

Praying for Salvation of the Lost and Lost Ones to Return

Holy God, although our love for these is heavy upon our hearts, we humbly submit these intercessions for the lost and the prodigal children before You for higher purposes, that You will be magnificently glorified and that the completed church for Jesus will be ready for presentation to You as the holy bride of Christ. John 17:1. Eph 5:27,32. Rev 22:17. Rev 4:21

God of Righteousness, we intercede for these by speaking Your own Word of truth as prayers to You, assured that they are as golden bowls full of incense to accomplish what You desire. We are reverently confident to come into Your throne room as righteous ones with prayers that will accomplish much because You, our Beloved, have covered us with Your righteousness. Rev 5:8. Is 55:11. Eph 3:12. Heb 4:16. 2Cor 5:21. Eph 6:15. Phil 3:9. James 5:16.

Lamb of God, thank You, for Your finished work on the cross for these, for even though they walk in sin, You have died for them and now seated at the right hand of our Father, You always live to make intercession for them. Thank You, Father, that You desire for the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead to dwell in them. Please open wide the eyes of their hearts to grasp how You have loved them so and gave them Your only Son, so they would not perish, but believe in Him and have eternal life. John 19:30. Rom 5:8. Col 3:1 Heb 7:25. Rom 8:11. John 3:16.

Holy Healer, continue to proclaim through Jesus the favorable year of the Lord. Bring good news to the afflicted. Bind up the brokenhearted. Proclaim liberty to the captives. Set the oppressed free. Comfort those who have been mourning. Place a mantle of praise over those with a spirit of fainting. Replace shame and humiliation with a double portion of blessing, with everlasting joy, for You love justice. Be a Father to the fatherless and a judge for the widows in Your holy habitation. Make a home for the lonely, and lead out the prisoners into prosperity. Exercise what You delight in, Your lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on the earth. Luke 4:18. Is 61. Psalm 68:5,6. Jer 9:24.

Gracious Father, show Your chosen ones that before You formed them in the womb, You knew them, and before they were born, You consecrated them; You chose them as Your own in Jesus before the foundation of the world so these, too, would be holy and blameless before You. Reveal the depths of Your love, how You predestined them to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Yourself, according to the kind intention of Your will, to the praise of the glory of Your grace which You have freely bestowed on them in the Beloved. You predestined them according to Your purpose, so we are grateful that You work all things after the counsel of Your will. Jer 1:5. Eph 1:4-6,11.

God of Peace, reveal to them that they have been chosen according to Your foreknowledge by the sanctifying work of Your Spirit to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood. Show them that You predestined them to become conformed to the image of Jesus. Let them understand in their hearts that You chose them from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. Continue to cause all things to work together for the good of those who are called; call them so they can be justified and become the glory of Jesus. Bring them near by the blood of Christ. Reconcile them to Your one body through the cross. Preach Your peace to them. 1Pet 1:2. 2The 2:13. Rom 8:28-30. Eph 2:13,16,17.

Lord of Hosts, because You chose Your own before the foundation of the world, these names, for whom You have burdened us, must be written in the book of life that has existed since the foundation of the world. We rejoice and thank You for their names being recorded in heaven with the rest of Your own; thank You that You will confess these names before our Father and before His angels. Rev 17:8. Rev 3:5. Psalm 69:28. Phil 4:3. Luke 10:20.

Great I AM, act for Your Holy Name for all of these in desperate need of their Savior. Sprinkle clean water on them. Cleanse them from all their filthiness and all their idols. Give them a new heart and put a new spirit within them. Remove the heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Put Your Spirit within them and cause them to walk in Your statutes and observe Your ordinances and be among Your people, and You will be their God. Ez 36:22-27.

Almighty God, do not allow them to remain dead in transgressions and ignorant in unbelief. Your will be done to make them alive together with Christ. For by grace they will be saved through faith that is not of themselves – it is Your gift. We are so grateful for Your gift of faith allotted to each one. I Tim 1:13. Col 2:13. Eph 2:5,8. Rom 12:3.

Merciful Father, we beseech You to send laborers into this harvest so they can hear by the Word of Christ and from hearing the good news, Your faith will come. We pray that the Word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified. We pray utterances are being given to make known with boldness the mystery of the Gospel. Rom 10:15,17. Luke 10:2. 2Thes 3:1. Eph 6:19.

Good Shepherd, the Son of Man, You have come to seek and to save that which was lost. Please go after these lost sheep one by one, whatever it takes by Your loving, seeking eyes, Your call, Your intervention, Your deliverance. Guide them to know Your voice. Be near to the brokenhearted and save those who are crushed in spirit. Call them by name, so they will be saved. When each is found, lay each one on Your shoulders, and we will rejoice with You and those in heaven, for they will go in and out and find pasture and life abundantly, Your eternal life. Glorious! The Father has given them to You, so no one will be able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. Luke 19:10. Luke 15: 4-7; 19:10. Psalm 34:18. John 10:3, 9-10, 27-29.

Blessed Emmanuel, they will be able to know God if You will reveal Him. As You did and still do while walking the earth, please approach them, reveal Yourself, and offer them Your gifts of living water and bread of life. Luke 10:22. John 4:10. John 6:32-40.

Eternal Father, You love them with an everlasting love. Therefore, we pray You draw them with lovingkindness. Father, all those You give to Jesus will come to Jesus. Jesus, all that our Father has given You, You will lose none but raise us all up on the last day. Father, Your Word says You must draw them to come. So, Father, we implore You to draw them to come to Jesus! Jer 31:3. John 6:37,40,44.

God of Creation, open their eyes to see Your invisible attributes, eternal power, and divine nature, clearly revealed in this created world and universe. Set eternity in their heart. Let their destiny of hell without You be repeatedly evident. Let their conscience begin to bear witness that they are guilty of sin compared to Your Law and Your glory. Set them free of any captivity of philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men and the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to our Christ. Let Your mercy triumph over judgment. Rom 1:20. Ecc 3:11. Mark 9: 44,46,48. Rom 4:20. James 3:13. Col 2:8

Kind Lord, You are not slow about Your promise, as some count slowness, but patient, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. Show them the riches of Your kindness and tolerance and patience, for it is Your kindness that will lead them to repentance. Grant them the repentance that leads to life. Make them sorrowful to the point of repentance. For the sorrow that is according to Your will produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation. Eternal Light, shine out of darkness and into their hearts. Impart the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. Shake them to: Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead and Christ will shine on You. 2 Pet 3:9. Rom 2:4. Acts 11:18. 2 Cor 7:9-10. 2 Cor 4:6. Eph: 5:14.

Mighty Deliverer, command them to be given up and not held back, for You have already called them by Your Name. You created and formed them for Your glory. Open their eyes so they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of satan to, You, O Lord, so they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in You, Jesus. Grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, so they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will. Is 43:6-7. Acts 26:18. 2Tim 2:25-26.

Holy One, make a hedge about them and their house on every side. Hedge up their way with thorns and build a wall against them so that they cannot find their paths to evil. Cause it to be that when they pursue worldly satisfactions, they will not be able to attain them; they will seek them but not find them. Lead them away from temptation. Deliver them from evil. Allure them. Bring them into a place of wilderness. Speak kindly to them there. Make a roadway in the wilderness. Help them to not call to mind former things or things of the past, for You chose them out of the world. Do something new! Let it spring forth! Job 1:10. Hos 2:6-7. Matt 6:13. Hos 3:14. Is 43:18-19. John 15:19.

Spirit of Truth, Come guide them into all the truth. Speak to them from the Father. Convict them of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Then revive the spirit of the lowly and the contrite. Let Your truth set them free. John 16:8,13. Is 57:15. John 8:32

Almighty God, You are able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think according to Your power. In miraculous ways, turn Your chosen instruments, Your Saul's, to Paul's As Stephen did for Saul, as Saul watched Stephen be stoned to death, we ask You to not hold their sins against them. Remove the blinds of any in false righteousness so they can see their religion as filthy rags, since they profess to know God, but by their deeds, they deny You. Eph 3:20. Acts 7:60. Acts 8:1 Acts 9:15. Is 64:6. Tit 1:16.

Gracious God, direct them to not walk in a manner that blames another or even You, Lord, for their own actions. This is what Adam did when he said You had given him the woman and the woman had given him from the tree. Instead, cause them to fully recognize the wickedness of the wicked is upon themselves and the person who sins will be the one who spiritually dies. Gen 3:12. Ez 18: 20.

Holy Counselor, enlighten them to lose interest in the companion of fools who are perishing without the gospel. Reveal to them to stop trying to please men. Instead, draw them to those wise ones being saved by the power of God. Let the sweet fragrance of Jesus increase among Your church, so we can be an inviting aroma of Christ. Use Your disciples as laborers in the harvest to share Your Gospel and make a defense in gentleness and reverence to anyone who asks to give an account of our hope in You. Prov 13:20. Gal 1:10. 1Cor 1:18. 2Cor 2: 14-15. Matt 9:38. 1Pet 3:15

Word of Life, Divine Power, as we apply the weapon of prayer in speaking Your Word, we pray for Your Word to be presented to the lost through whatever means possible whether shared or preached directly by a believer, a pastor or elder of a church, or presented through some form of media. Use the power of Your Word by the Holy Spirit to divide the soul and spirit and judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Use it to destroy fortresses, speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God. Use it to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. 2Tim 4:2. Acts 4:29. Heb 4:12. 2Cor 10:4-5.

Glorious Savior, let this be the day the deaf will hear Words from the Book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. The afflicted also will increase their gladness in the Lord, and the needy of mankind will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. (Is 29:18-19)

Holy Provider, Son of Man, sow the good seed of the Word of Your kingdom into these hearts and have it be sown on good soil there, so they can become securely rooted in You, Jesus, and established in their faith, so they can understand the Word and bear measurable, bountiful fruit. Grow the mustard seed of Your kingdom planted into these hearts, so each will become a full-grown tree that in turn brings shade for others and harbors abundant life. Plant them firmly like a tree by streams of water to yield fruit in their season with a leaf that does not wither, prospering in whatever they do. Empower Your church to make them true disciples – baptized in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit – and taught to observe all You commanded. Matt 13: 23,31,32,37,38. Col 2:6-7, 12. John 15:5. Psalm 1:3.

Faithful Father, we make mention of these in our immediate families and households.

God of mercy, for the brokenness of the daughters and sons of our people, we are broken. We mourn and cry out for You, Holy Physician, to restore them to health. (Jer 8:21-22)

We hold fast with patient hope that You will not disappoint (Rom 5:5). Just as Cornelius was justified through faith, we trust that our prayer is being heard and our alms are ascending as a memorial to You. You divinely moved to save the relatives and close friends that Cornelius had called together, that You were calling (Acts 10:31, 44-45).

For the promise is for us and our children and for all who are far off, as many as You, Lord our God, will call to Yourself (Acts 2:39).

You have shown us throughout Your Word the salvation of the household: Noah with his family in the Ark (Gen 7:1); a Passover Lamb for each household; the entire house circumcised (Gen 17:12-13); the priesthood to each house (Num 18:1); and all throughout the New Testament: Zacheus (Luke 19:9), Nobleman (John 4:53), Lydia (Acts 16:15), Jailer (Acts 16:31), Crispus (Acts 18:8), Stephanas (1Cor 1:16), Onesiphorus (2Tim 4:19). Almighty God, bring to pass Your Word that proclaims the entire family is sanctified and the children are holy (1Cor 7:14 – foremost double blessing!). Continue to turn back the children to their fathers (Mal 4:6).

Faithful Father, we pray for the parents who have felt afflicted, storm-tossed, and not comforted. Behold, You will set their children as precious stones, as jewels into eternity; we agree with You that all our children shall be taught by the Lord and great shall be the peace of our children. (Is 54:11-13). We joyfully exclaim, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!” (Josh 24:15)

For the nation of Israel, we heartily pray.

Holy Root of David, Bright Morning Star, and Lion of Judah, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for the salvation of Israel. Do not turn back Your fierce anger against the adversary until You have performed and until You have accomplished the intent of Your heart: to save Your own, to restore and heal and be the God of the partakers of the rich Root of the olive tree from the children of Abraham, and now among those grafted in, to call all these to be Your people. None of Your flock will be missing. We pray for Your will to come quickly on the earth, “In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, the Lord of Righteousness.” (Rev 5:5. Rev 22:16. Psalm 122:6. Rom 10:1. Jer 30. Rom 11:17. Rom 8:30. Luke 5:32. Jer 23:4-8)

For those who once desired to know You, Everlasting Life, we also pray.

Holy Shepherd, our eyes weep and flow down with tears because the flock of the Lord has been taken captive. O Lord, act for Your Name's sake. O Savior, You are in the midst, do not forsake!" Jer 13:17; 14:7-9.

Send many fishermen to fish for them and many hunters to hunt for them from every mountain and every hill and from the clefts of the rocks. For Your eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from Your face, nor is their iniquity concealed from Your eyes. Jer 16:16-17 Almighty God, You are going to make them know in Your time, Your power and Your might, and then they shall know Your Name is the Lord. Jer 16:21

Gracious Lord, visit them. Fulfill Your good Word to bring them back to You. For we know the plans You have for them, Your declaration of plans for welfare and not for calamity, to give a future and a hope. Draw them to call upon You and come back and pray to You and seek You and search for You with all their hearts. Thank You that You will listen and You will be found by them and You will restore them. Jer 29: 10-14.

Merciful Father, as the rebellious son in Jesus' parable, quicken them to come to their senses and realize that everyone living in Your house, in Your safe dwelling place, has more than enough bread, but they are dying of hunger. Draw them back to Your house. Let them believe no lie, but only the truth that no sin of theirs is too great for the cross of Jesus. We will celebrate with You when each lost and dead one is found and revived. Luke 15:11-24.

Holy Judge, as certain ones come to mind, let it never be that they have fallen away and are impossible to renew again to repentance. But far from it, with Your lovingkindness and compassion, convict them of sin; create in them a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within them. Do not cast them away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit away from them. Restore them to the joy of Your salvation and a willing spirit. Heb 6:6. Psalm 51.

Heavenly King, shake them to get sober in spirit, to become alert, to become aware of the adversary, the devil, who prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to destroy. Do not let satan succeed. When they return, teach them the importance of wearing their spiritual armor. 1Pet 5:8. Eph 6:10-19.

Bridegroom of the Church, we pray they will soon come to say, "I will go back to my first husband, for it was better for me then, compared to now!" Act in amazing ways on their behalf so they will know it was You Who gave them the grain, the new wine, and the oil. Betroth them to You forever. Yes, betroth them to You in righteousness, in justice, in lovingkindness, in compassion, and in faithfulness. Then they will know You, Lord. They will come trembling to You and to Your goodness. Hos 2:7-23. Hos 3:5.

O High and Exalted One, no longer hide Your face in anger for You know the spirit and the breath of Your own would grow faint. You have seen their ways but You will heal them; You will lead them and restore comfort to them, creating the praise of their lips and peace to them. Is 57:16-19.

Blessed Redeemer, lead them to repent and return, so that their sins may be wiped away and times of refreshing may come in Your presence. If they are being sifted like wheat, we join our prayers with Yours to our Father asking that their faith will not fail and once they have turned again, they will be so strong in their confession of faith, hope, and, love that their strength will carry others. Acts 3:19. Luke 22:31

God Most High, deal wondrously with them. Stop the swarming, creeping, stripping, gnawing locust. Send your great army to do the battle against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. You will make up to them for the years that were eaten. Joel 2:25-26. Eph 6:12.

Lord of Refuge, lead them to return from the land of the enemy. We agree with Your declaration, "There is hope for your future and your children will return to their own territory." Lord, chastise them and bring them back that they may be restored. Father, we remind You that Your heart yearns for them and You will surely have mercy on them. Jer 31:16-20.

Spirit of Truth, enlighten them to see their earthly bodies as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed – which amounts to idolatry – anger, wrath, malice, slander, abusive speech, lying, and any other evil practice of the old self. Empower them to put on afresh the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One Who created him. Strengthen them to return to that which is pure, right, true, and lovely. Col: 3:5-10. Phil 4:8.

Divine Helper, strengthen the wounded, bitter ones to see their unforgiveness as a wasteland. Empower them to ask You to forgive those who have hurt them deeply, to release them to You alone as an act of their will. Let them recall how You, Jesus crucified, said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" and Your spirit was commended into Abba's hands. The martyr Stephen's spirit was received by You after he cried with a loud voice in front of his murderers, "Lord do not hold this sin against them!" Cause them to understand Your requirement of forgiveness is a powerful step of personal release so You can restore them with Your forgiving mercy and grace. For if we forgive others, you will also forgive us. We pray they would not fall short of the riches of your grace because they are entangled by this bitter root. Luke 23:34, 46. Rom 5:8 Acts 7:59-60. Matt 6:12,14-15. Col 3:13. Heb 12:15.

Faithful Witness, let no one who is lukewarm be deceived to think he is without jeopardy. Reprove and discipline them, so they may become zealous and repent. Rev 4:15-19.

Consuming Lord, do a work of rebuke. Then Your own will be able to cry, "Come, let us return to the Lord, for He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us. He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day that we may live before Him." Eph 4:20. Hos 6:1-2.

Savior King, if any among us is called to go to one who has strayed from the truth and turn him back, empower us in love by Your Spirit to astutely turn the sinner from the error of his way, save his soul from death, and cover a multitude of sins with Your saving grace. James 5:19

We will continue to intercede with tears for these lost, waiting to hear You say, "Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears for your work will be rewarded." Jer 31:16.

Triumphant Jesus, Your inheritance is in the saints, so we proclaim, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be blessing, honor, glory, and dominion forever and ever!" In Your powerful, precious Name, Jesus, we pray, Amen! Eph 2:18. Rev 5:112-14.