

# 7 DAYS OF OUTREACH PRAYERS

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**TEXT:** Luke 10:2 - And He (Jesus) said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

## MONDAY: PRAYER FOR MISSIONARY ZEAL

Blessed Lord God, who by Your Son commanded me to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, increase my faith and zeal that I may more earnestly desire the salvation of all people. I confess that often my heart is cold and my ears are dull to Your mission cry. I have not deserved to be called to Your church and privileged to become Your messenger. Forgive my indifference for Jesus' sake, and by Your Holy Spirit fill my heart with a burning zeal to bring the light of the everlasting Gospel to unbelievers—both at home and abroad. Give me a loving heart, sincerity of speech, and piety of life to adorn my Christian profession of faith. May I never by ungodly conduct or unbecoming speech give unbelievers an excuse for criticizing the Gospel of Christ. Knowing that this world is drawing to a close, may I by Your Spirit's prompting support the mission program of my church with my personal witness, my earnest prayers, and my sacrificial gifts. Grant that through me many may be saved from the kingdom of darkness for the kingdom of Your light, through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord. Amen.

## TUESDAY: PRAYER FOR THE ABILITY TO WITNESS

Lord, I thank You for saving faith and Your promise of eternal life. Make me ever grateful for these blessings and increase my willingness to serve You, especially to witness to Your gracious love for all sinners. I pray dear Lord, support me with Your power as I witness to others. Too often I have missed opportunities to speak for You. Forgive me where I have failed. Help me see opportunities for witnessing, and give me the courage to speak up. Increase my concern for lost souls and my desire to witness; strengthen me according to my great need. Lord, I often don't know what to say, but You know. I am weak and afraid, but You are strong. Make Your love my love; Your words my words; and Your strength my strength. Help me speak the right word at the right time, and with all Your children on earth help me to go forth to new victories for You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

## WEDNESDAY: PRAYER FOR THE UNCONVERTED

Jesus, Lover of souls, Shepherd of all who stray and make mistakes, You do not desire that any should perish but that all people might be saved from sin and come to a knowledge of the truth. I come to You on behalf of my friends who still live without hope in this world and who have closed their hearts and lives to Your gracious invitation. Grant that they may come and find rest and peace for their souls. Give me the grace to use every opportunity by word and conduct to bear witness to You and Your love. May my decisions and interests show my associates that I put You first in my life and thought. May my behavior at all times reveal Your gracious presence in me. Make me thoughtful, considerate, helpful and patient in their presence. Open the eyes of my family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to see the wonders of Your love, the blessedness of belonging to You, and the joy and satisfaction that service rendered to You gives each day. Abide with me, and bless each effort of mine to win souls for You, most honorable Savior and Friend. Amen.

## **THURSDAY: PRAYER FOR A SPECIFIC PERSON TO WHOM ONE DESIRES TO WITNESS**

Lord God, who gives all things, I thank You for the spiritual and earthly blessings that have come to me from Your gracious hand. Help me put You first in all things, to seek Your glory, and to love and serve my neighbor as myself. At this time I pray for a courageous and wise heart that I may share Your love with \_\_\_\_\_, who is little interested in the needs of the spirit and his (her) own salvation. Give me the words to speak, and send Your Holy Spirit into his (her) heart that he (she) may listen and believe. I feel inadequate for the privilege of sharing the Gospel, but I know that through You I will be able to do all things. Help me to take courage from the example of the apostles, who relied on Your promise as given in Matthew 10: "For what you are to say will be given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you." I depend on You. Lend power and conviction to my halting words, that \_\_\_\_\_ may find eternal life and the joy of salvation in You, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **FRIDAY: PRAYER FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR KINGDOM SERVICE**

Dear Father in heaven, I thank You that You have made me a child of Yours and have allowed me to help build Your kingdom. Every day I pray, "Thy kingdom come." With all my heart I want Your kingdom to come, and I want to do my part that it may come. Show me how I may proclaim Your Name and how I may speak of Your glorious majesty and Your wonderful works. Open a way of service for me in my congregation. Give me work in which I can serve You best. If it please You, move those who are entrusted with the administration of the congregation to seek my service, or give me courage to go. Lord, give me the power to witness for You at home, in my work, on my vacations, or wherever I may be so that those with whom I live and work may know the love I have for You. Increase the clarity of my witness for the transformation of unbelievers and for the strengthening of believers. Hear me in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

## **SATURDAY: PRAY FOR OUR NATION**

Almighty and everlasting Lord, ruler of all, we commend our nation and its leaders to Your supreme care. We humbly ask that you have mercy on this nation and call us to loving repentance. Purge our land from sinful pleasures, dishonesty and corruption. By Your mighty hand shield this nation from evil so Your church can do its work in peace. Bless our president, the members of Congress, and all officials who serve us in national, state and local government. Impress upon those who serve this nation to grasp the sacredness of the responsibility You have placed upon them. Give our leaders the gifts for righteous leadership, wisdom to make decisions that will bring godly order, justice to our society, and compassion for the weary. Transform the hearts and minds of all who are in authority so their governance might glorify You. Give us hearts to continually pray for our leaders. Provide us with freedom of worship and a nation in which Your church might flourish by the clear proclamation of Your Gospel. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

## **SUNDAY: PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH**

Lord of truth, refuge and strength. Your Word is sure, true and altogether righteous. I ask that You would cause me to thirst anew for Your Word each day. Teach me, Lord, the way of Your decrees, that I may follow them to the end. Give me understanding so I may treasure Your Law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of Your commandments, for there I find delight. Turn my heart toward Your statutes and not toward selfish gain or a foolish squandering of that which You have given me. Turn my eyes away from worthless things and preserve my life according to Your Word. Fulfill Your promise to Your servant so You may be feared and praised. May Your Word dwell with me so my lips might boldly declare Your truth, love and mercy toward sinners. This I ask in the Name of Jesus. Amen.