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All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.  
This passage can be found in the Pew Bible, in the New Testament section, on page 13.

Pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope He has given to those He called—His holy people who are His rich and glorious inheritance. - Ephesians 1:18, NLT

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## Healing for a Canaanite Woman's Daughter

### 1. The Brokenhearted Mother

**Matthew 15:21–23, NLT** -<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely." <sup>23</sup> But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. "Tell her to go away," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging."

- The place—Tyre and Sidon (v. 21)
- The Plea—Heal my daughter (v. 22-23)

### 2. The Kindhearted Messiah

**Matthew 15:24–28, NLT** -<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to the woman, "I was sent only to help God's lost sheep—the people of Israel." <sup>25</sup> But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, "Lord, help me!" <sup>26</sup> Jesus responded, "It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters' table."

<sup>28</sup> "Dear woman," Jesus said to her, "your faith is great. Your request is granted." And her daughter was instantly healed.

- His Reminder—His ministry is to the Jews (v. 24-26)
- Her Response—She agrees, but asks for crumbs (v. 27-28a)
- The Reward—Jesus immediately healed her daughter (v. 28b)

## Life Application Section

### Practical Prayer Suggestions for Praying for Your Prodigal

#### First, pray "**Lord, change me!**"

**Matthew 15:22b, NLT** - "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely."

- Is there anything we've done to cause or contribute to this?
- Is there anything we, as a family/parents need to learn?

#### Second, pray "**Lord, they are yours!**"

**Matthew 15:27, NLT** <sup>27</sup> She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters' table."

- She realized she could not provide the needed healing.

#### Third, pray "**Lord, change their heart!**"

"The heart of the problem is the problem with the heart." - Anonymous

**Luke 15:13, NLT** -<sup>13</sup> "A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living."

- She realized she needed a miracle (i.e. a resurrection—*new life*)

#### Fourth, pray "**Lord, bring good out of bad!**"

• You may have to let sin run its course—with God's intervention.

**Proverbs 13:15, KJV1861** – The way of the transgressor is hard.

#### Finally, "**Lord, my prayers will continue until healing comes!**"

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"May they surrender to Your work in them...may they have their hearts flooded with Your wisdom...may they make God-honoring decisions...may their life's work count...may they hunger for righteousness and flee sin like one would flee a serpent." - A mother's prayer for her 5 children, their mates and her 121 grand/great grandkids.

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