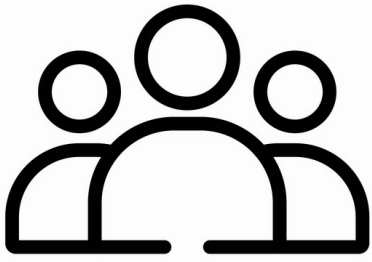


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Scripture to Pray // Matt. 25:34-40

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, You who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'"

"Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You a stranger and invite You in, or needing clothes and clothe You? When did we see You sick or in prison and go to visit You?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.'"

What to pray over:

The Lost in our Community | Opportunities to Serve our Community | Christian Presence in our Community | Reaching our Neighbors | Revival

A Prayer for Revival

Father God, We live in such an age where people wander aimlessly to find something to give them meaning and life. What they seek they do not find, because they are not finding it in the true source of life itself-You. Father, today we come together as true and sincere followers of You to kindly and ardently ask for a revival of souls in this age. Father, You say in Matthew 7 to come and ask You as our Father for what we desire. Lord, we desire for our friends, families, and neighbours to be open and to seek and find the truth of the authentic source of life-You. We invite Your Holy Spirit to pour out onto the people You have made. We invite You to perform miracles, wonders, and to speak to the people You crafted with Your hands. Father, You say in Psalm 139 that You crafted each and every person in the hidden place in the palm of Your hand, and so we pray that truth will be brought to Light in each and every person You have crafted. It is only by Your Spirit that

truth can be truly known (John 15:26) and so we implore this day for such revival of spirits, of nations, and of hearts. Amen.

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Prayer For a Spirit of Evangelism

Almighty God our Savior, You desire that none should perish, and You have taught us through your Son that there is great joy in heaven over every sinner who repents: Grant that our hearts may ache for a lost and broken world. May your Holy Spirit work through our words, deeds, and prayers, that the lost may be found and the dead made alive, and that all your redeemed may rejoice around your throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Prayer About Loving our Neighbors

Lord, You have said that to truly love You then I must also love my neighbour, which can be difficult when we disagree or lifestyles clash. Yet in overcoming those difficulties it is possible to see the miracle that You love someone like me. Teach us to love, Lord, as You have loved us that this world might be a better neighbourhood in which to live and share.

May we look at others as if through your eyes, less judging, more loving, and seeing them, like us, as not perfect or finished but as a work in progress that will be completed in due time by your hands.

Help us to put aside preconceptions about other people, because that alters our behaviour, and simply accept that they, like us, are precious in your eyes.

Bless the paths that cross today; the old friends and strangers with whom we might share a pleasant greeting, a smile or maybe something deeper. Grant us a word in season that might resonate within and bring a blessing to these, your precious children, Gracious God.

Lord, teach us to be good neighbours, not just to the folk who live nearby but to everyone that we meet, to see the best in, and want the best for all your precious children, who might one day return to their Father's house and the warmth of your embrace.

Help us to help those who are struggling through this day. Neighbour, relative, stranger or friend, where we see a need, rather than walk away may we stop awhile and share a hand, a listening ear, a smile, a prayer, compassion, love, just as You would do.

All I am, and all I have, I offer, Lord, to You. I offer you these hands, that You might use them in and through my daily work. I offer you these feet, that you might lead them to someone who needs my help. I offer you these shoulders use them to help lighten another's load. I offer you this voice that you might use it to speak up for those in need. All I am, and all I have, I offer, Lord, to You. Amen.

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