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## Praying for non-believers

We've been praying for revival, and doing outreach in many ways.

There have been prophecies that a harvest of new believers is coming.

So how can we effectively pray for non-believers?

They may be people who have never believed, or those who have stopped believing.

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For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. *Ro 1:18-21 NKJV*

The Bible says everyone knows God!

The existence of atheism proves it.

“There are no atheists on a battlefield.”

All of us who are believers have recognised this to be true.

Non-believers always have this tension within them.

Maybe this is why so many atheists are so angry!

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The Lord is....not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. *2 Pe 3:9b NKJV*

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. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. *Ro 10:9-10 NKJV*

Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest. *Mt 9:38 NKJV*

Think of non-believers that you know, children, parents, relatives, friends etc. Maybe you have been praying for them for a long time and really want them to believe. God feels the same way!

Why does a loving God not just save everyone?  
Why can't we just pray for them to be saved?

Because He has given us all a choice.

Believers are called to pray for labourers to be sent out to tell non-believers the gospel.

We are those labourers, we will have opportunities as we are sent out. They may be with those we thought of , but may also be with others.

But why are some people so resistant to the gospel?

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In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. *2 Co 4:4 AV*

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. *Lk 10:19 NKJV*

...the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, 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. *Ac 26 17b,18 NKJV*

The Bible tells us that Satan has blinded the minds of non-believers. This is why so many that we meet resist the gospel, and why so many who have stopped believing are so adamant that they are right and that the gospel is foolishness.

But Jesus has given us authority over Satan.

So, we can bind the blindness!

Imagine that you prayed, and the blindness was lifted, and suddenly the person started to remember a Christian song or a bible verse or had a sudden desire to go to church! They might respond to this, or they might reject it and allow the blindness to come back.

If they do reject it, we can pray again as the Spirit leads.

AS we enter a time of prayer, let the Spirit bring to your minds those non-believers you know for whom we should be praying.

Say their names out loud. You can whisper if you like, but our spoken word has power!

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Let's pray.

Father, we thank you that you would not have any perish, but everyone come to repentance and knowledge of You.

You love these we have named today more than we do! Thank You for loving us and them!

You say in Your Word that the enemy has blinded their minds to the gospel, and that You have given us authority over all his power. So we agree to bind this blindness in the name of Jesus.

In obedience to Your Word, Father we ask that You send labourers across their path who will bring Your Word to them. We are prepared to be those labourers. Please give us timely opportunities and words of life, love and hope to turn them from darkness to Your wonderful light.

In the name of Jesus

Amen.