

# PRAYERS FOR MY NEIGHBORS

Billy Graham once said, “I don’t know of one person who ever responded to the Gospel who wasn’t first prayed for.” If our neighbors are to come to faith in Jesus Christ, it starts with us praying for them. A great way to start is to pray as you walk through your neighborhood, using the prayers below as a guide.

## 1. REVEAL TO MY NEIGHBORS THAT JESUS CHRIST CAME TO BRING THEM ABUNDANT LIFE

O Father in Heaven, the foundation of Your throne is justice and righteousness and before it flows Your love and faithfulness (Psalm 89:14). May that love and faithfulness draw my neighbors to Your throne and may they there come to understand that You are righteous and just.

Reveal to their hearts Jesus, that You have come to bring them abundant life (John 10:10)—a life so much more fulfilling and satisfying than anything they have ever experienced.

## 2. MAY MY NEIGHBORS KNOW THE GREATNESS OF JESUS CHRIST’S SACRIFICE

Gracious Father, thank You that Your great love sent Your one and only Son into the world so that we may have eternal life by believing in Him (John 3:16). You gave Him up for us and along with Him, are graciously willing to give us all things (Romans 10:32).

May my neighbors come to know the greatness of Your sacrifice and understand and grasp the width and length, height and depth of Your love for them (Ephesians 3:18).

## 3. HOLY SPIRIT, CONVICT MY NEIGHBORS OF SIN AND HELP THEM FIND THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS

We know, Holy Spirit, that you have been sent into the world to show us the reality of sin, righteousness, and judgement (John 16:8), that we all have fallen short of God’s standards (Romans 3:23) and that the wages of our sin should be death. But how very grateful we are that **God gives us the gift of eternal life through Jesus** (Romans 6:23)!

Holy Spirit please convict my neighbors of their sin and help them to realize what will happen to them apart from You. Just as You granted the Gentiles the gift of repentance that leads to life (Acts 11:18), so grant my neighbors this same gift. Please help them to find that amazing gift of eternal life that Jesus wants to bring to them.

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**4. HELP MY NEIGHBORS TO KNOW THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THEIR ONLY TRUE HOPE**

There is no other name under heaven, Jesus, that can save us (Acts 4:12). You are the way, the truth, and the life. And we know there is no other way to come to Your Father but through You (John 14:16).

O Good Shepherd, help my neighbors to know that You are their only true hope (Colossians 1:27) and that it is only Your grace and not their good works that can save them (Ephesians 2:8,9). May they come to understand that You have become their righteousness and holiness and have secured their redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30).

**5. SEND THOSE WHO WILL SEW THE SEED INTO MY NEIGHBORS' LIVES; THOSE WHO WILL WATER WHAT HAS BEEN SEWN, AND, LORD, CAUSE IT TO GROW**

When Israel cried out for deliverance from the hands of the Midianites, God sent Gideon to rescue them (Judges 6). When the Ethiopian was trying to understand the words written by Isaiah, God sent Philip to explain them to him (Acts 8). Your answers to our prayers, O Lord, most often and most always begin with people You send into our lives.

For my neighbors, Father, please send godly men and women into their lives who will help them to understand Your Word and Your purposes for them. Send those who will sew the seed into their lives; those who will water what has been sewn, and, Lord, cause it to grow (1 Corinthians 3:7) and produce a harvest of righteousness (James 3:18). In their lives O God, let Your word fall upon fertile soil and produce an abundant harvest many times over (Matthew 13:23).

**6. FATHER, DRAW MY NEIGHBORS OUT FROM UNDER THE POWER OF THE ENEMY AND INTO YOUR KINGDOM OF LIGHT**

Just as the Lord sent Paul to reach others and to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, from being under the power of Satan to being in the Kingdom of God (Acts 26:18), O Father, draw my neighbors out from under the power of the enemy and into Your kingdom of light.

The enemy has blinded their minds so they cannot see the light of the Gospel (2 Corinthians 4:4); so gracious Holy Spirit, unblind their minds so they may see the glory of Your Son Jesus. Deliver them from the power of the enemy. You stand at the door and knock and promise that if it is opened, You will come in. May they hear You knocking and invite You in (Revelation 3:20).

We would love to join you in prayer. Email us at [info@bgea.ca](mailto:info@bgea.ca).