

# My Prayer

## For the Lost

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*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.  
(Luke 19:10)*

### Joining God's heart for the lost in prayer...

*The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)*

*Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. (Rom. 10:1)*

### ME...

- **For a burdened heart** – *“I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel.” (Rom. 9:2-4a)*
- **For an open door** – *“And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.” (Col. 4:3)*
- **For a clear message** – *“Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.” (Col. 4:4)*

### THEM...

- **To know the real truth** – *“Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth...” (2 Tim. 2:25)*
- **To receive a new heart** – *“I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.” (Ezekiel 11:19)*

### US...

- **For more “workers”** – *“He told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.’” (Luke 10:2)*

*“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (Luke 15:8-10)*