

DEVOTIONAL

Hollywood Prayer Network

SALVATION

The Great Commission is to go out and tell the Good News of the Gospel to the people in our sphere of influence. But that's hard to do. This week we'll focus on the power, the joy and the eternal difference you can make by stepping out of your comfort zone and talking about Jesus, without freaking out.

DAY 1

GOD DRAWS US TO HIM

"ORTHODOXY, TO ME, IS JESUS AND HIM ALONE. BUT WE NEED TO NOT ONLY INVITE JESUS INTO OUR HEARTS AS A SAVIOR, BUT CONTINUE TO INVITE JESUS INTO OUR LIVES AS THE CREATOR AND SUSTAINER OF THE UNIVERSE. EVERY HERESY COMES IN A FORM OF LEGALISM, THOUGH SOMETIMES IT IS DISGUISED AS "FREE FOR ALL" TOLERANCE, AND GRACE AS UNIVERSALISM."

-MAKO

John 6:44

New King James Version

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

DAY 1

PRAY: Dear Jesus, I pray that the people whom I want to see become Christians will feel Your nudge and they will allow You to draw them to You. I ask that they will be in heaven - even if on their last day, so that they will be with me and You. Thank you for drawing my loved ones to You and that I can pray for their hearts to embrace You and for Your Holy Spirit to embrace them. Amen and Amen

REFLECT: Have you thought about how it takes BOTH our prayers, actions, and words AND the nudging, guidance, and transformation of the Father to draw others to Him. Reflect on how you're working in partnership with the Holy Spirit as you pray for other people to become Christians and that He is the one who will raise them up. Isn't it amazing how perfect God is, to wait for our prayers and then to be the one to touch their hearts and make them ready to accept Him as their Savior? What a gift to be a part of God's perfect plan.

ACT: Today, don't just pray for your unsaved friends and family to become Christians, but ask your heavenly Father to melt their hearts, to nudge them to look up at Him, and to bring them into His Kingdom. Focus your prayers on the Lord to draw others to Him and ask Him to raise them up - even if it's on the last day. Your requests to the Lord are fulfilling His perfect plan.

DAY 2

KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

"IT IS VANITY TO WISH TO LIVE LONG AND
THEN FAIL TO LIVE WELL."

-THOMAS A KEMPIS, 1425

1 John 5:13

New King James Version

These things I have written to you who
believe in the name of the Son of God, that
you may know that you have eternal life,
and that you may continue to believe in the
name of the Son of God.

DAY 2

PRAY: Lord, thank You for being so clear in not only telling us how to become Christians but then reconfirming to us that we are saved. Thank You for the Bible, You gave to us as a gift, so that we know, without a doubt, that we are saved. Please let me never question my salvation and to tell other Christians Your promise that You gave us the Bible so that we KNOW we have eternal life. I praise You! Amen

REFLECT: Have you ever questioned your faith? Do you know other people who question their faith? Have you thought about all of the promises in the Bible? For you who believe in the name of the Son of God, the Bible is so much more than great stories, guidelines, and inspirational people. Most importantly, it confirms your salvation and promises you that you have eternal life. That is a comforting thought to reflect on.

ACT: Would you encourage someone today, that the Bible tells us that there is no question that those who believe in the name of Jesus definitely have eternal life? Some people need to hear that and you could give someone great peace today by passing on that promise. Pray about who needs to be confirmed in their salvation and just call or email them with this verse.

DAY 3

CONFESSION + BELIEF = SALVATION

"HANDLE THEM CAREFULLY, FOR WORDS
HAVE MORE POWER THAN ATOM BOMBS."
-PEARL STRACHAN HURD

Romans 10:9

New King James Version

If you confess with your mouth the Lord
Jesus, and believe in your heart that God
has raised Him from the dead, you will be
saved.

DAY 3

PRAY: Dear Heavenly Father, I so often don't know how to explain to someone how to become a Christian. Would You help me to memorize this verse so that I can clearly tell others the good news. You really make tough issues so simple, and I ask that I can be better at telling others the good news and the promises of the scriptures. Thank You for giving me Romans 10:9. In Jesus' Name, Amen

REFLECT: Think about the times you wanted to tell someone about how to become a Christian, but you didn't because you didn't know what to say, or how to say it. Or you thought you'd sound silly or the other person really didn't want to hear it, etc. etc. Re-read this verse and think about the people you could talk to about this simple truth. Do you think you could express it clearly to another person

ACT: Today's action consists of 3 steps: 1) Memorize Romans 10:9 2) Choose one person to tell the verse to and 3) set up a time to get together with that person and then pray about how to bring it up. These steps could change your friend's life and your own! Don't miss this opportunity to be bold for the Lord. If you want help in sharing your faith, this book will help you: [How to Talk About Jesus Without Freaking Out](#)

DAY 4

JESUS SENDS US TO BRING HIS LIGHT TO OTHERS

"AIM AT HEAVEN WHEN YOU PRAY AND GET
EARTH THROWN IN. AIM AT EARTH AND YOU
WILL GET NEITHER."

-C.S. LEWIS, FROM *THE JOYFUL CHRISTIAN*

Acts 26:17 - 26:18

New King James Version

17 I will deliver you from the Jewish people,
as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now
send you, 18 to open their eyes, in order to
turn them from darkness to light, and from
the power of Satan to God, that they may
receive forgiveness of sins and an
inheritance among those who are
sanctified by faith in Me.'

DAY 4

PRAY: Dear Heavenly Father, I need to pray more for the people around me who don't yet know You. I ask that You will use me to help open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to the light and from the power of Satan to You. And I pray that You send me to the pre-Christians in my life, so that I may help them to receive forgiveness of sins and live among those of us who are sanctified by our faith in You. Send me Lord!

REFLECT: Have you considered that God has specifically sent you to talk to certain people in your life who don't yet know Him? Can you imagine that there are people who can turn from the power of Satan to the power of God and receive forgiveness because of having you in their life? God tells us that He sends us. Who do you think He sent you to reach out to?

ACT: Choose one pre-Christian in your life to pray for EVERY DAY for the next month. Ask the Lord to show you how to pray for that person and what else you may do or say to offer them the hope of the Gospel and forgiveness. After the month of committed prayer, the Lord will reveal to you what He is doing in your friend's life and in yours.

DAY 5

THE GOOD NEWS IS BEAUTIFUL

“SITTING IN THE PEWS WRINGING OUR HANDS ABOUT DECAY IN THE WORLD IS NOT BEING SALT. NEITHER IS DECRYING THE EVIL WITHOUT OFFERING POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES.”

-BOB BRINER, FROM *ROARING LAMBS: A GENTLE PLAN TO RADICALLY CHANGE YOUR WORLD*

Isaiah 52:7

New King James Version

How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good news,
Who proclaims peace,
Who brings glad tidings of good things,
Who proclaims salvation,
Who says to Zion,
“Your God reigns!”

DAY 5

PRAY: I pray to You, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to reveal Yourself through me to others as I proclaim peace and salvation, and bring good tidings to those around me. I want to bring good news to the people in my life and I ask that You give me more opportunities to say to others, 'my God reigns'!

REFLECT: "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news." Is that you? Are you bringing good news and good tidings to the people in your life? Are you proclaiming salvation to your friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers? What would it take for you to become that beautiful person standing on the mountain top and proclaiming, "My God reigns!"?

ACT: Today is your day to be bold. Tell one person one good thing about Jesus! Tell him or her in conversation, something wonderful about your Lord and Savior that will be good news to the person you're talking to. You can marvel at how much God loves you or tell them that He fills you with hope, joy, peace, or whatever you have experienced. Just one good tidings can make a person be hungry for more of Jesus, and it's beautiful!

DAY 6

ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO GIVE AN ANSWER

"IF ONLY GOD WOULD GIVE ME SOME
CLEAR SIGN! LIKE MAKING A LARGE
DEPOSIT IN MY NAME AT A SWISS BANK."
-WOODY ALLEN

1 Peter 3:15

New King James Version

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts,
and always be ready to give a defense to
everyone who asks you a reason for the
hope that is in you, with meekness and
fear;

DAY 6

PRAY: Dear Jesus, whom I revere as Lord, I pray that You will give the Christians in influential cities, like Hollywood, the desire for, and the understanding of, how to clearly share the reason for the hope they have to those around them. And I ask that Christians can make an eternal difference in the lives of the influential people around them; their co-workers, associates and friends, by sharing their faith with love, gentleness and respect. This I pray in Jesus' name.

REFLECT: Reflect on how you can give the people around you a reason for the hope that you have in you, to be a shining light in your world. Are you living every day with the confidence that God wants you to touch the hearts of your friends and co-workers, and are you asking Him to prepare you to give others hope, with gentleness and respect? Are you praying for our Christian culture-shapers, the Hollywood entertainment professionals, to be sharing their faith with those around them who have never been told about the reason for the hope we have?

ACT: Pray right now for the pre-Christian you've committed to pray for this month so that they will come to know Jesus. Decide to be a better friend to them by loving them, praying for them, and sharing your faith with them. Being a good friend to a pre-Christian, even in Hollywood, is giving someone a hope for eternity that they may never have known before. So, be ready!

DAY 7

BE ACTIVE IN SHARING YOUR FAITH

"IF I COULD JUST BE LIKE THE SALT AND
MAKE PEOPLE THIRSTY FOR THE WATER OF
LIFE -- THAT'S ALL I ASK."

-RUTH GRAHAM

Philemon 6

New King James Version

That the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in [a]you in Christ Jesus.

DAY 7

PRAY: Oh Lord, I pray that I will be active in sharing my faith, so that I will have a full understanding of every good thing I have in Christ! I want to get excited about sharing my faith and not be intimidated, scared, insecure, or uncaring. Let me be so excited about You that I can't help but tell other people. And I pray this in Jesus' name.

REFLECT: Can you say that you like to share your faith? Are there other things in your life that you are so excited about that you talk more about those things than about Jesus? Maybe it's because you have a better understanding of those things than you do about Jesus. What would it take to be so aware of all the good things Jesus gives to you, and is to you, that you become excited to tell others about them?

ACT: Take out a piece of paper and make a list of ALL the good things you have in Christ..... Your family, friends, job, neighborhood, house, food to eat every day, fun activities, joy, hope, comfort, etc. As you make your list, pray about how much you would like to have your non-believing friends experience the same joy and appreciation for the things in their life, and ask the Lord to open up opportunities for you to tell them about everything you're thankful for.