

# REKINDLING THE FIRE OF EVANGELISM

PRAYING FOR THE LOST



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## THE POWER OF PRAYING FOR THE LOST

Prayer can knock down the fortresses that are built around the human heart to resist the Gospel. Prayer Warrior, S. D. Gordon, addressing results of intercessory prayer said, “Our prayer is God’s opportunity to get into the world that would shut Him out.”

## THE PREREQUISITES TO PRAYING FOR THE LOST

### *A Heart-Felt Desire for Their Salvation*

One thing that will make our prayers for the lost effective is to have a burden for them. A burden is heaviness in our spirit for someone who is unsaved (Rom. 9:1-3; 10:1).

### *A Determination to Be Steadfast in Prayer*

The psalmist spoke of steadfastness in prayer for souls when he wrote, “They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him” (Ps. 126:5-6). As we go continually before the throne of God with weeping we are planting precious seed.

## THE PROGRAM OF PRAYING FOR THE LOST

Praying for the lost is like firing a missile, the more accurate you aim, the better chance you have of hitting your target. Here are some specific ways to pray for the lost.

### *Pray for Them to Have a Confrontation with God*

“Saul who later became known as the Apostle Paul had a confrontation on the road to Damascus with Jesus” (Acts 9:1-6).

### *Pray for Them to Have Their Eyes Opened*

Satan has darkened the hearts of unbelievers so that they are unable to clearly see the light of the Gospel. Believers must pray that Satan’s veil of darkness be lifted so that the unbeliever can see (2 Cor.4:3-4).

### *Pray for Them to Be Loosed from the Things that Bind Them*

The rich young ruler who came to Jesus seeking eternal life was shackled to his riches (Mk.10:17-22).

