

Praying For Your Unsaved Family And Loved Ones

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Many Christians long to see their relatives and friends born into the Kingdom of God, but they do not know how to go about helping them or they have tried witnessing to them and have been rebuffed. Many Christians do not know they can really help their relatives and friends, scripturally thru prayer.

Genesis 1:26 says that we are made in the image of God, after our likeness... God is a triune being, God the Father, God the Son-Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit. Likewise are we made of three parts, your spirit-your inner man, your soul-your mind, will and emotions, and your body-your flesh and bones that carries around your spirit and soul. Our body is our car or our donkey, which carries us around in this earth. [I Thessalonians 5:23].

In John 4:24, the Word says that God is a Spirit. The Greek cuts across the corner and simply says, "God is Spirit." Since we were made in the image and the likeness of God, therefore God made us a spirit man. That is our inner man.

God said in Genesis 1:28 for us to have dominion and subdue it.

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." In other words, "Let them be in charge."

When Adam fell, he committed what we call, "high treason." He turned all his dominion over to Satan. He actually sinned and was separated from God by disobedience [sin].

I Corinthians 15:21-22 NKJV

'For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.'

Romans 5:12-17 NKJV

'Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.....sin was in the world,Nevertheless death reigned from Adam..... For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.....For the judgment, *which*

came from one offense, resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. 'For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.'

At that point, when all dominion was turned over to Satan, then Satan became the god of this world. Adam had been given the power [choice] and he took it and turned it all over to Satan. Adam went against God's plan for man. The devil became the god of this world, and is still the god of the energy system and of the finances of this world, etc.

In Luke 4, When Jesus was being tempted in the desert; He did not argue the dominion of Satan.

Luke 4:5-8 NKJV

Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, "*You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.*"

In so many words the devil was saying, "Now, you see all this; All this was delivered unto me, and I have dominion over it all. And to whomever I want to give it, I shall give it." Just as Adam had a choice of whomever he wanted to give the dominion, he could give it. Adam gave it to the devil. And even now, the devil has dominion. Jesus did use the Word to refute the devil, but it wasn't on this point.

This may shock you, but people who are not saved are children of the devil. They are children of darkness and live in the Kingdom of darkness.

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Because they are unsaved, they have no power within themselves to break Satan's binding ability. Because they are not saved they are under Satan's dominion. Satan, the god of this world has blinded their minds, and they do not know how to help themselves.

You may say, "But I can't force them to get saved." That's right. The Bible does not give us authority over human spirits. Every individual has his or her own free will. Every individual has freedom of choice: to choose or not to choose to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

But thank God, we have been given the power over demon spirits, and over the god of this world that has blinded our loved ones. In 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, The Bible actually calls Satan the god of this world.

II Corinthians 4:3-4 NKJV

'But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.'

II Corinthians 4:3-4 AMP

'But even if our Gospel (the glad tidings) also be hidden (obscured and covered up with a veil that hinders the knowledge of God), it is hidden [only] to those who are perishing *and* obscured [only] to those who are spiritually dying *and* veiled [only] to those who are lost. For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image *and* Likeness of God.'

We see from these scriptures above that it is the god of this world, Satan who blinds the minds' of unbelievers, and even some believers, preventing them from seeing or hearing the illuminating gospel of truth. It's as though the unbelievers' and some believers' ears are plugged and their eyes are covered [veiled], so that they can neither hear nor see The Truth that would save them, heal them, or deliver and set them free.

Some Christians Are Walking In Darkness!

These passages are talking to Christians; God's Word, letters written to Christians.

II Timothy 2:25-26 NKJV

'If God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and *that* they may come to their senses *and* escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.'

Ephesians 1:17-19 NKJV

'That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, **the eyes of your understanding being enlightened;** that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.....'

Ephesians 2:2

“Where in times past you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.”

The prince of the power of the air is another name for Satan and he works in the children of disobedience.

Did you know that Christians could have an evil spirit, of the devil, working with them, and influencing them negatively? I do not mean that he possesses the inner man or the spirit of the man, but he will work in the mental or soul realm if the Christian will allow him to do so. Satan and evil spirits will fight them, in the soul which is the mind, will and emotions- and try to dominate, influence, confuse and torment their soul; in their thinking, their emotions and their will.

When people do not accept all that God’s Word has for them, then they have become unteachable, limiting God and a child of disobedience. That is why it is necessary for some to pray for others about receiving God’s Word. You can break the power of the enemy, and allow nothing to hold back that knowledge that is coming into them, as the Word is unveiled. The entrance of His Word gives light. The Holy Spirit will freely teach you and them all things, if you are teachable and have an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying to you.

II Corinthians 4:3-4 states that it is Satan, the god of this world, who blinds the minds of those who believe not.

In spite of Adams’ fall from obedience and Satan’s takeover of the dominion of this world, God in His infinite love, mercy and grace provided a way for man. He made an everlasting Blood Covenant with His Son Jesus to enable us to become the sons of God and take our rightful places as Kings and priests. This righteousness gives man back the dominion that Adam had in the Garden before the fall. We are part of the Body of Christ and all things are under our feet. We have been given dominion, but we must realize what that dominion is and how to enforce it in our lives and in the lives of others.

Thank God, I know someone who can help them. You! In that mighty name of Jesus, you, a born again believer, can bind demons. You have a spirit of power. You have dominion over Satan and all his demons, because Jesus has made you to sit together with Him in heavenly places far above all principalities, power, might and dominion. Jesus is the head, you are the body and He has put all things under His feet. So you have all things under your feet.

Ephesians 1:19-23 NKJV

'...what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.'

Who has the words and the power to help those who
are now held in bondage – in blindness?

You do!

We who are born again, mighty warriors of the Kingdom of God have the words that can bind that darkness that has held them captive. You may ask, "But how?" This is the key!

Romans 10:8 NKJV

But what does it say? "*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*" (that is, the word of faith which we preach).

The above text comes from this Old Testament text below.

Deuteronomy 30:14-16 NKJV

'But the word *is* very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it. "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, I announce to you today that you shall surely perish.....'

We can pray the Eternal Word of God for individuals who already have Jesus as their savior. Some brothers and sisters of ours get ensnared and need our help getting free. We are to care and pray for our brethren.

Psalms 119:89 NKJV

Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

We establish it here on the earth, because the word is nigh you, in your mouth and in your heart. This Word of God that we pray is living and powerful!!! And 'God watches over His Word to perform it.' [Jeremiah 1:12]

Hebrews 4:12

'For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.'

Jesus said that He gave us the Keys of the Kingdom.
The keys of the Kingdom are binding and loosing.

Mathew 16:19 NKJV

'And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Mathew 16:19 AMP

'I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.'

We have been given the Keys of the Kingdom of God. The Amplified Bible clearly gives us insight into what these keys do when we employ them in our lives and for the lives of others. Jesus additionally said in the 'Our Father' prayer, 'thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.' We as God's sons and daughters have been given these keys to use. Now the Greek word **Bind** means 'to tie up, imprison or already bound.' The Dictionary reads that **Bind** means 'to hold or restrain as if bound or tied down; to tie together, make fast or tight as with a rope or band; to be constricting or restricting.' Therefore whatever is already bound in heaven, we can bind here on earth. So let's think about what is bound already in Heaven or what is bound out of Heaven.

Than the Word says, whatever is loosed in Heaven we can loose here on earth. The Greek word **Loose** means 'to untie, to loose or release.' The Dictionary reads that **Loosed** means 'not confined or restrained, readily available, moving freely, relaxed, to set free.'

For example we can bind the enemy that blinds these people that believe not. We can also bind every plan, every deceit, every wile and strategy that the enemy has planned for us everyday. Satan plans evil for us when it is nighttime. He is the god of the darkness. He reigns over the Kingdom of Darkness.

Ephesians 6:11-12 AMP

'Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against **[all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil**. For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.'

Ephesians 6:11-12 NKJV

'Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the **wiles of the devil**. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.'

Thomas, my husband was in his office one day and a man came into his office. The Lord impressed him that this man had come to his office to get saved. So they talked for a few minutes and then Thomas shared the plan of salvation with him. The man replied, "No, that doesn't make any sense." Thomas continued speaking with the gentleman and then gave him the opportunity again to accept the Lord. He replied, "I just don't think that's right." At that time, the Holy Spirit brought 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 to Thomas' remembrance. Thomas had a pen on his desk and knocked it off his desk accidentally, on purpose. He said, "Excuse me," and got down under his desk to retrieve the pen. As he did this, he said out loud quietly "I bind the darkness that blinds this man and I command this man's eyes/ears to be opened to the gospel." He sat back up in his chair and spoke for a minute sharing the gospel of salvation and then again asked him if he wanted to receive Jesus. His response was, "I've never heard this before and yes I do." Thomas led him to Jesus. His name was written in the Lambs Book of Life that day. Hallelujah!!!

This was living proof that the WORD of GOD means what it says and we can speak it with authority and assurity. We knew this previously by faith and had used it praying, binding the darkness/Satan and commanding their eyes and ears to be opened. We had seen people's eyes and ears opened because people had become receptive to listening to the gospel following this prayer. But, never had we seen this so dramatically. The Word of God is sure and true. We activate the Word of God by believing it and speaking it and using the Keys of the Kingdom.

I prayed my mother into salvation. I had been sharing what God had done in my life with her, sending her Godly books to read for over 20 years to little effect. My mother was getting up in her years and I wanted her eternal home to be heaven. So, the Lord Jesus and I had a talk. I told him I would pray for her regularly and I would not do anything or say anything to her without His direction. My dishwasher had broken just prior to this and I decided that whenever I was washing dishes, once a day, I would pray for her. So I began praying by using the principle of 'Calling Those Things That Are Not As Though They Were.' In Romans 4:17, we see God used this Principle and Abraham used this principle. Actually He is the author of this principle. We see this principle repetitively in His Word.

So I began praying, Father God I'm using this time to pray for my mom. I was declaring and using my authority in Christ Jesus, by binding up every wile, plan and strategy, of darkness that was blinding my mother and I commanded the glorious light of the gospel to shine into her life. I call her saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, a doer of the word, set free from demonic oppression and a lover of the

word of God. I prayed laborers into her pathway; laborers that were sensitive to Holy Spirit, filled with His wisdom and the words they spoke would pierce her heart to come to the Lord. Then, I would pray in the Holy Spirit, in tongues, for her until the dishes were all done for that day. I did this faithfully, for a little over 3 months, every day.

My mom lived in Wisconsin and I in California, so we would speak over the phone about once a week. I did not say anything about the Lord or what He was doing in my life during these conversations. Then, a little after 3 months, my mom called me and said she had just begun taking care of an elderly man who was dying. She explained that this man was very afraid of dying and she did not know what to do to help him. Did I have any suggestions for her to employ to help this man? Well, off the top of my head, knowing the Word, I could have told her a lot; BUT, I had told the Lord I would wait for His instructions. So I said, "You know mom let me pray about that and I'll get back to you on that." At this time as I was seeking the Lord for His direction, our home was receiving the Full Gospel Men's small booklet, which was filled with about 4-5 stories of testimonies of different people being changed by the living God. I heard the Lord say send her this booklet, because I had laid them all out before me at His leading. Then, He impressed me to tell my mom to read him the stories and read him the back page also. Well, on the back page was a salvation prayer. So I mailed the booklet and called my mom and told her about this. She said she would do it. I received a call about 2 weeks later from my mom and she told me the man was not afraid of dying anymore. Yes, it appears as though someone who was not saved, my mom, lead this man to the Lord simply by reading the booklet. God is so good!! I continued to pray. About a week later, my mom called and told me she had accepted the Lord Jesus as her savior. Hallelujah! My mom is now in her heavenly home.

I Peter 3:9

'The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.'

God wants every man, woman and child saved. He desires them all to come into His Kingdom and enjoy what He purchased for them. [John 3.16]

You can dare to believe and act on the Word of God! If it will work for one person as it did for my husband and me, it will work for you and any other believer for Our Father is "no respecter of persons." Yes, the Word of God does work, if you will dare to believe it, speak it and act on it.

Below are several prayers that are scripture about binding and loosing that you can pray. Remember as you pray God's Word He watches over His Word to perform it. So thank him for doing just that, watching over His Word to perform it. Know that you are praying in agreement with God because you are praying, speaking and believing, His Word.

Remember, prayer does not cause faith to work,
faith causes prayer to work.

PRAY: I bind the power of darkness over ["name"] that causes [him/her] to not believe the gospel and causes him/her not to receive the Lord Jesus Christ and I loose the glorious light of the gospel of God into [his/her] life and I claim [him/her] as part of my inheritance according to Psalm 2.8. I thank you Lord for it.

Psalm 2:8 NKJV

Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations [ethnos or people] *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.

PRAY: You foul spirits operating in [name] blinding [him/her] to the gospel to keep [him/her] out of the Kingdom of God, I bind you now and I loose the glorious light of the gospel into [his/her] soul and heart now. I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. I carry His authority and righteousness and in His Name I command you desist and stop in your maneuvers against [name]. I spoil your house according to the Word of God and I say the Word of God enters in to deliver [name] from your hands into the Kingdom of God. I say that [name] comes to their senses and escapes the snare of the devil having been taken captive by him to do his will and that God graciously grants [him/her] repentance. I declare [name] saved, spirit-filled and delivered from satanic influence and a lover of the Word of God and a doer of the Word of God. Thank you Lord, for the keys of the Kingdom.

II Timothy 2:25-26 NKJV

if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.

This person may not listen to you, but the Lord knows whom he will listen to and He'll send that person halfway around the world to reach them and talk to them. So pray to the Lord of the Harvest.

Luke 10:2 NKJV

Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Luke 10:2 AMP

And He said to them, The harvest indeed is abundant [there is much ripe grain], but the farmhands are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

PRAY: Father, I'm asking you to send laborers across [name] path; laborers with wisdom and who are equipped with the Word of God about salvation, water baptism, baptism of the Holy Spirit, healing and deliverance. Send laborers who can communicate effectively with [him/her] so that your Word reaches [his/her] heart and [he/she] comes into your Kingdom. Thank you Lord for faithful laborers in [his/her] life.

Now, the devil may come to your shoulder and whisper in your ear, into your soul, "surely your brother will not get saved, look at how he's acting, just look at what he's into." Stand on what you have prayed. Look at and treat your brother as saved and watch God work in his life. Keep standing, do not grow or become weary. Defeat the enemy with your words! Just like Jesus. [Math 4:4].