

## Praying for Souls – Matthew 9:36-38



CBC's Purpose Statement: . . . . . Our passion is **to know God**  
and to **make Him known**  
through worship, fellowship, discipleship & ministry.

How should we pray for the lost? ...for souls?

Two prayer burdens:

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### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer Burden

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### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer Burden

Ephesians 6:19-20

Colossians 4:2-4

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Notice the emphasis in these passages. Is the focus on praying for the lost or for the saved? Pray for the ones who are to share the gospel!

Reaching the lost is a matter of our faithfulness in witnessing — that's what we need to be praying for.



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*Pray for Christians – that we will care for the lost!*

## Helping People Who Respond to a Church “Altar Call”

What would happen if God broke in on a CBC service and several people came to the altar wanting to be saved and/or get right with God? Are you one of the people God wants to use to pray with them?

Someone who responds by walking forward are usually already yielding to God. They may not need anyone to pray with them. Some may need someone to pray and be a friend. They may not need immediate counsel. Rather, they may merely need someone who cares for their soul to pray with them. Could you be that person?

Are you ready?

- Be conscious of what is happening. Pastor may need someone quickly. It would be best if a man and lady came to the front row each Sunday morning ready to help someone.
- Men should pray with men and women should pray with women at the altar.

### Needing Salvation

If the person wants to be saved, a couple questions will determine if they understand sin & salvation and are ready to call out to God to rescue them.

- Why did you come forward?
- Why do you need Jesus to save you?
- Why can Jesus save you?
- Do you believe Jesus died in your place to pay the debt you owe God?
- Read Romans 10:13 and ask the person to call out to God for what they want Him to do.
- Read 1 John 5:11-15 – those who get saved will be impacted by the “these things” that are written in 1 John. You can see the changed life and know that God really saved you!

### Needing Baptism

- Express your excitement for them and check to see if they are saved.
- Read Matthew 28:18-20 – our church is here to baptize all who come to Jesus for salvation.
- Every Sunday is a possible day for a baptism but must be arranged in advance. Get the name and contact information (use a *Connection Card*) and let the person know that someone will contact them to make arrangements.

### Needing God to Help

- Forgiveness – Psalm 103:12; Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 1:9
- Victory Over Satan – 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; James 4:7-8
- Victorious Life – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Peter 2:2; John 14:13-14; John 15:14; Mark 16:15
- Surrender – Romans 12:1-3; Philippians 4:8-9

Helping someone who is seeking God is more being a friend and praying with them than it is having all the answers. God may use you at a critical moment to share His love, pray and then, after the service, connect them with someone who can help more.