

HOW TO PRAY FOR FRIENDS WHO ARE NOT YET CHRISTIANS

*God is already working in the hearts of your friends and family members.
Here's how you can pray for them.*

1. Pray that God draws them to Himself.

John 6:44: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him."

2. Pray that they seek to know God.

Acts 17:27: "God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us."

Deut. 4:29: "But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul."

3. Pray that they believe the Scriptures.

1 Thess. 2:13: "And we also thank God continually because, when you receive the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe."

Rom. 10:17: "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."

4. Pray that Satan is prevented from blinding them to the Truth.

Matt. 13:19: "When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart."

2 Cor. 4:4: "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

5. Pray that the Holy Spirit works in their lives.

John 16:8-13: "When [the Holy Spirit] comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment. . . . he will guide you into all truth."

6. Pray that they believe in Christ as Savior.

John 1:12: "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

John 5:24: "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

7. Pray that they turn from sin.

Acts 17:30: “[God] commands all people everywhere to repent.”

Acts 3:19: “Repent, then and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”

8. Pray that God sends someone to lead them to Christ.

Matt. 9:37, 38: “Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’”

9. Pray that they confess Christ as Lord.

Rom. 10:9, 10: “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

10. Pray that they yield all to follow Christ.

2 Cor. 5:15: “And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”

Phil. 3:7, 8: “But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ.”

11. Pray that they take root and grow in Christ.

Col. 2:6, 7: “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

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