



Praying for New Life

Romans 9:1-3; 10:1, “I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race.... ^{10:1}Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.”

Four Motivators

Think of God’s love for _____

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Think of the human _____

Think of the divine _____

Four Requests

Ask God _____

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TAKE FIVE

Take five minutes five days to pray for five others. Before you pray, read over your sermon notes from the previous Sunday and align your prayers with the text we studied.

Monday. Read Romans 8:1 through 9:3. Notice how greatly Paul rejoiced at the privileges of the Christian life in chapter 8, and then grieved in chapter 9 when he thought of those who were missing out. Make a list of the privileges of the Christian life you wish your nonbelieving loved ones could know.

Tuesday. Make a list of five nonbelievers to pray for. Spend some time visualizing the joy of seeing them come to belief. Ask God to make that vision a reality.

Wednesday. Read Luke 10:2. Do as Jesus requests. What is the first word in Luke 10:3 after Jesus' request in Luke 10:2? After asking for workers to do gospel work, are you willing to be a worker in that work? Talk with God about this.

Thursday. John Piper wrote, "Prayer is primarily a wartime walkie-talkie for the mission of the church as it advances against the powers of darkness and unbelief. It is not surprising that prayer malfunctions when we try to make it a domestic intercom to call for more snacks in the den." Do you use prayer more like a "domestic intercom" or a "wartime walkie-talkie"?

Friday. Ask God to stir up a desire in every member of your Life Group and every member of our church to talk about the lost with God—and to talk about God with the lost.