



## “Loving The Lost” – A Community Group Prayer Guide

Community Groups are a helpful support for participating in the mission of God.

This prayer guide is designed to help you pray together for those far from Jesus, by name.

We each know someone who is distant from God.

Either they’ve drifted from Jesus, or haven’t yet decided to follow him.

We pray with the conviction that Jesus “came to seek and to save the lost.” (See Luke 19:10.)

- **Make a list of people to pray for *by name*.**<sup>1</sup>

- When first adding someone to your group’s list: share about your relationship with each person.
- When returning to pray for your group’s list: give the group updates about where they are in life / faith.

- **Pray for them *with Scripture* as a starting point.**

Jump right into prayer, or get people to look these texts up and read them aloud before you head into a time of prayer.

*“Lord, I pray that you draw \_\_\_\_\_ to yourself.” (John 6:44)*

*“I pray that you would nudge \_\_\_\_\_ to seek you.” (Acts 17:27)*

*“I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ hears and believes the Word of God.” (1 Thessalonians 2:13)*

*“I pray that you would empower \_\_\_\_\_ to grasp your love.” (Ephesians 3:17-18)*

*“Prevent Satan from blinding \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth.” (2 Corinthians 4:4, 2 Timothy 2:25-26)*

*“Holy Spirit, convict \_\_\_\_\_ of their need for Jesus.” (John 16:8, 1 Thessalonians 1:5)*

*“Lord, send someone that will faithfully share the gospel with \_\_\_\_\_. ” (Matthew 9:37-38)*

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<sup>1</sup> (You can also get one of our [5x5x5](#) cards online or at a weekend service at a Northview Campus for this!)

- **Pray for your influence on them *with Scripture* as a starting point.**

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*"Lord, I need wisdom in my relationship and conversations with \_\_\_\_."* **(James 1:5)**

*"I honour you, Jesus. Help me be ready to speak to \_\_\_\_ about my hope."* **(1 Peter 3:14-15)**

*"Father help me to be a light that helps \_\_\_\_ see you."* **(Matthew 5:14-16)**

*"Lord, give me opportunities. Help me to see those opportunities. Give me boldness to speak."* **(Acts 4:23-31)**

- **Pray with thankfulness and trust *with Scripture* as a starting point.**

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*"As I pray I do so in response to your invitation, thank you that you want all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth."* **(1 Timothy 2:1-6)**

*"God of hope, thank you that I can trust you. Fill me with your joy and peace and hope."* **(Romans 15:13)**

*"Thank you for being the one who is able to do far more than I've asked or imagined."* **(Ephesians 3:20-21)**

Along with prayer, we hope that you will watch for and celebrate opportunities where God is moving in their life, and step out in courageous love, faith, and obedience. Send us stories!

*"If we truly love people, we will desire for them far more than it is within our power to give them, and this will lead us to prayer: Intercession is a way of loving others."*

*(Richard J. Foster, Prayer: Finding The Heart's True Home)*