

## PRAYER GUIDE

### OPENNESS

1. **Open doors for us to invite people to church.**
  - a. *And pray for us, too, that God may **open a door** for our message (Col. 4:3).*
2. **Help us to see the opportunities around us:** to show people love; to add value to their lives; to help them; to invite them.
  - a. *I tell you, **open your eyes and look** at the fields! They are ripe for harvest (John 4:35).*
3. **Open people's minds to understand the gospel.**
  - a. *Then Jesus **opened their minds** so they could understand the Scriptures (Luke 24:45).*
4. **Open their hearts to respond to the gospel.**
  - a. *The Lord **opened her heart** to respond to Paul's message (Acts 16:14).*
  - b. *God **opened a door of faith** to the Gentiles (Acts 14:27).*

### ILLUMINATION

1. **Pray for God's to light to shine in people's hearts.**
  - a. *For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts **to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory** displayed in the face of Christ (2 Corinthians 4:6).*
  - b. *To open their eyes, and to **turn them from darkness to light** (Acts 26:18).*
2. **Pray against Satan's power to darken people's thinking.**
  - a. *The god of this age has **blinded the minds** of unbelievers, so that **they cannot see the light** of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God (2 Corinthians 4:4).*
  - b. *To turn them from the power of Satan unto God (Acts 26:18).*
3. **Pray that the Father would draw people to the light of Jesus**
  - a. *The people living in darkness have **seen a great light**; on those living in the land of the shadow of death **a light has dawned** (Matthew 4:16).*
  - b. *No one can come to me unless **the Father** who sent me **draws them**, and I will raise them up at the last day (John 6:44,65).*
  - c. *I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have **drawn you with unfailing kindness** (Jer. 31:3).*

### TRANSFORMATION

1. **Ask God to give people genuine conviction.**
  - a. *And when the Holy Spirit comes, he will **convict the world** of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment (John 16:8)*
  - b. *When they heard this, **they came under deep conviction** and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles: "Brothers, what must we do?" (Acts 2:37).*
2. **Ask God to have mercy and grant them repentance**
  - a. *...in the hope that God will **grant them repentance***
  - b. *leading them to a **knowledge of the truth**, and*
  - c. *that they will **come to their senses** (like the prodigal son) and*
  - d. *escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will (2 Tim. 25-26).*

**3. Ask Jesus to change their lives**

- a. *This same Good News... is bearing fruit everywhere by **changing lives**, just as it changed your lives (Col. 1:6)*
- b. *That they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among all those who are sanctified through faith in Jesus (Acts 26:18).*

**4. Pray that they would become fully devoted followers of Jesus.**

- a. *Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me (Matt. 16:24).*