

PRAYER GUIDE

For Your One

Day 1: John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

Prayer:

God, I know there is only one way to salvation. Jesus is clear; He is the only hope for a lost and dying world, and that includes _____ . His/Her salvation depends on acknowledging Jesus is who He says He is, and He alone is the source of salvation. Use the people and circumstances in _____ ’s life today to point him/her to the reality of Jesus. Give me courage and boldness to call _____ to faith in Jesus when the opportunity arises, and help me make it clear there is no other way to be saved.

Day 2: Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Prayer:

Lord, this world is filled with burdens. I know _____ experiences the reality of burdens in a broken, sinful world. Father, I know You are the only one who can provide true rest. Cause _____ to recognize the futility of looking to anything in this world for the rest he/she seeks, and let this reality drive him/her to You in saving faith.

Day 3: 1 Chronicles 16:34

O give thanks to the Lord, for *He is* good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Prayer:

Father, I give thanks to You for Your goodness in my life. I know Your faithful love endures forever. You have never abandoned me, and You continue to demonstrate grace in my life, though I'm so prone to forget Your kindness. _____ needs to know Your love. He/she needs more than an intellectual understanding of Your existence; rather he/she needs to experience the love You have demonstrated in my life. Break through to his/her heart, and cause him/her to truly experience Your life-transforming love and to be able to join with me in giving You thanks for all You are and all You have done.

Day 4: Acts 16:14

A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

Prayer:

God, Lydia's story gives me hope for the salvation of _____. Give me the boldness of Paul. Make me courageous to share the gospel message with _____ in a way that is clear and compelling. Help me reject the fear that causes me to shy away from speaking the Truth in love. Do for _____ what You did for Lydia. Open his/her heart to believe the gospel. Align the circumstances of life to soften his/her heart to the truth of the gospel, and cause him/her to listen intentionally and respond humbly to Jesus' offer of salvation.

Day 5: Exodus 34:6-7

Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin;”

Prayer:

God, I know You as One who is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You have shown these characteristics to me time and time again. My heart breaks for the countless number of men and women who haven't experienced Your character as I have. In particular, I pray for _____ . I want him/her to know You as You truly are. Cause _____ to see You as the great God You are, and use me to reflect Your attributes.

Day 6: Psalm 96:1-3

Sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name; proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. Tell of His glory among the nations, his wonderful deeds among all the peoples.

Prayer:

God, the psalmist calls me to sing to the Lord and declare His salvation among all people. Cause my life to overflow with Your joy. Make me sing Your praises day-to-day. Bring to mind consistent evidence of Your grace in my life. As You do, make these realities spill over into the words I speak to _____. Allow me to testify to the wondrous works You've performed in my life. When I experience Your blessings, compel me to testify to the fact that God alone is the source of my joy and the only basis for my hope.

Day 7: Luke 10:2

And He was saying to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Prayer:

God, raise up other Christians who have a relationship with _____ who can partner with me in sharing the gospel with him/her. In particular, cause his/her believing friends, family or co-workers to take every opportunity to speak Truth into his/her life. Allow the words we all share to reinforce the truth of the gospel to _____ and prompt him/her to consider the claims we are all making.

Day 8: Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Prayer:

Father, give me the faith to obey You in all things, so _____ can experience firsthand a life that has been transformed by Your Spirit. I pray for humility, so I will not merely do what is right to feel good about myself or in order to flaunt my morality in front of others. Give me wisdom and opportunities to speak about why my life is different. Use the distinctive life Your Spirit produces in me and the good works You lead me to perform to cause _____ to long for the hope, peace, joy and meaning that only comes to those who have experienced Your salvation.

Day 9: Ephesians 6:18-20

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, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in *proclaiming* it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Prayer:

God, I need boldness in order to share the gospel with _____. I know the message of the gospel is a mystery to those who are lost in their trespasses and sins. At one time, the gospel was a mystery to me as well. Your plan is that people would see and hear of Jesus through the witness of those who have experienced His grace and now see the gospel for the treasure it is. Grant me boldness to speak to _____ of the hope of the gospel. I need unwavering confidence that You will use my frail words to speak of You as I should.

Day 10: Genesis 12:1-3

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, and from your relatives, and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

Prayer:

Father, when I read the story of the call of Abram, I’m reminded that Your heart has always been for all the people and nations of the earth. You blessed Abram and gave him Your great promises so he could serve as a blessing to the nations. The same is true for all those who are heirs of these promises through salvation in Christ Jesus. We are all blessed to be a blessing to others—most importantly, to bless them by pointing them to their only hope in life and death. Make me a blessing too. Cause me to make Your name great as I declare and demonstrate the blessing of salvation in such a way that _____ will see Your glory.

Day 11: Acts 16:29-31

And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and after he brought them out, he said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved”

Prayer:

Father, I long for _____ to ask this question: What must I do to be saved? Awaken him/her to his/her need for the gospel. Give me the courage to call _____ to faith in Jesus as his/her Savior.

Day 12: 2 Peter 3:8-9

But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Prayer:

Father, thank You for being patient with _____. I know every day You extend his/her life is testimony to Your longsuffering and desire for all people to know and personally experience the hope that comes through faith in Jesus Christ. I also understand You could return at any moment and, when You do, it will be too late for those who have never trusted You. I pray this reality will create a sense of urgency in my life and cause me to share with boldness. I ask that Your kindness will lead _____ to trust You and experience life with You now and forever.

Day 13: 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer:

God, the resurrection is my hope. I believe Jesus rose victorious over Satan, sin and death, and His resurrection was the first fruits of all those who have faith in His work. We, too, will rise again one day! _____ does not know this same hope. Remind him/her of his/her own mortality, and create an awareness of his/her need for eternal hope. Use the reality of the brokenness of this life and the reality of death to jar _____ from his/her complacency, and position those who know You to testify to the hope of the resurrection.

Day 14: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Prayer:

Lord, cause the light of Your glory to shine in the life of _____. I know the clearest reflection of that glory is seen in Jesus Christ. Help _____ see Jesus clearly. For this to happen, I ask for boldness to speak of Jesus and help him/her understand who Jesus is and what He came to do. Bring to my mind Scripture and stories of Jesus that will help me talk about Him in a way that puts Your glory on display. Remove the blinders Satan has created to blind _____ to the beauty of Jesus. Use other people and circumstances to cause _____ to consider the truth of Jesus. I trust that You will cause light to shine into his/her darkness as a result.

Day 15: Romans 10:1-3

Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for *their* salvation. For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

Prayer:

Lord, I know it is possible for people to pursue meaningful things in this life in the vain hope that their zeal for what is perceived as good will somehow work to their eternal benefit. Far too often, those who are far from You assume things will work out in the end because they have been fairly good people in this life and given their time and energy to do what they consider good. Sadly, many are like those Paul prays for in this passage. They have zeal but lack knowledge of God's righteousness seen in Jesus Christ. Awaken _____ to Your offer of salvation, and help him/her see the futility of anything other than You as a hope for eternal salvation.

Day 16: Ecclesiastes 6:11-12

For there are many words which increase futility. What *then* is the advantage to a man? For who knows what is good for a man during *his* lifetime, *during* the few years of his futile life? He will spend them like a shadow. For who can tell a man what will be after him under the sun?

Prayer:

Lord, the wisdom of Ecclesiastes points out consistently that life in this world is futile apart from You. No wisdom, wealth or pleasure will satisfy. People pursue these very things with their lives, only to find that they overpromise and under-deliver. Nothing on this earth provides lasting meaning. Only You can do that. In Your mercy, allow _____ to see the futility of life without You. When he/she does, don't allow him/her to despair, but cause him/her to direct his/her desperation to You. Make the futility of this life cause _____ to see that the only hope is You. Your salvation and the hope that comes from Jesus is the only thing that will never let him/her down.

Day 17: Habakkuk 2:14

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Prayer:

God, You have promised there will be a day when Your glory is seen and known throughout the earth. Right now _____ does not have knowledge of Your glory. He/she is lost. I know Your glory already fills the earth. It's seen in amazing sunrises, powerful thunderstorms and the laughter of children. Everywhere I look, I see things that cause me to praise You! _____ is blind to Your glory. He/she sees beauty and does not attribute it to You. He/she experiences joy and fails to understand You created it. I pray _____ would come to know the Source of all that is great in this life.

Day 18: Colossians 1:13-14

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Prayer:

Lord, it is amazing to think of the great work You have done in my life. As Paul says, You have rescued me from the domain of darkness and transferred me into the kingdom of Your Son. I did not deserve this type of grace. No one does. You have done for Your people what they could not do for themselves, and now I boldly ask You to do the same for _____. Right now, he/she is in the domain of darkness, though he/she may not recognize it. Because of Your great love, grant _____ salvation and transfer him/her into Your kingdom of light.

Day 19: Mark 4:1-9

He began to teach again by the sea. And such a very large crowd gathered to Him that He got into a boat in the sea and sat down; and the whole crowd was by the sea on the land. And He was teaching them many things in parables, and was saying to them in His teaching, "Listen to *this*! Behold, the sower went out to sow; as he was sowing, some *seed* fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate it up. Other *seed* fell on the rocky *ground* where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil. And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. Other *seed* fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. Other *seeds* fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold." And He was saying, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Prayer:

Father, cause the seed being sown in _____'s life to produce fruit. I know the enemy likes nothing more than to see the sun or thorns destroy the seed of the gospel in his/her life. Do the work of tilling the soil in his/her heart, so the message of the gospel is received and believed by _____.

Day 20: Mark 10:21-22

Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But at these words he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.

Prayer:

God, there is so much in this world that wars against people coming to faith in You and giving their lives to follow You as a disciple. There is perhaps no greater obstacle than possessions and money. Though _____ may or may not consider himself/ herself rich in this life, I know it is possible for possessions, or the pursuit of those possessions, to cause a person to reject You. Show _____ the futility of pursuing things of this world that can be destroyed in a moment, and cause him/her to consider the reality of eternity. As he/she does, show him/her You are a greater treasure than anything this life could provide.

Day 21: 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

Prayer:

Lord, Paul gives thanks for those in the Church who turned from idols to serve You, the true and living God. This is exactly what _____ needs to do. Though he/she would likely not admit he/she is serving idols, that's exactly what's happening. Money. Power. Possessions. Fame. Anything other than You! Cause _____ to see these things for what they are— frail and flimsy sources of hope and ultimately not worthy of worship. I pray for a time when I will be able to look back on _____'s life and testify that he/she turned from idols to trust in You—the only true God.

Day 22: John 16:8

And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.

Prayer:

Father, You promise that the Holy Spirit convicts unsaved people of their sin, their lack of righteousness, and the resulting judgment to come. I pray that the Holy Spirit would bring such conviction to _____. I long for _____ to know You as his/her God and to experience the grace You so freely give. In Your rich love, use the people and circumstances in _____'s life to soften his/her heart and point him/her to You.

Day 23: Romans 6:16-18

Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone *as* slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Prayer:

It breaks my heart to consider _____ experiences life apart from You. I know all people commit sin. Help _____ understand that he/she is a sinner. Use the pain and consequences of sin to cause _____ to sense a need for You.

Day 24: 2 Timothy 2:24-26

The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

Prayer:

I know most people do not consider themselves opponents, or even enemies of God. But that's exactly what they are. They are held captive by Satan to do his will rather than Yours. Cause _____ to see his/her sin for what it is—rebellion against his/her Creator and disobedience to Your perfect law. Help _____ to admit his/her sin and seek Your forgiveness.

Day 25: 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Prayer:

Father, You have been patient with _____ up to this point in his/her life. Every day he/she lives is a testimony to the fact that You long for all people to hear the gospel and come to saving faith. Continue to show mercy and extend _____'s life. In Your kindness, allow him/her to experience the beautiful things You've created and that display Your glory. Protect him/her from the full extent of the consequences of his/her sin, and allow the consequences that he/she does experience to point him/her to the need for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Day 26: Jonah 4:10-11

Then the Lord said, "You had compassion on the plant for which you did not work and *which* you did not cause to grow, which came up overnight and perished overnight. Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know *the difference* between their right and left hand,"

Prayer:

Father, I know You are a kind God who cares about the lost and those destined for destruction. Like Nineveh of old, our world is filled with people who don't know their right from their left. People live in sinful rebellion to You. You've appointed men and women to be Your mouthpiece to a dying world, just as Jonah was. Spare _____ from destruction, and use my words as a tool to call him/her to Jesus for salvation. Allow me to speak clearly and boldly about the realities of hell and Your eternal wrath to point _____ to Jesus as his/her Savior before it is too late.

Day 27: Matthew 9:1-2

Getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over *the sea* and came to His own city. And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.”

Prayer:

Father, the Bible tells many stories of unnamed men and women who brought their friends to Jesus. I long to bring _____ to You as well. Like the paralytic in this story, I know You are capable of doing far more than merely addressing his/her external needs. You know his/her heart, and You are the only One who is able to forgive his/her sins. _____ may not even sense his/her need for forgiveness at this time. Convict _____ of his/her sin and show him/her the eternal consequences of sin.

Day 28: Ephesians 1:13

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Prayer:

God, I know You give Your promised Holy Spirit to all those whom You have saved. Your Spirit is a defining mark of Your people. I pray _____ would experience Your salvation and receive the gift of Your Spirit. I know it is Your Spirit who works in the hearts of people like _____ to convict them of their sin and their need for Jesus. I ask that Your Spirit do this work in _____’s life and that Your Spirit will fill and seal him/her when he/she hears Your Word and believes the truth of Your gospel.

Day 29: Revelation 5:9

And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

Prayer:

God, You are worthy of the worship of all people. You created all things for Your glory and made every person who has ever lived to proclaim Your excellence. This is true of _____, as well. When I read John’s picture of the worship of every tribe, tongue and nation in heaven, I picture _____ among that group. Save him/her, so he/she would join in the chorus of those who praise You as worthy. As I seek to share the gospel with _____, burden my heart for all people around the world who do not know You. Save _____, and use him/her to declare Your glory among the nations as well.

Day 30: Revelation 21:3-6

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.” And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.” Then He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

Prayer:

Lord, I long for the day when You will make all things new. This world is broken, and I know You will come and recreate all things. I know You have set a day when Christ will return and do just that. I ask that before that great day, You make _____ thirsty for the water of life You freely give. Use the witness of Your people to point him/her to salvation through Jesus Christ. I know You are the Beginning and the End—the only hope for salvation for all people.