

Prayerwalking



Taking Your Faith Into The Real World



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PRAYING FOR LABORERS

In **Matthew 9:37-38**, Jesus says, “The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” The Lord Jesus Christ teaches us to plead with God to call, equip, and send laborers into the harvest. The nations must hear the gospel. Yet, this can happen only as people go out and proclaim the gospel to the nations. It is our responsibility then to pray for laborers who will do this. This issue of **Prayerwalking** will equip you to pray for God’s mission across the world and in your own church.

Praying For Laborers

The following prayers can help you follow Jesus’ command to pray for

laborers. You can use these prayers to pray for God to raise a generation of laborers who will evangelize the world. You can also use these prayer requests to pray for God to call and send laborers

into a particular country or people group.

Father, I plead that You will raise up believers who have a heart for church planting. I ask You to call and equip believers who have the skills and determination to plant godly, growing churches (**Acts 13:1-3, 26-28**).

Lord, I ask You to raise up evangelists who can preach the gospel powerfully and clearly on the mission fields around the world. Mold and shape evangelists who can communicate the gospel to all the cultures of the world (**Acts 6:10**).

God, I pray that You will raise up believers with the gift of teaching. I plead that they will be sent into all the nations to teach believers the Word of God and how to put into practice its teachings (**Ezra 7:10**).

I ask You, the Lord of the harvest, to raise up believers who will have a burden about and a call to translating the Bible into the languages of the

peoples of the world. Call and equip believers so that the nations can read and hear Your Word (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**).

Father, I pray that You will call and equip believers who are trained in medicine, agriculture, and business. Let them enter the nations of the world, minister to their needs, and share the gospel with them (**Matthew 20:28**).

Lord God, I plead that You will burden and convict college and seminary students about surrendering their lives to Your call to missions (**Proverbs 3:5-7**). I pray that You will:

- Enable them to have a deep and intimate relationship with Christ;
- Mold them into powerful witnesses for Jesus Christ;
- Grant them spouses that have a clear and definite call to missions;
- Train them through college and seminary for their work on the mission field.
- Removal of anything that would hinder their service for Jesus Christ.

Father, I ask that You will convict churches about missions and that You will give them a burden for missions. I pray that they will have a "Great Commission Church" that is conducive to people being called to the mission field (**Matthew 28:19-20**).

Lord, I pray that You would enable Christian groups in other cultures and nations to develop and send missionaries to their own people in both their native land and around the world (**Acts 21:37-22:21**).

Father, I pray that You will burden believers to be involved in all facets of missions. Give Your people a heart to support missions. Burden them and move them to be involved in mission trips (**Matthew 28:19-20**).

Father, I ask that You would bless the groups and organizations in the churches that encourage and teach people about missions. Bless their labors. Give them fresh and relevant ideas to motivate believers to be on mission. Cause the young people who come through these groups or organizations develop a consuming passion for missions (**Acts 13:1-3**).

God, You are the Creator and owner of all things. All the money in the world is Yours. I pray that You would cause money to flow into the missions agencies and organizations of Christianity. Move upon the hearts and the minds of people to give generously, joyously, and sacrificially to the cause of the gospel across the world (**Proverbs 21:1**).

Father, I ask You to raise up churches that will have a burden to pray for the harvesting of the nations. Mold and shape churches so that they will be houses of prayer for the nations. Grant them an unceasing burden to pray for missionaries and the nations of the world. Give them insight and understanding how to seek You for the fulfillment of the Great Commission (**Matthew 28:19-20**).

Your Church: A House Of Prayer For The Lost

In **1 Timothy 2:1**, the Word of God reveals that the church is to be a house of prayer. God desires that His people pray for all kinds of people with all kinds of needs, "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men." The church is to pray for "all men" - for all kinds of people with all kinds of needs. As the church prays, God will unleash His transforming power into the lives and circumstances of people.

It is God's will for the church to pray for all kinds of people and their needs. Yet, praying for lost people is the greatest prayer concern of the church. Our God is the saving God. His great desire is to deliver people from their sin and eternal punishment and bring them into a right relationship with Himself.

Of all the needs that people have, this is their greatest need. Moreover, this should be our priority in prayer. This must be our priority in prayer. Nothing can substitute for this. God desires that your church be a house of prayer for the lost.

You may be wondering, "How can I lead my church to be a house of prayer for the lost?" You might consider the following suggestions:

- ✓ *Pray that God would give your church a spirit of prayer for the lost (Matthew 7:7). Ask the Holy Spirit to burden your church and to unleash a spirit of prayer for those who need Jesus.*
- ✓ *Preach regularly on praying for the lost (Romans 9:1-3, Romans 10:1). Strive to keep this before the people.*
- ✓ *Lead your church to pray the Scripture for the lost (John 3, 6). Help your members forsake superficial prayer for the lost by showing them how to pray the Word for the lost.*
- ✓ *Prayerwalk throughout your city or area (Matthew 9:36).*
- ✓ *Establish prayer triplets that pray specifically for the lost (Matthew 18:19-20).*
- ✓ *Have a "Praying For the Lost" Sunday or weekend.*
- ✓ *Encourage your members to pray for specific lost people.*
- ✓ *Develop a Fishbowl Ministry (Luke 5:10). Ask your members to write*

down the names of lost people on slips of paper. Place these in a fishbowl. Have your members draw out a slip of paper. Ask them to pray for the lost on the slip. After a month, have them put their slip back in the bowl and draw another.

- ✓ *Plead that God will stir and empower the believers in your church to share the gospel and do intentional acts of mercy (Matthew 28:19-20). In the previous article, we saw the need to pray for laborers across the world, we need laborers in your church field. Ask God to mobilize your church like never before for sharing the gospel and showing mercy to others.*

The following prayer guide is designed to help you pray for a house of prayer for the lost.

Burden - Pray that the Holy Spirit will create a heavy burden for the lost in the hearts of the people.

Understanding - Ask the Holy Spirit to teach the believers of your church how to pray for the lost. The following is a basic outline to start with. It is based on the acrostic L.O.S.T.

Lostness - Pray that they will see and know that they are lost.

Obstacles - Ask that any obstacles to the lost coming to Christ will be removed.

Savior - Plead that they will understand who Jesus is.

Testimony - Pray that they will hear the Word and believe in Jesus.

Removal - Plead that God will remove any indifference and apathy that your church has toward those who need Jesus.

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