

8 Biblical Prayers

#1-John 6:44 says, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.”

- It is God the Father who must draw our friends to Jesus Christ.
- Since God must draw our friends to Christ, we must ask Him to do that work in the lives of our friends, neighbors and co-workers.

#2-John 16:8-11 says, “And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

- The Holy Spirit brings conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment.
- The Holy Spirit brings understanding of sin, righteousness and judgment to people.
- Therefore, we need to pray that the Spirit will bring this understanding through his work of conviction in the lives of our friends.

#3-2 Corinthians 4:4-6 says, “In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- Satan blinds people from the truth of the gospel.
- God shines the truth of the gospel into people's minds and hearts.
- Therefore, we must pray that God would cut through the spiritual blindness in order to help our friends see the beauty of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

#4-Colossians 4:3 says, “At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—

- Paul wants other believers to pray that he will have opportunities to share the gospel with others.
- While God is the one who saves, He has decided to use us to share His gospel with others.
- We must ask God to give us opportunities to share.
- Since we know that God is actively seeking lost people to save, we must believe that He will orchestrate opportunities to share.
- Our praying for opportunities correctly acknowledges God's sovereignty over salvation but also our responsibilities to use these opportunities to share the gospel.

#5-Colossians 4:5-6 says, “Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

- We need wisdom to know how to respond to each of our friends, co-workers and neighbors.
- Each individual may need a different response on our part.
- We don’t always need to share the entire gospel in each conversation. (That’s not possible in most conversations.)
- However, if our speech is seasoned with salt, we can offer wise words that God can use to work in the hearts and minds of our friends.

#6-Ephesians 6:19 says, “and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

- Paul asks prayer for boldness.
- We need boldness when God gives us opportunities to share.
- This prayer recognizes our tendency to hold back in evangelism.

#7-Colossians 4:4 says, “that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

- If Paul asked prayer for gospel clarity, what does that say about our need for clarity? (Paul did write the book of Romans.)
- We need to ask God to help us be clear as we share.
- Oftentimes, under pressure, we can garble the gospel.

#8-1 Thessalonians 2:8 says, “So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

- It is imperative that we share our lives with our friends, neighbors and co-workers.
- We must express our love to others in a normal way.
- We should pray that God would help us to do this in the lives of our friends.