



Isaiah 45:8 is the cry that salvation would spring up and over Lent this year that is our prayer focus as a church. The challenge is to pray for two people every day over Lent: one person who does not know Jesus at all (you can of course choose more) and one person who is a Prodigal (someone who has known Jesus but is far from that path at the moment). These need to be people we know and see with regularity. This allows us to see the fruit of our prayers and see how we need to pray for them.

This guide is not a formula that if followed will have definite results, but an encouragement to help us think about how we might pray for others. It will give some ideas and tips but how you choose to pray will be up to you and the time you have to be able to give to prayer.

Before we come to looking at how we might think about praying first we need to be confident that God's heart is for all to be saved.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.'

John 3:16-17

"...God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:3-4



God the Father wants to save sinners. Therefore, when we pray we come to God on the grounds of this truth. The reason why we pray for the salvation of people, is because God wants to save them.

It is also God's will that we should pray for their salvation as it tells us in *1 Timothy 2:1*

'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people'

The preacher D.L Moody prayed for a list of 100 friends every day. 96 of them gave their lives to Jesus during his life time whilst the remaining four who Moody did not see come to faith accepted the Lord at his funeral.

In the 1960's the Republic of Central Africa had about 180 000 Christians. They were in agreement and in small groups over a period of one year prayed - each person prayed for three unsaved people. The number of Christians grew to 600 000 in one year as a result of this strategy.

Faithful, powerful prayer can see Salvation Spring Up from the ground that was once dry and barren.

Position of authority

It is vitally important to know your position of authority in Christ when doing the work of intercession for the salvation of unsaved people. Read Eph.1:19, then verses 20-22, and also Eph.2:6 where it says that every believer has a position of authority with Christ in heaven, above all authority, power, force and dominion and every name mentioned, not only in this age but also in the one to come. "I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know...his incomparably great power for us who believe" (Eph.1:28-29). "...which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church..." (Eph.1:20-22) "And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus..." (Eph.2:6).

As Moses stretched out his hand over the sea until the water parted, and as Aaron and Hur held Moses' hands high until the Amalekites were conquered, in the same way we must take authority in Christ over all the works of the Evil One in a person's life until the victory has been gained. We can stand against any activity that is not of God in a person's life from this position of authority. We can pray in Jesus' Name that God will lift the veil from that person's eyes so that he can see and accept the truth as it is in the Bible and in Christ.



The Bible tells us, "The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:4).

There is a covering over the minds of unbelievers that keeps them from clearly seeing the light and truth of the gospel. Until unbelievers have an unveiling--a revelation--they won't understand the gospel because the veil prevents them from comprehending it.

Satan's goal is to hide the truth of the gospel in order to keep unbelievers in his grasp. How does he accomplish this?

The Greek word *tuphloo*, translated "blinded" in this verse, means, "to dull the intellect". Satan has an ability to dull the unbeliever's thinking where the gospel is concerned.

The root word of *tuphloo*, *tupho*, has the meaning of making smoke. Blindness in this passage can be compared to a smoke screen that clouds or darkens the air to the point that a person cannot see clearly.

From this same root comes the word *tuphoo* which refers to being high-minded, proud or inflated with self-conceit. The blindness of the unbeliever to the gospel is directly linked to the root of pride that Satan passed on to humankind in the Garden at the fall.

Pride causes unbelievers to think humanity's knowledge is greater than God's. This leads not to a knowledge dependent on God but to an independent knowledge that looks to one's own mind and intellect as the judge of truth.

Once we realize it's the enemy who's the real problem and not the person you are seeking salvation for, our first prayer step becomes clear. We must get the enemy out of the way of the person we are praying for. As Jesus said, "How can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man?" (Matthew 12:29). You can't! So bind him.

Therefore, we are praying in the power and authority of Jesus that we have a right to exercise, to bind the work of the enemy around their life and release the blessings of heaven upon them. "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (Mt.16:19)."

This guide contains a confession and prayer that can be use at the start of Lent, and at least once a week. Some people might like to use it every day.

Write down the names of those you are planning to prayer for

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Start off this Lent period by praying the following confession and prayer for each of these people.



Confession of Faith in God's help to save and binding prayer

It can be helpful to say this prayer out loud

Father God it is not your will that (name the person) perish, but that he/she comes to repentance – 2 Peter 3:9.

Father God it is your will that (name the person) be saved and comes to a knowledge of truth – 1 Timothy 2:4.

This is the confidence that I have in you Lord, that if I ask anything according to your will, you hear me. I ask for (name the person) to be saved, to come to repentance, and to come to a knowledge of the truth that can set him or her free – 1 John 5:14,15.

If it is a relative: I believe that I and all of my household will be saved – Acts 16:31.

I realize that I am not in a battle with flesh and blood, but I am contending against demonic powers, wicked spirits in the heavenly sphere, who are trying to influence and control the person I am praying for – Ephesians 6:12. Jesus said in Luke 10:19, "I give you authority and power over all the power of the enemy" and so nothing shall in any way harm me.

Whatever I bind on earth is bound in the heavenly realm, and whatever I loose on earth is loosed in the heavenly realm – Matthew 18:18.

Binding prayer (2 Corinthians 4:3,4):

"Right now I bind the god of this world (Satan) who has blinded their eyes to the truth of the gospel, and I loose the light of the gospel to shine on them and open their eyes. You spirits of the enemy operating in and around the life __ (name) __ to keep them from the gospel, I bind you now. I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. I carry His authority and righteousness and in His Name, I command you to stop your influence. I spoil your house according to the Word of God and I enter into it to deliver __ (name) __ from your hands."

I pray that the eyes of their understanding would be opened to know the hope of their calling – Ephesians 1:18.

Lord, open their eyes to know You; open their understanding that they can understand the scriptures – Luke 24:31,45.

I pray for labourers to be sent into their path from the Lord of the harvest – Matthew 9:37,38.

I believe that I receive the answers to these scriptural prayers – Mark 11:24.

Lord, You watch over Your Word to perform it – Jeremiah 1:12.

Thank You that Your Word does not return to You void, but it accomplishes what You intend for it to do – Isaiah 55:11.

I ask all this, Father God, in the holy name of Jesus. And I cover myself, my household, all my family, extended family, and all loved ones with the blood of Jesus, asking you to bless and strengthen us with your wisdom, Holy Spirit, salvation, and deliverance. **Amen**



Here is a daily prayer guide, you can prayer the prayer at the top followed by the prayer line for that day.

Father God it is your will to see..... experience your love, be saved through Jesus and come to a knowledge of you through the work of Holy Spirit. I ask in confidence that over this Lent period you would move in and aroundlife to break the power of the enemy and loose your love, blessing and salvation. ..(inset daily prayer line)..**Amen**

- 10th Feb** Holy Spirit would you make..... curious about spiritual things
- 11th Feb** Holy Spirit would you make the way forto hear and understand the Gospel's message
- 12th Feb** Jesus would you surround with witnessing Christians so that they can see the difference between their own life and the life of believer.
- 13th Feb** Holy Spirit would you work in heart and bring conviction of sin (Jn.16:8).
- 14th Feb** In the name of Jesus release..... from negative influences
- 15th Feb** Father God burden.....heart with the question 'Whom can I trust?'
- 16th Feb** Jesus I thank you that your blood has already paid the price of sin for the whole world including the sins of..... bring them from death to life.
- 17th Feb** Father God burden.....heart with the question 'What is my purpose in life?'
- 18th Feb** Jesus I ask that you would open heart and eyes to see how much you love them.
- 19th Feb** Jesus give a dream about who you are that they remember it and need to find explanations for it.
- 20th Feb** Holy Spirt rest on and let them feel the blessing of your peace
- 21st Feb** In the name of Jesus, I bind the work of the enemy in and around.....life.
- 22nd Feb** Father God burden.....heart with the question 'When will I be free?'
- 23rd Feb** Father God bless.....'s whole body with health and wholeness, protect them and give them strength.



- 24th Feb** Jesus bless Work, give them security and provision for their needs.
- 25th Feb** Father God burden.....heart with the question ‘How can I handle my problems?’
- 26th Feb** Holy Spirit blessemotional well being, grant them joy, peace, hope and love.
- 27th Feb** Father God blessrelationships with spouse, children, siblings, parents, friends: let them grow in love
- 28th Feb** Jesus bless spiritual being, release your power to give life and light and bind any darkness around them
- 29th Feb** Father God burden.....heart with the question ‘Why do I hate God/why do I run from God?’
- 1st March** Jesus give.....a dissatisfaction with the world and give them a thirst and hunger for something more, that can only be found in you.
- 2nd March** Holy Spirit would you make..... curious about spiritual things
- 3rd March** Holy Spirit would you make the way forto hear and understand the Gospels message
- 4th March** Jesus would you surround with witnessing Christians so that they can see the difference between their own life and the life of believer.
- 5th March** Holy Spirit would you work in heart and bring conviction of sin (Jn.16:8).
- 6th March** In the name of Jesus release..... from negative influences
- 7th March** Father God burden.....heart with the question ‘Whom can I trust?’
- 8th March** Jesus I thank you that your blood has already paid the price of sin for the whole world including the sins of..... bring them from death to life.
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