

Praying for Others
Prayer & Listening – Part 5
Life Church St. Louis – April 23, 2017
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Hebrews 7:25 (NIV) Therefore he [Jesus] is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 (NIV) This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

1 John 5:14-15 (NIV) This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

1. Have a confident _____

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

A. _____ your faith

Romans 4:20 (NIV) Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,

B. Feed on God's _____

Romans 10:17 (NIV) Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

2. Pray for God to _____ Himself

1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV) The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

A. Unbeliever's minds are _____

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NIV) 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.

B. _____ brings repentance

2 Timothy 2:25-26 (NIV) 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.

3. Pray against spiritual _____

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (NIV) For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

A. Demolish _____

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV) We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

B. Pray for God's _____ to penetrate

Mark 4:15 (NIV) Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Praying for Others Study Guide
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Intro. What do you think Jesus is praying for as He intercedes in heaven (Hebrews 7:25, Luke 19:10, John 17)?

What does 1 Timothy 2:3-4 tell you about God's will for lost people?

According to 2 Peter 3:9, why hasn't Jesus come back yet?

What does God promise if we pray according to His will for lost people (1 John 5:14-15)?

Why do you think we don't pray more for lost people to be saved?

1A. What would a confident faith in praying for the lost look like (Hebrews 11:1)?

1B. In what ways does Abraham's praying for a son parallel praying for the lost (Romans 4:20)?

1C. How can we use God's Word to strengthen our faith with regard to praying for the lost (Romans 10:17)?

1D. Who do you know who is not a believer that you should pray for?

2A. Why do unbelievers think that the things of God are foolishness (1 Corinthians 2:14)?

2B. In what ways has Satan blinded the minds of unbelievers towards the gospel (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)?

2C. Why is repentance the first step for the unbeliever in escaping Satan's trap (2 Timothy 2:25-26)?

2D. How can you tell whether someone is a believer or not? Why is it important to find out?

3A. How can prayer function as a weapon to demolish strongholds in the lives of unbelievers (1 Corinthians 10:3-4)?

3B. In what ways is pride a common argument and pretension that keeps people from salvation (2 Corinthians 10:5)?

3C. What are ways that God can soften the hard hearts of unbelievers (Mark 4:15)?

3D. What can you do to help our Stepping into Freedom course reach people for Christ and set them free?