

PRAYER: THE LIFELINE FOR OUR LOST LOVED ONES

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- **What May Look Impossible To Us -- Is Possible With God!**
- **Can These Bones Live?**
- Ezekiel 37:1–3 (NIV) — 1 The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. 3 He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”
- *CAN THESE BONES LIVE AGAIN? Yes! THE CREATOR OF LIFE CAN BRING LIFE*

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- *Not Only Can The Spirit Bring Life From Nothing -- He Can Also Bring What Was Once Alive -- Back To Life Again*
- *He can, by His Spirit, blow over the dead bones of our friends and family who once had life in Christ*
- *His Spirit breathing on them can bring life, full, free, and abundant, back to them in these days.*

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- **God Does Want To Save Your Lost Loved Ones**
- **What Should We Do About The Lost?
One Thing We Must Do Is To Pray.**
- *“One [more] thing, the soul-winner must be a master of the art of prayer. You cannot bring souls to God if you go not to God yourself ... If you are much alone with Jesus, you will catch His Spirit; you will be fired with the flame that burned in His breast, and consumed His life.”* **C.H. SPURGEON**

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• 1 Timothy 2:1–8 (NIV) — **1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. 7 And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles. 8 *Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.***

• ***Don't Allow Satan To Disconnect You From The Faith And Practice Needed To Pray For The Lost***

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- **We Need To Pray – Because -- Prayer Is Our Lifeline**
- **Prayer Itself Is For Our Lifeline From God.
Given To Us To Help Us In All Seasons Of Life**
- *“Since prayer is our lifeline to God, to not pray is an insult to Him”*
- *“Every prayerless day is a statement by a helpless individual, ‘I do not need God today.’”* Cameron, K., & Comfort, R. (2004). *The School Of Biblical Evangelism*

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- *“The reason why many fail in battle is because they wait until the hour of battle. [TO GET READY FOR IT] The reason why others succeed is because they have gained their victory on their knees long before the battle came ... Anticipate your battles; fight them on your knees before temptation comes, and you will always have victory.” R. A. TORREY*

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A FEW THOUGHTS ON PRAYER FOR THE LOST:

- 1. When We Pray Miracles Happen***
- 2. We Are The Appointed Intercessors***
- 3. The Lord Doesn't Need More Compassion For The Lost, We Do!***
- 4. Don't Get Confused About Your Calling:***
 - We Must Bring The Light Of Christ Into The Darkness Of This World***
 - We Must Do Our Part To Rescue The Perishing***

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- **When We Pray -- God Turns Our Weakness Into Strength**
- **Impossible Things Become Possible By Faith**
- **I.E. Abraham And Sarah**
- *Impossible And Improbable Things Can Transpire –
Thru God, By Faith*

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- **Romans 4:17–22 (NIV)** — 17 As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. 18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” 19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”

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- **Hebrews 11:11-12 (NIV)** — 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. — 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.
- **If God Could Do This For Them, He Can Do It For You!**
- **In God's Time, Impossible Things Become Possible By Faith & Prayer**

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- We Need To Be So Convinced That God Will Save The Person You Love, The One For Whom You Pray, That You Would Be Shocked If They Didn't Get Saved.
- If We Don't Really Believe God Will Answer Our Prayers, We Will Not Pray With Any Kind Of Consistency And Diligence.
- Our Faith Really Does Release God's Power --Mark 6:1–6
- **Mark 6:5** “He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands upon a few sick people and healed them”
- **Dutch Sheets – How To Pray For Lost Loved Ones**

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- **Unbelief Can Affect God's Power Flow To Us.**

James 1:6–7 (NIV) — 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV) — 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up

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- *We Must Have The Faith That Knows That God Will Answer Us*
- *We Must Have The Faith That Does Not Easily Give Up*
- *We Must Pray To A God Of Possibilities & Answers*
- *We Can Receive Answers To The Needs In Our Homes And Lives*