

# who's your **ONE?**

## 21-DAY DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER GUIDE

We must do whatever it takes to reach the lost,  
and it starts with *one*.



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Luke 15:4 NKJV

## STEP 1: PRAY

Pray about who God wants your *One* to be. Your *One* should be someone who is near to you but far from God. It is someone who you relate to at least monthly and is not a follower of Jesus.



## STEP 2: FILL OUT

Fill out a *Who's Your One?* card showing your commitment to begin praying for your *One*. Tear off the small portion of the card and turn it into a staff member. Keep the other part as a reminder of your commitment.



## STEP 3: INTERCEDE

Immediately begin to strategically intercede for your *One* praying that God would begin to give you opportunities to serve them, invite them to church, and share the gospel with them.



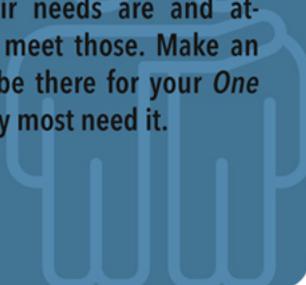
## STEP 4: TRAIN

Begin to train yourself on how to intercede effectively, start spiritual conversations, and share the gospel with boldness. Look for resources and training within our church.



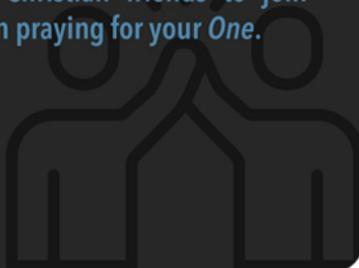
## STEP 5: LOVE

Have ongoing spiritual conversations with your *One* while continuing to build your relationship with them. Try to find out what their needs are and attempt to meet those. Make an effort to be there for your *One* when they most need it.



## STEP 6: SHARE

Invite your *One* to church and share the Gospel with them. Pray that God would give you the boldness to do this. Engage your Christian friends to join you in praying for your *One*.



# DAY 1 - THE ONE MATTERS

**What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? - Luke 15:4 NKJV**

Jesus reveals the heart of God through the image of a shepherd who refuses to accept the loss of even one sheep. The emphasis of the passage rests not merely on the sheep's condition, but on the shepherd's initiative. He does not wait for the sheep to return. He goes after it—personally and persistently—until it is found.

This is how God regards the lost. He works through individuals, not just crowds. Your *One* is not overlooked by heaven; they are actively pursued by the Shepherd. When you pray for them, you are aligning yourself with a mission already in motion. God is often at work in unseen ways—through circumstances, questions, or quiet dissatisfaction that prepares the heart for truth.

This passage also reframes value. In God's economy, one soul is never insignificant. One invitation, one conversation, one seat beside you can become a turning point in eternity. As you hold your *One* before the Lord, ask Him to deepen your compassion and awareness—not only for them, but for others in your relational world who may also be wandering without a shepherd.

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for Spiritual Awareness - Ask God to help you see your *One* the way He does—valued, pursued, and deeply loved.
2. Pray for the Shepherd's Work - Ask the Lord to move in your *One's* life circumstances, creating openness to truth and readiness to respond.
3. Pray for Compassionate Courage - Ask God to replace fear or hesitation in you with patient love and willingness to invite.

# DAY 2 — SOUGHT AND FOUND

**For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. - Luke 19:10 NKJV**

Jesus defines His mission with unmistakable clarity: He came to seek and to save the lost. Salvation is not accidental, and it is not passive. Christ moves toward those who are far from Him. He enters their spaces, engages their stories, and pursues their redemption with intention.

This means your *One* is not outside the reach or attention of God. Long before you ever began praying for them, Christ was already seeking them. He works through conversations, hardships, questions, and relationships to draw people toward Himself. Your role is

not to initiate God's work but to participate in it. Invitation becomes cooperation with a Savior who is already moving.

Understanding this reshapes both confidence and urgency. Confidence, because the outcome does not rest on your persuasiveness. Urgency, because God often uses willing believers as instruments in His seeking mission. A simple invitation—to attend, to listen, to sit beside you—can become part of how Christ brings someone near to Himself.

As you reflect on your *One*, consider where you see evidence of God's quiet pursuit in their life. Spiritual curiosity, life disruption, relational need—these may be indicators that the Savior who seeks is already at work.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for Christ's Pursuing Work - Ask Jesus to actively seek your *One* through their circumstances, relationships, and inner thoughts.
2. Pray for Spiritual Receptivity - Ask God to soften your *One's* heart and create openness to the gospel.
3. Pray for Willing Participation - Ask the Lord to make you attentive and ready to step into moments where you can invite or speak.

## DAY 3 — MOVED WITH COMPASSION

*But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.*

- Matthew 9:36 NKJV

When Jesus looked at the crowds, He did not see interruptions or inconveniences—He saw people carrying deep spiritual and personal burdens. Scripture says He was “moved with compassion.” The phrase conveys more than passing sympathy; it speaks of an inward stirring that compelled outward action. Christ saw beyond appearances into the hidden weariness of the human condition.

Many who are far from God do not outwardly present as spiritually lost. They appear stable, successful, or self-sufficient. Yet beneath the surface often lies anxiety, grief, confusion, loneliness, or quiet despair. They are, as Jesus described, “weary and scattered”—living without the guidance, assurance, and hope that only the Shepherd provides.

This perspective reshapes how you view your *One*. Instead of seeing resistance or indifference, you begin to see need. Compassion changes posture. It replaces frustration with patience, fear with gentleness, and obligation with care. Invitations extended from compassion feel different—they carry warmth instead of pressure.

As you hold your *One* before the Lord, ask Him to let you see glimpses of what they carry

internally. The more clearly you perceive their burdens, the more naturally you will long for them to encounter the hope and restoration found in Christ. And as God enlarges your compassion for one, He often expands it for others within your daily relational pathways as well.

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for Compassionate Vision - Ask God to help you see your *One* beyond the surface—to recognize their spiritual and personal burdens.
2. Pray for Their Specific Needs - Lift up the pressures, struggles, or pains your *One* may be carrying, asking God to reveal Himself in those places.
3. Pray for Gentle Invitation - Ask the Lord to shape your words and posture so that any invitation you extend flows from genuine care, not pressure.

## DAY 4 — GOD DESIRES THEIR SALVATION

*For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

- 1 Timothy 2:3–4 NKJV

Scripture gives clear insight into the saving posture of God's heart. He is not reluctant toward redemption—He desires it. His disposition toward the lost is not indifference but invitation. The gospel flows from divine willingness, not divine hesitation.

This truth reshapes how you pray for your *One*. You are not attempting to persuade God to care about their salvation. He already does. You are aligning your prayers with what Scripture reveals to be His redemptive desire. That alignment should produce both confidence and perseverance in intercession.

It also reframes how you interpret delay. When someone remains resistant to the gospel, it is not evidence of God's disinterest but of His patience and timing. The Lord often works gradually—through relationships, conversations, hardships, and exposures to truth that accumulate over time. Your prayers and invitations may become one of the means He uses to bring clarity and conviction.

As you reflect on your *One*, remember that their name rests within the scope of God's saving concern. No background, skepticism, or past failure places them outside His desire to redeem. Let that assurance steady your prayers and strengthen your willingness to remain faithfully engaged.

And as God enlarges your understanding of His heart, allow it to expand your own. Who else within your relational world might need the knowledge of the truth? While your focused prayer remains on your *One*, awareness of others cultivates a lifestyle shaped by God's redemptive priorities.

## Prayer Points

1. Pray in Alignment with God's Desire - Thank God that He desires your *One's* salvation and ask Him to act according to that revealed heart.
2. Pray for Knowledge of the Truth - Ask the Lord to bring your *One* into clear encounters with the gospel that they can understand and receive.
3. Pray for Persevering Faithfulness - Ask God to help you remain consistent in prayer and willing to invite, trusting His timing and work.

## DAY 5 — WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

- Romans 5:8 NKJV

The gospel is built on initiating love. God did not wait for humanity to improve, repent, or become spiritually receptive before acting. Christ's death was not a response to our righteousness but to our lostness. He moved toward us at our worst, not our best.

Remembering this guards the heart from subtle pride and quiet hesitation in evangelism. Your *One* does not need to “get their life together” before becoming a candidate for grace. The cross stands as proof that God meets people in brokenness, confusion, and rebellion. No moral distance places someone beyond the reach of redeeming love.

This also personalizes your motivation. You were once pursued under the same conditions. Someone prayed for you, spoke to you, invited you, or modeled Christ before you understood the full weight of your need. Gratitude becomes fuel for obedience. We extend invitations not as spiritual superiors, but as recipients of undeserved mercy.

As you think about your *One*, resist the temptation to disqualify them in your mind—whether because of lifestyle, skepticism, or resistance. God's love is not reactive; it is demonstrative. It acts. And often, He chooses to demonstrate that love through the faithful presence and witness of believers He has already redeemed.

## Prayer Points

1. Pray from Gratitude - Thank God for pursuing you while you were still in sin, and let that remembrance shape your prayers for your *One*.
2. Pray for Grace to Reach Them - Ask the Lord to demonstrate His love to your *One* in unmistakable ways that draw them toward Him.
3. Pray Against Discouragement - Ask God to remove any assumptions that your *One* is “too far” from salvation, replacing them with confidence in the power of the cross.

## DAY 6 — NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH

*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.*

- 2 Peter 3:9 NKJV

What some interpret as divine delay, Scripture reveals as divine patience. God's timing is not governed by indifference but by mercy. His longsuffering posture reflects a willingness to extend opportunity for repentance rather than to hasten judgment.

This truth reframes how you think about your *One's* spiritual journey. The fact that they are still within your relational reach is itself evidence of God's patience. He continues to allow time, conversations, circumstances, and gospel exposure to unfold. Their story is still being written.

Understanding this guards against two common errors: urgency without peace, and patience without action. God's patience does not eliminate the call to faithful witness—it creates space for it. You are not called to rush outcomes, but neither are you called to silence. Within God's merciful timing, He often uses believers as instruments of invitation and clarity.

As you pray for your *One*, consider where you see signs of God's patience in their life. Preserved relationships, spiritual conversations, moments of openness—these may all be expressions of His longsuffering work. Let this perspective cultivate steady perseverance rather than anxious striving.

And as you reflect more broadly, remember that God's patience extends beyond your *One*. Many in your relational world live within that same mercy window. Awareness of His longsuffering heart should deepen both your compassion and your readiness to speak when He provides opportunity.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray in View of God's Patience - Thank the Lord for His longsuffering toward your *One* and for the time He has granted them to respond.
2. Pray for Repentant Awakening - Ask God to bring conviction of sin and clarity about the need for repentance in your *One's* heart.
3. Pray for Faithful Readiness - Ask the Lord to help you use the opportunities His patience provides—to speak, invite, and witness with humility and courage.

## DAY 7 — THE FATHER'S JOY

*I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.*

- Luke 15:7 NKJV

Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep by revealing heaven's response to repentance: joy. Not quiet acknowledgment, but celebration. The salvation of one sinner reverberates beyond earth into the courts of heaven. This glimpse into divine rejoicing reshapes how we measure spiritual significance.

In a world that prizes scale and visibility, one conversion can seem small. But in the economy of God's Kingdom, one soul returning carries immeasurable weight. Heaven does not celebrate crowds alone—it celebrates individuals. Your *One* is not an overlooked statistic; they are a potential occasion for eternal rejoicing.

This perspective fuels both hope and perseverance. Every prayer you pray, every conversation you steward, every invitation you extend participates in something that matters infinitely. You may never fully see how God is working beneath the surface, but heaven anticipates outcomes long before they materialize on earth.

Let your imagination rest for a moment on the possibility of your *One* repenting and believing. Consider the joy it would bring to their life, to the church, and to the heart of God Himself. This vision does not create pressure—it creates motivation rooted in love. We invite not to increase attendance, but to participate in heaven's celebration.

And as you reflect, allow that joy to extend beyond your *One*. Many across your relational landscape remain outside that celebration—for now. But through prayer, faithful presence, and simple invitations, you may become part of the story God writes to bring them in.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray with Anticipation - Ask God to bring your *One* to repentance and faith, envisioning the joy it will bring to heaven.
2. Pray for Eternal Perspective - Ask the Lord to help you value souls the way He does—seeing one life as eternally significant.
3. Pray for Joyful Faithfulness - Ask God to let your invitations and witness flow from hope and joy rather than pressure or duty.

## DAY 8 — OPEN MY MOUTH

*...and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel.*

- Ephesians 6:19 NKJV

Even the Apostle Paul requested prayer for boldness in speaking the gospel. This is striking. If anyone might seem naturally equipped to speak without hesitation, it would be Paul. Yet he recognized that courage in gospel conversation is not self-generated—it is Spirit-supplied.

This reframes the internal tension many believers feel. Fear, hesitation, or uncertainty about what to say are not indicators of spiritual failure; they are reminders of dependence. Boldness is not personality-driven extroversion—it is quiet confidence rooted in God’s enabling presence.

Notice also Paul’s specificity: he asks not merely for opportunity, but for utterance—words given in the moment. Evangelistic speech is often situational, not scripted. As you engage your *One*, you are not called to deliver polished presentations but to speak faithfully when God opens relational space.

Understanding this relieves pressure. You do not carry the burden of eloquence. The Spirit who convicts hearts also assists speech. Your responsibility is willingness—to open your mouth when prompted, to extend invitation when opportunity arises, and to trust God with both clarity and outcome.

As you reflect on your *One*, consider where fear may be restraining obedience. Is it fear of rejection? Awkwardness? Not knowing how they will respond? Bring those hesitations honestly before the Lord. He does not shame weakness—He strengthens those who depend on Him.

And as your courage grows, remain attentive not only to your *One* but to others within your conversational pathways. Gospel speech often emerges in ordinary moments—workplaces, family gatherings, shared struggles—when hearts are unexpectedly open.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for Given Words - Ask God to give you the right words at the right time when speaking with your *One*.
2. Pray for Boldness Without Harshness - Ask the Lord to help you speak with courage that is gracious, calm, and Spirit-led.
3. Pray Against Fear - Ask God to identify and remove specific fears that keep you silent when opportunities arise.

## DAY 9 — WATCH FOR THE OPEN DOOR

*...praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ...*

- Colossians 4:3 NKJV

Scripture teaches that opportunities for gospel conversation are not manufactured—they are opened. Paul describes them as doors God Himself unlocks. This shifts evangelism from pressure-driven effort to Spirit-aware attentiveness. Rather than forcing conversations, believers are called to recognize moments God prepares.

Open doors often appear in ordinary settings. A co-worker shares a personal struggle. A family member asks a spiritual question. A friend walks through crisis or uncertainty. These moments create natural pathways for meaningful conversation. What might seem incidental is often providential.

For your *One*, God may already be arranging such openings. Spiritual curiosity, life transitions, relational tension, or even dissatisfaction with success can soften the heart. Your role is not to engineer these moments but to remain prayerfully observant so you do not overlook them.

This posture cultivates peace. You are not responsible to push conversations forward prematurely. Nor are you passive. You live watchfully—ready to step through when God opens relational space. Invitations extended through open doors tend to be received with greater sincerity because they arrive in context, not abstraction.

As you think about your *One*, consider where a door might already be forming. Has there been vulnerability? A question? A shared hardship? Ask God to sharpen your discernment so that when the moment comes, you recognize it and respond faithfully.

And remember, open doors rarely remain open indefinitely. Sensitivity to timing matters. Courage expressed in the right moment often carries eternal consequence.

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for Open Doors - Ask God to create natural opportunities for gospel conversation with your *One*.
2. Pray for Spiritual Discernment - Ask the Lord to help you recognize when He is opening relational space.
3. Pray for Timely Obedience - Ask God to give you courage to step forward when the opportunity appears.

## DAY 10 — GRACIOUS WORDS

*Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*

- Colossians 4:5–6 NKJV

Gospel conversations are shaped as much by tone as by content. Paul instructs believers not only to speak truth, but to do so with wisdom and grace. Speech that is “seasoned with salt” carries clarity without harshness—it preserves the message while making it receivable.

This matters as you engage your *One*. Fear often produces silence, but urgency can produce heaviness. Scripture calls for neither. Instead, believers are to cultivate speech that is thoughtful, timely, and shaped by genuine care. Invitations and conversations flow more naturally when they emerge from relational warmth rather than rehearsed pressure.

Wisdom also recognizes that each person’s spiritual journey is different. Questions, hesitations, and struggles require patient listening as much as careful speaking. As you consider inviting your *One*—or others within your relational circle—ask God to help your words reflect His character: truthful, calm, and graciously compelling.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for Gracious Speech - Ask God to shape your words so they reflect kindness, patience, and sincerity.
2. Pray for Conversational Wisdom - Ask the Lord to help you know when to speak, how to speak, and when to listen.
3. Pray for Receptive Hearts - Ask God to prepare your *One* to receive conversations and invitations with openness.

## DAY 11 — READY TO ANSWER

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.*

- 1 Peter 3:15 NKJV

Evangelistic conversations often begin not with our speaking, but with someone else asking. Peter instructs believers to live in such a way that hope becomes visible—and questions naturally follow. Readiness, then, is not merely about having the right information, but about cultivating a life that reflects confidence in Christ.

Notice the internal order of the verse: “sanctify the Lord God in your hearts” comes before “be ready to answer.” Courage in speech flows from settled devotion. The more Christ governs your affections, priorities, and peace, the more naturally your life will provoke curiosity from those who are searching.

For your *One*, this means your witness extends beyond invitations. Your steadiness in difficulty, your joy in ordinary moments, and your responses to stress all contribute to the credibility of your words. When questions arise, you are not required to present exhaustive arguments—only to speak honestly about the hope you possess.

And that hope, when shared with meekness and reverence, often carries more weight than polished persuasion.

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for Visible Hope - Ask God to make the reality of Christ evident in your attitudes, responses, and daily life.
2. Pray for Prepared Readiness - Ask the Lord to help you be mentally and spiritually ready to answer when questions arise.
3. Pray for Encounter - Ask God to reveal Himself powerfully when your *One* comes into spaces where Christ is proclaimed.

## DAY 12 — COME AND SEE

*Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”*  
*And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”*

*Philip said to him, “Come and see.”*

- John 1:45–46 NKJV

Philip’s invitation was simple, direct, and personal: “Come and see.” He did not attempt to resolve every objection or win an argument. He invited Nathanael into proximity with Jesus, trusting that encounter would accomplish what persuasion alone could not.

This models a freeing approach to gospel invitation. You are not responsible to overcome every skepticism your *One* may hold. Questions and hesitations are often part of the spiritual journey. Rather than viewing them as barriers, you can treat them as doorways that lead to deeper exploration.

Inviting someone to gather with God’s people—to observe worship, hear Scripture, and experience the presence of Christ—can be a powerful step toward belief. Many who resist theological debate remain open to relational invitation. As you consider your *One*, remember that a sincere “come and see” may carry more impact than a lengthy explanation.

And this posture extends beyond your *One*. Family members, friends, and co-workers may also be more willing to come and observe than to engage in immediate spiritual dialogue. Invitation creates space for God to work.

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for Simple Courage - Ask God to help you extend clear, uncomplicated invitations without overthinking the response.
2. Pray for Openness to Come - Ask the Lord to make your *One* willing to accept an invitation to gather and observe.

3. Pray for Encounter - Ask God to reveal Himself powerfully when your *One* comes into spaces where Christ is proclaimed.

## DAY 13 — COMPELLED TO INVITE

*Then the master said to the servant, “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.”*

- Luke 14:23 NKJV

In this parable, the master’s desire is unmistakable—he wants his house filled. The instruction to “compel” is not a call to pressure or manipulation, but to earnest, intentional invitation. It reflects urgency rooted in generosity. The banquet is prepared; the invitation must now be carried outward.

This shapes how believers think about inviting others into spaces where the gospel is proclaimed. The heart behind the invitation matters. We are not filling seats for attendance’s sake—we are inviting people to experience the grace, truth, and welcome of God. Compelling invitation flows from love that does not want others to miss what has been freely offered.

For your *One*, this may require moving beyond passive hope into active pursuit. A conversation started, a message sent, a personal ask extended—these are modern expressions of going “into the highways and hedges.” And often, the most effective invitations are relationally warm and personally delivered.

As you consider your broader relational world—family, neighbors, co-workers—remember that many are simply waiting to be asked. A thoughtful invitation can become the bridge God uses to bring someone into life-changing encounter.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for Intentional Initiative - Ask God to help you move from passive desire to active invitation for your *One*.
2. Pray for Loving Urgency - Ask the Lord to give you a heart that does not want others to miss the grace He offers.
3. Pray for Receptive Responses - Ask God to prepare those you invite to respond with openness rather than resistance.

## DAY 14 — THE GOSPEL SHARED

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

- Romans 1:16 NKJV

Confidence in evangelism ultimately rests not in the messenger, but in the message. Paul's boldness flowed from his conviction that the gospel itself carries divine power. It is not merely information about God—it is the instrument through which God brings salvation to those who believe.

This truth relieves the pressure many feel when speaking about Christ. You are not responsible to produce transformation in your *One*. The gospel does what human persuasion cannot: it convicts, awakens, and saves. Your role is to speak faithfully and clearly, trusting God to work through His Word.

As you consider conversations and invitations, remember that even simple expressions of the gospel—Christ's death, resurrection, and offer of forgiveness—carry eternal weight. You do not need perfect articulation for God to act powerfully. When shared with sincerity, the message itself becomes the means through which God draws people to Himself.

And this confidence extends beyond your *One*. Every person you invite or speak with stands within reach of the same saving power.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for Confidence in the Gospel - Ask God to deepen your trust that the gospel itself is powerful to save.
2. Pray for Faithful Clarity - Ask the Lord to help you speak the message of Christ simply and accurately when opportunities arise.
3. Pray for Saving Response - Ask God to bring your *One*—and others you engage—to genuine faith through the power of the gospel.

## DAY 15 — GOD GIVES THE INCREASE

*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.*

- 1 Corinthians 3:6–7 NKJV

Paul's words provide needed clarity for anyone engaged in gospel witness: believers participate in the process, but God alone produces the result. Planting and watering represent faithful actions—conversations, prayers, invitations, and shared truth. Yet spiritual transformation does not originate from human effort. It is the work of God.

This perspective guards the heart from both pride and discouragement. If your *One* responds positively, the glory belongs to God. If they seem resistant, the burden does not rest on your performance. Faithfulness is measured by obedience, not outcome.

Understanding this also brings peace to the process. Evangelism often unfolds gradually.

One believer plants a seed, another waters through encouragement, and still another may witness the harvest. Your role in your *One's* life may be immediate or incremental—but it is never insignificant.

As you continue praying, speaking, and inviting, release the pressure to control results. Trust that God is working beneath the surface in ways unseen. The same power that saved you is fully capable of drawing your *One* to Himself in His time.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for Trust in God's Work - Ask God to help you rest in His role as the *One* who produces spiritual growth.
2. Pray for Faithful Consistency - Ask the Lord to keep you steady in prayer, conversation, and invitation regardless of visible results.
3. Pray for Spiritual Increase - Ask God to bring genuine conviction, repentance, and faith in your *One's* life.

## DAY 16 — THE WORD WILL NOT RETURN VOID

*So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;  
It shall not return to Me void,  
But it shall accomplish what I please,  
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*  
- Isaiah 55:11 NKJV

God attaches a promise to the proclamation of His Word: it is never wasted. When Scripture is spoken, read, heard, or shared, it carries divine purpose and effect. The results may be immediate or delayed, visible or unseen—but God ensures that His Word accomplishes what He intends.

This truth strengthens perseverance in witness. Conversations with your *One* may feel small or inconclusive. Invitations may seem declined or ignored. Yet every exposure to the truth of God's Word becomes a seed planted in the heart. Over time, those seeds can accumulate, soften resistance, and prepare the soil for belief.

It also reminds you that transformation is not dependent on rhetorical skill. Even brief Scripture references, simple gospel explanations, or invitations into spaces where the Word is taught can become instruments of spiritual awakening. God stands behind His Word with His own authority and power.

As you continue to pray for your *One*, trust that no faithful expression of Scripture is insignificant. The Lord is able to use every truth shared to advance His redemptive purposes.

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for the Power of the Word - Ask God to use every Scripture your *One* encounters to work in their heart.
2. Pray for Ongoing Exposure - Ask the Lord to bring your *One* into repeated contact with His truth—through conversations, reading, and teaching.
3. Pray for Fruitful Outcome - Ask God to cause the seeds of His Word to produce repentance and faith in His timing.

## DAY 17 — CONVICTION COMES FROM THE SPIRIT

*And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.*

- John 16:8 NKJV

Jesus makes clear that spiritual conviction is the work of the Holy Spirit. While believers speak truth and extend invitation, it is the Spirit who awakens the heart to recognize sin, understand righteousness, and grasp the reality of judgment. Transformation begins not through human persuasion, but through divine conviction.

This brings both relief and clarity to gospel witness. You are not responsible to argue someone into belief or to press them into agreement. Conviction that leads to repentance must be internally produced by the Spirit of God. Your role is to speak faithfully and live consistently while trusting Him to do what only He can do.

For your *One*, this means that unseen work may already be happening. Questions, uneasiness about sin, dissatisfaction with life apart from God—these can all be early signs of the Spirit's convicting presence. Even resistance can sometimes mask inward struggle.

As you continue to pray and engage, remember that the Spirit often works quietly before He works visibly. Trust His ability to reveal truth, awaken conscience, and draw your *One* toward repentance and faith.

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for Spiritual Conviction - Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal sin and spiritual need clearly to your *One*.
2. Pray for Inner Awakening - Ask God to create dissatisfaction with life apart from Him and openness to righteousness.
3. Pray for Responsive Humility - Ask the Lord to help your *One* respond to conviction with repentance rather than resistance.

## DAY 18 — DRAWN BY THE FATHER

*No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.*

- John 6:44 NKJV

Jesus teaches that salvation begins with divine initiative. No one comes to Christ apart from the drawing work of the Father. Spiritual movement toward God is not self-generated—it is awakened and sustained by His gracious pursuit.

This truth anchors evangelism in humility and dependence. While believers pray, speak, and invite, the decisive work of drawing the heart belongs to God alone. This guards against both pressure and despair. You cannot force spiritual desire into your *One*—but neither are they beyond the reach of the Father’s drawing power.

Often, this drawing unfolds subtly. A growing curiosity about spiritual things, a renewed awareness of emptiness, or an openness to conversations about faith may all signal that God is at work beneath the surface. Your invitations and witness can become part of the means He uses to bring someone nearer.

As you pray for your *One*, ask God to actively draw them—to create spiritual hunger, to remove resistance, and to lead them toward spaces where they can encounter Christ clearly.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for the Father’s Drawing Work - Ask God to actively draw your *One* toward Christ.
2. Pray for Spiritual Hunger - Ask the Lord to awaken a desire for truth, meaning, and salvation in your *One*’s heart.
3. Pray for Providential Movement - Ask God to lead your *One* into conversations, relationships, and environments where they will encounter the gospel.

## DAY 19 — FAITH COMES BY HEARING

*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

- Romans 10:17 NKJV

Scripture teaches that faith is not generated internally or discovered accidentally—it comes through exposure to God’s Word. Hearing the truth of the gospel is a necessary means God uses to awaken belief. This underscores the importance of both speaking and inviting, even when responses seem uncertain.

For your *One*, this means that every opportunity to hear Scripture matters. Whether

through a conversation, a verse shared, a sermon listened to, or Scripture read quietly, God uses His Word to create faith. Silence, however well-intentioned, cannot produce what only hearing can.

This truth encourages persistence. You may not see immediate response, but repeated exposure to the Word accumulates spiritual impact. Over time, hearing leads to understanding, understanding to conviction, and conviction to faith. God often works through a process rather than a single moment.

As you consider your *One*, ask yourself where they might hear the Word next. Your invitation can position them in places where Scripture is proclaimed clearly and faithfully. In doing so, you participate in the very means God uses to bring people to saving faith.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for Clear Hearing - Ask God to give your *One* ears to hear and understand His Word.
2. Pray for Continued Exposure - Ask the Lord to place Scripture repeatedly in your *One's* path.
3. Pray for Growing Faith - Ask God to use His Word to awaken genuine belief in your *One's* heart.

## DAY 20 — PATIENT FOR THE HARVEST

*Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.*

- James 5:7 NKJV

James points to the farmer as a picture of spiritual patience. A farmer labors faithfully—planting, watering, tending—but cannot accelerate the growth process. The harvest comes in its proper season, shaped by conditions outside the farmer's control.

This imagery applies directly to gospel witness. Prayer, conversations, invitations, and Scripture shared are all forms of sowing and tending. Yet the timing of spiritual breakthrough belongs to God. Some seeds germinate quickly; others remain beneath the surface for extended periods before growth becomes visible.

For your *One*, this perspective cultivates endurance. You may not yet see evidence of response, but unseen work can still be underway. Impatience can tempt believers toward discouragement or withdrawal, but Scripture calls for steady faithfulness instead.

As you continue to pray and engage, ask God to grant you the patience of a farmer—willing to labor, trust the process, and wait for the harvest He alone can bring.

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for Patient Trust - Ask God to help you rest in His timing regarding your *One's* salvation.
2. Pray Against Discouragement - Ask the Lord to guard your heart from weariness if visible results seem slow.
3. Pray for Eventual Harvest - Ask God to bring the seeds sown in your *One's* life to full spiritual fruit in His season.

## DAY 21 — REJOICING IN GOD'S WORK

*Those who sow in tears  
Shall reap in joy.  
He who continually goes forth weeping,  
Bearing seed for sowing,  
Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,  
Bringing his sheaves with him.*

- Psalm 126:5–6 NKJV

Psalm 126 captures both the cost and the hope of spiritual sowing. There are seasons when praying for the lost carries emotional weight—burden, longing, even grief. Tears often accompany intercession when we recognize the eternal stakes involved. Yet the Psalm anchors that sorrow in promise: sowing done in faith will one day give way to rejoicing.

This perspective reframes perseverance. Faithful witness is never wasted, even when it feels heavy. Every prayer lifted, every conversation stewarded, every invitation extended is seed placed into soil God oversees. The harvest may come sooner or later, but Scripture affirms that joy awaits the one who sows faithfully.

For your *One*, hold both burden and hope together. Allow yourself to feel the weight of their need without losing sight of God's ability to redeem. The same Lord who enables sowing also guarantees the possibility of reaping.

And as you continue to live missionally—praying, inviting, speaking—trust that God is writing a larger story of redemption, one that will ultimately culminate in rejoicing over lives transformed by His grace.

## Prayer Points

1. Pray with Hopeful Perseverance - Ask God to sustain your faith as you continue praying and sowing in your *One's* life.
2. Pray Through Emotional Burden - Offer any grief, longing, or concern you feel for your *One* to the Lord.
3. Pray for Joyful Reaping - Ask God to bring a harvest of salvation that leads to rejoicing—for you, for them, and for His glory.



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