

Trail of Salvation:

Instructions: Use the following prayer cues to pray for those who do not yet follow Jesus.

1 PRAY THEY RECOGNIZE THEIR NEED OF SALVATION

Ask the Holy Spirit to convict them of their sin and their need for Christ's redemption.

When He arrives, He will uncover the sins of the world, expose unbelief as sin, and allow all to see their sins in the light of righteousness for the first time. John 16:8-9 [The Voice version]

2 PRAY THEY REPENT OF THEIR SINS

Ask God to help them turn away from sin and turn toward Him in faith.

But if we own up to our sins, God shows that He is faithful and just by forgiving us of our sins and purifying us from the pollution of all the bad things we have done. 1 John 1:9 [The Voice version]

3 PRAY THEY RECEIVE HIS FORGIVENESS & PUBLICLY PROFESS THEIR FAITH IN HIM

Pray that the lost receive God's forgiveness, publicly profess their faith, are baptized and receive the baptism of His Holy Spirit to BE His witnesses.

*John taught the truth—that people should be **baptized** with renewed thinking and turn toward God. But he also taught that the people should believe in the One whose way he was preparing, that is, Jesus the Anointed. As soon as they heard this, they were **baptized**, this time in the name of our Lord Jesus. When Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them in the same way the original disciples experienced at Pentecost: they spoke in tongues and prophesied. Acts 19:3 [The Voice version]*

4 PRAY THEY REPORT TO OTHERS WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR THEM

Ask God to help the new believer immediately tell others what God has done for them.

Stay here; I want you to go back home to your own people and let them see what the Lord has done—how He has had mercy on you. So the man went away and began telling this news in the Ten Cities^[2] region; wherever he went, people were amazed by what he told them. Mark 5:19-20 [The Voice]

5 PRAY THEY READ THE WORD & ARE SACTIFIED IN THE TRUTH

Ask God to help the new believer base their life on Jesus and His Word.

Make them holy—consecrated—with the truth; Your word is consecrating truth. John 17:17[The Message]

6 PRAY THEY RELATE TO OTHER BELIEVERS IN COMMITTED FELLOWSHIP

Small groups of believers, committed to one another, centering on the Word, prayer, praise, fellowship, and communion, allow us to practice the "one another" commands and help us grow in His grace.

Together we look for others who need to know Him and baptize them as they come to faith. We generously meet one another's needs and live as the hands and feet of Jesus to our communities.

The community continually committed themselves to learning what the apostles taught them, gathering for fellowship, breaking bread, and praying. Everyone felt a sense of awe because the apostles were doing many signs and wonders among them. There was an intense sense of togetherness among all who believed; they shared all their material possessions in trust. They sold any possessions and goods that did not benefit the community and used the money to help everyone in need. They were unified as they worshiped at the temple day after day. In homes, they broke bread and shared meals with glad and

generous hearts. The new disciples praised God, and they enjoyed the goodwill of all the people of the city. Day after day the Lord added to their number everyone who was experiencing liberation. Acts 2:42-47 [The Voice]

7 PRAY THEY RECKON THEMSELVES DEAD TO SIN AND ALIVE TO CHRIST

As followers of Jesus, we were baptized unto death and raised to walk in newness of life in His Spirit. Ask God to empower them to put off the old things and to put on Christ and His character in their daily lives.

Brothers and sisters, in light of all I have shared with you about God's mercies, I urge you to offer your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice to God, a sacred offering that brings Him pleasure; this is your reasonable, essential worship. Do not allow this world to mold you in its own image. Instead, be transformed from the inside out by renewing your mind. As a result, you will be able to discern what God wills and whatever God finds good, pleasing, and complete. Romans 8:1-2

8 PRAY THEY REPRODUCE OTHER FRUITFUL DISCIPLES

Ask for Him to guide the new believer also to seek the lost and to share the hope within them with those who need to hear. Pray they have eyes to see where the gospel is NOT.

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

9 PRAY THEY SUCCESSFULLY RESIST TEMPTATION

New believers will face battles and temptation? Pray they find twenty seconds of insane courage and take the steps of faith and obedience to which He is calling them. He makes a way where there seems to be no way. Pray for believers living in terrible times to be hidden in the shelter of the Most High.

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 [NIV]

10 PRAY THEY RADIATE THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Whatever they do, wherever they go, pray the new believers are living as true followers of Jesus.

In the Messiah, in Christ, God leads us from place to place in one perpetual victory parade. Through us, he brings knowledge of Christ. Everywhere we go, people breathe in the exquisite fragrance. Because of Christ, we give off a sweet scent rising to God, which is recognized by those on the way of salvation—an aroma redolent with life. 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 [The Message]

11 PRAY THEY REMAIN STRONG IN THE FACE OF SUFFERING

Jesus told us that we could expect tribulation but promised He would never leave us. Pray new believers are securely rooted in Him and stand strong in the face of difficulties.

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. James 1:2-4

12 PRAY THEY RUN THE RACE FAITHFULLY

Pray the new believer runs the race and finishes strong in the Lord.

Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls! Hebrews 12:1-3