each other better and learn what to pray about.
- **Ask about and learn what challenges they are facing, what they are encouraged by, and what they would love to see God do with their assembly.** Pray for those things!
- **To help build networks of known faithful churches.** We establish a more solid pattern of communication and care.
- **To help provide protection against the prince of this world, Satan.** Prayer is a powerful weapon that calls in cover fire to protect churches from attack. Satan loves to distract, divide, and destroy churches' witness for Christ.
- **To help fulfill our duty to be alert.** Demonstrate your concern shown in your prayer for other churches.
- **To strengthen our evangelistic witness.** We know that our love and unity has evangelistic potential (John 13:35; 17:21). When our neighbors learn how we love and appreciate our partners in the gospel across the city, it leads them to understand how the gospel unites and motivates people.
- **Pray for a love for Christ to develop confidence in His promise to build His church.** Pray for desire to see many faithful witnesses for Christ multiply not only at all campuses of NBC but in other church as well.

Prayer Points for Non-Profits & Other Organizations

From City Church in Knoxville and other various sources

We have so many effective and serving organizations in our community. We think about Barnabus Vision and Greenhouse Ministers and so many Christ motivated organizations but there are so many like Red Cross, Medical Groups, Civic Associations, Sport Teams that promote the needs.

○ Example Prayers:

"Thank you Father for every non-profit organization that is here serving the people of our city, its communities of common interests, the sick, the poor and the needy. We pray your blessings on their leaders and workers. Help them in their mission as they recruit volunteers and raise funds. Give them God breathed ideas that will make great differences in the lives of people."

Father, I pray for all the poor and homeless in Rutherford County, its cities, localities and neighborhoods. May good news and freedom be proclaimed to them, open the prison doors and break the chains of addictions, poverty, poor mental health, sickness and let light shine into their darkness and despair. (Isaiah 61:1-2) Set the lonely in families. (Psalm 68:6) Care for the brokenhearted and those without Fathers or Mothers.

Bless all those who minister to these people. Provide finances, resources and workers. Give them compassion, wisdom and grace as they dispense help and resources to those in need.

Ask organizations how you can pray for them. As an Example Barnabus Vision requests:

- That Barnabus Vision continues to meet the Physical, spiritual and emotional needs in our community and world
- Pray for the 500 and plus people that we helped financially as well of the 1,00 people we have interact with though our other programs.
- Pray for our classes that they continue to be useful and meaningful
- Staff, Volunteers, Board members
- That we will always be spirit lead.
- That we are able to meet the needs and new needs in the community
- Funds to help people in our community
- Our homeless prevention program. Pastoral counseling, Classes Life program. Christmas sponsorship program, fall and winter special events.
- To be able to help more in the northern part of the county more and other surrounding counties.
- To follow and be bold where God leads us.

Prayer Points for Neighborhoods

From Every Campus USA

- **Pray for discernment** - Ask for the "gift" of seeing the community with the eyes and heart of Jesus and the "gift" of discernment to know what God is already doing there; ask God to show you how you can pray with greater insight (we are "on-site" for insight) for the people, events, and places in the community.
- **Pray for blessings** - Pray for every person, home, school, business and situation you encounter.
- **Pray with empathy** - See and feel what the neighborhood dwellers live with every day; offer intercession for signs of brokenness and give thanks to God for the blessings and gifts in the community.
- **Pray in God's power** - Allow times of silence for God's spirit to speak to you, or through you.
- **Pray from Scripture** - Prayers based directly on God's word can be especially powerful.

Jeremiah 29:5-7 – "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Luke 10:1-2 – After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Mark 12:30-31 – Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Revelation 21:3-5 – And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death'[a] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

- **Pray for Receptive Hearts**

Luke 8:5-15 – [The Parable of the Sower] "...This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who

hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

○ **Pray for their spiritual eyes and ears to be opened**

Matt. 13:15 – For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'

2 Cor. 4:3-4 – And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

○ **Pray for unbelievers to have and understand God's attitude toward sin**

John 16:8 – When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment

○ **Pray for the lost to be released from barriers and strongholds that hinder faith**

2 Tim. 2:25-26 – Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

○ **Pray for unbelievers to experience a transforming life in Christ**

Rom. 12:1-2 – Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

○ **Pray for Christian witnesses to be Sent to share Christ with the lost**

Matt 9:35-38 – Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 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."

○ **Pray for believers to be renewed in the joy of God's salvation**

Psalms 51:10-13 – Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

○ **Pray for believers to live a Christ-like character before the world**

John 17:11 – I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

○ **Pray that Christians will experience the joy of Jesus in their lives**

John 17: 13 – I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

○ **Pray for divine protection from Satan**

John 17:15 – My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

○ **Pray that believers will live set apart and holy lives in Christ**

John 17: 17 – Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

○ **Pray for Christians to be united in mission and purpose**

John 17: 20-21 – My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

○ **Pray that believers will join Christ in His redemptive work**

John 17: 24 – Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.