



How to Pray for... **EVANGELISM**



Jesus' final command to His followers before He ascended to heaven was, "Go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19). Around the world, the bride of Christ takes this Great Commission very seriously. Many dedicate their lives to evangelism as missionaries and church planters. For some, evangelism comes with a very real risk of persecution and retaliation.

Many western societies are "post-Christian"; though there is a history of Christianity in these places, the current culture is secular, and evangelism is often seen as offensive or intrusive. In many other places evangelism—or even being a Christian—is illegal or considered divisive. Evangelists may face rejection by their families or communities, beatings, and arrest.

Yet we are not only commanded to evangelize, God promises that we will have the right words from the Holy Spirit at the right time (Mark 13:11) and that, when we share the gospel, our words will be accompanied by conviction by the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 1:5). As we all seek to share the good news with neighbors, friends, and family, let us pray.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:14-15

Please join us in praying...

- For the Holy Spirit to prepare people to hear the gospel. Pray for open minds and soft hearts. Pray that those who hear will be convicted of their need for a Savior and will joyfully accept Jesus' free gift of grace.
- For those who are evangelising. Pray that God would take away any fear and fill them with love. Pray that their words and methods would reflect God's love, forgiveness, and power to heal. Pray that they would have insight from the Holy Spirit about who to talk to and when, as well as what words to say.
- That Christians would be able to share the whole gospel story—from God creating the universe and humankind in His own image to Jesus' imminent return. Pray that this would be truly good news that both gives people hope of heaven and helps them experience abundant life on earth.
- For missionaries, ministry leaders, and pastors who are organizing evangelical events. Pray that God would inspire their plans, for all the logistics to come together smoothly, and for protection and provision for events. Ask God to draw people to those events whom He has chosen and prepared to hear the message.
- For new believers to have opportunities for wholistic discipleship. Pray that they would know how the gospel applies to every area of life—from gardening to business to parenting to health—so that they can bring everything under the Lordship of Christ.
- Against persecution. Pray for those experiencing persecution to also experience God's presence and favor. Pray for persecutors to be released from fear and hate, and that they would hear and receive the message of salvation. Pray for governments to uphold freedom of religion and freedom of speech, and for local leaders to see the Christian presence in their community as positive.

Also pray for me that when I speak, God will give me words so that I can tell the secret of the Good News without fear.

Ephesians 6:19

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



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