

Praying For Not Yet Christians

(those God dearly misses as they don't currently have a personal relationship with Him)

1. That they seek to know God. God has good plans for their lives – “*plans for welfare and not for calamity, to give them a future and a hope*” (Jeremiah 29:11). He promises to reveal Himself and His plans to those who seek Him wholeheartedly.

“That they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us” (Acts 17:27).

“But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul” (Deuteronomy 4:29).

2. That they believe the Scriptures. A non-Christian does not naturally understand the gospel. You must pray that the Holy Spirit will give them the understanding to believe the truth of His Word.

“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18).

3. That God will draw them to Himself. We must always remember that, although God uses us as the instruments to share the message and help lead people to Him, only God can convict and convert them. One cannot receive Christ until God first draws him. Let us therefore pray that God will draw our friends to Him.

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day” (John 6:44).

4. That the Holy Spirit will work in them to turn from their sin and follow Christ as Lord. Be willing to let God work in their lives (Luke 15:17-18). Be bold enough to pray that God will cause things to come into their lives that will cause them to seek Him (Proverbs 20:30).

“And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come” (John 16:8,13).

“Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

5. That God will send someone to lead them to Christ. Perhaps that someone is you. Pray that God will give you boldness to speak to them about Christ. Before you pray this prayer, be sure you mean it and will obey the Lord (Romans 10:14-15).

“Then he said to his disciples, ‘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’ (Matthew 9:37-38).

6. That they believe in and confess Christ as Savior and Lord. It is important that people understand that, in receiving Christ as Savior, they are also making Him the Lord of their lives. Pray that they will understand the seriousness of the commitment to receive Christ. Pray that they will come to grasp the scope of God’s love. As their loving Father, He will never ask them to give up anything without giving them something far better in return.

“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12).

“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved” (Romans: 10:9-10).