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Winning Him Without Words

Moving. Challenging. Full of devastating, healing truth. No two ways about it: Dineen Miller and Lynn Donovan have crafted a masterpiece in Winning Him Without Words. For those who’ve felt alone in the battle to win their husbands to Christ, help is here! In fact, any marriage—even those, like mine, in which spouses share a faith in Jesus—would be strengthened and blessed by putting the 10 keys in this book into practice. Wives, the time is now. Take the truths these two women share and let them infuse your marriage with what we all desire: God’s amazing love and blessing.

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I am the daughter of a brave mother who was married to an unbeliever. My mother’s decision to follow Jesus even if my dad didn’t made all the difference to me as a little girl and propelled me into Christian leadership as an adult. I am forever grateful for women like Lynn and Dineen who live out a message of “God is enough.” Winning Him Without Words is a lifeline of hope and help for any woman who is struggling in a spiritually mismatched marriage.

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For anyone who endures a spiritually mismatched marriage—hoping and praying that things might improve—here’s authentic help from two women who know this topic from the inside out. Never preachy or harsh, these authors reveal their own struggles and difficulties as wives caught up in spiritually mismatched marriages. Winning Him Without Words is a must-read for hurting wives as they prayerfully seek change in their husbands and meaningful transformation in their marriages.

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Authors of Becoming Your Husband’s Best Friend and other books
C.S. Lewis once said that friendship is born at that moment one person says to another, “What! You too? I thought I was the only one.” That’s what Winning Him Without Words is like. For the woman who is married to a man who doesn’t share her faith in Christ, this book is a faithful friend who will encourage her in her feelings of aloneness, anxiety, frustration (and all the other emotions that come with living in a spiritually mismatched marriage) and point her to the One who can and will make something good out of them. This book will give great hope to those who may wonder if thriving is out of reach.

**Nancy Kennedy**  
*Author of When He Doesn’t Believe*

As a “marriage” author, whenever I have a reader or audience member ask me, “What should I do if my husband isn’t a believer?” I have felt inadequate to support him or her. Now I have a new approach—pray and hand the person this book. As I read through these pages, I was humbled by the wisdom and encouragement that these women share—much of which was a timely reminder for my own marriage. With honest struggle and authentic hope, Dineen and Lynn show women how to make God the very center of their unequal marriages.

**Kathi Lipp**  
*Author of The Husband Project and The Marriage Project*

It has been a wonderful gift and blessing to “meet” Dineen and Lynn through their journeys. As one who is also unequally yoked in a spiritually mismatched marriage (to a wonderful guy, for 29 years!), the relief in knowing I am not alone is huge. That, coupled with practical keys they share as they share of themselves, has invigorated our marriage and brought honor to God.

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KEY # 1

Know that You’re Not Alone!
(Lynn)

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

MATTHEW 28:20
I never thought I would describe my spiritually mismatched marriage as thriving. But because of my vibrant relationship with Christ, my Bible study and my “skin on” buddies, I am able to say that I am at peace and thriving in my marriage, and so is my spouse. I am also able to wholeheartedly trust the Lord for my husband’s salvation.

Having Christ in my life enables me to view my husband as the wonderful man God created, regardless of our differing beliefs. Christ lavishes His love on me, so I can pour it into my spouse. Now when Sunday morning arrives, I walk into church and head for the front row. I am unaware if people notice that I’m physically alone. Jesus lives in me. Why should I feel lonely?

In the front pew, I sing with gusto, offering praise to God for a marriage overflowing with love and contentment and authentic joy. I praise the Lord as the King of my heart.

Discovery

Take a moment and ask God to meet you here through these questions, to bring freedom, resolution and encouragement to you. It’s your day to receive wild hope.

1. What was one particular season of loneliness in your mismatched marriage?

2. Looking at the lessons in this chapter, what specific points can help to move you from loneliness to fulfillment?

3. Begin the morning prayer practice discussed in this chapter. How will you remind yourself to fall from the bed to the floor? Write out the short prayer you will pray.
4. How do reading God’s Word and praying affect your marriage?

5. What does God’s Word say concerning an unbelieving spouse? (See 1 Corinthians 7:12-15.)

6. What three issues in your marriage will you commit to pray for daily?
KEY # 2

Don’t Save Your Husband—Save Yourself

(Lynn)

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

JOHN 14:6
Discovery

Please pray first that God would open your eyes and heart to meet Him here in these questions, to bring freedom, resolution and encouragement to you.

1. What was a time that you engaged in “spiritual ambush”?

2. How did your spouse receive your intervention? How did he feel about your efforts? How did that make you feel?

3. Look up 1 Corinthians 2:14. How does your understanding of this verse influence your prayer life? How does it affect your interactions with your spouse?

4. Most women enjoy talking—a lot. If you have this gift, how does 1 Peter 3:1 challenge you?

5. With regard to saving your spouse, are there specific actions you need to discontinue?

6. How do you see yourself reflecting Jesus to your family today?
KEY #3

Stay Connected

(Lynn)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7
Discovery
This may likely be a difficult chapter for you, so pray now and ask the Lord to show you one area in your life where a change will draw you closer to your spouse.

1. Think of a time in your marriage where you made an effort to connect with your husband that was outside of your comfort zone. What were the results?

2. What are two or three things you can do to reach out and connect with your spouse?

3. What attributes do you most admire about your husband? Write a list, take it with you each morning and give thanks to the Lord for him.

4. What is one area in which you can make an effort to enrich your bedroom connection?

5. What is one area of your intimacy that you will commit to prayer?
KEY #4

Know the Essentials of Love: Hope, Joy, Peace and Trust
(Oh, Yeah, and Respect)
(Dineen)

This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

EPHESIANS 5:32-33
Discovery
You’re getting close to experiencing wild hope in your marriage, so don’t stop now! Ask God to open your eyes and heart to hear His truth and promises as you work through the discussion questions.

1. Think about your husband. Do you respect him in the way that God is asking you to respect him?

2. What deep needs are you expecting your husband to meet? Write down each one, and then pray and seek God for fulfillment (or release) of these needs.

3. Rate your prayer life on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being “I pitch an occasional prayer” and 10 being “I pray until I’m blue in the face.” (If you wrote “10,” I definitely want a picture!) Even when you don’t see immediate results, do you keep praying? If not, what can you do to build those prayer muscles? Be specific.

4. Draw three columns on a sheet of paper. In the first column, make a list of your unanswered prayers. Examine each one prayerfully, asking God to reveal anything you need to do, change or accept in regard to each one. In the second column, write down who or
what you have placed your hope in for each prayer. Read Hebrews 12:2. How can you make a prayer out of this verse, telling God you will keep your eyes on Jesus for each concern or issue? Write down your prayer and make a commitment to God to follow through as He leads you. (We’ll fill in the third column after you read chapter 10.)

5. How hard is it for you to trust God for the salvation of your husband? Do you trust God to equip you with everything you need to thrive in your spiritual mismatch?

6. Look up Ecclesiastes 3:11. God’s Word says He makes everything beautiful in His time—not ours. This verse also tells us that God set eternity in the hearts of men. Do you believe this to be true of your husband? Create a prayer for your spouse, using this verse to ask God to awaken a longing to know God and His eternity in your husband’s heart.
Believe Your Marriage Is Blessed  
(Dineen)

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.

MARK 10:7–9
Discovery
One of the most difficult truths to accept in our faith is that God allows trials in our lives for our good and for the good of others. Ask God to prepare and open your heart to work through the next set of questions, so you can find peace and understanding.

1. Reflect on how you entered your marriage. Do you still have regrets or carry guilt for marrying your spouse? If so, seek God’s forgiveness or His peace, and allow Him to bring healing to your heart and to your marriage.

2. Do you view your marriage as a covenant blessed by God? Pray and ask God to show you how He has blessed your marriage, and then make a list of those blessings and review it frequently.

3. Is there any area of your marriage in which you feel you aren’t being obedient to God? If so, what steps do you need to take to change this? Be specific.

4. Do you believe the promise of Romans 8:28? If so, can you see some of God’s purpose in your situation? If not, what keeps you from believing God is working for your good as well as the good of your husband?

5. In what ways do you feel you are the aroma of Christ for your spouse?

6. What struggles are you facing right now? What do you think God is trying to teach you?

Prayer
Precious Lord, You are my great Redeemer. Please forgive my unbelief and help me to truly believe my marriage is blessed. Help me to release the burdens of the past into Your hands and find freedom in Your merciful love.
Lord, teach me the kind of obedience You are calling me to in my marriage. Help me to be the aroma of Christ to my spouse. Be my strength in the midst of whatever life brings. In the holy and blessed name of Christ, amen.

Notes
He [the Lord] said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9
to hear whatever He wants to tell you. Turning your will over to God, ready to submit to His guidance, is also an act of worship.

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2. Are you authentic in your marriage? Are there areas, such as admitting you made a mistake, that are harder for you to be honest and transparent about?

3. Communication is vital to any marriage. In what ways do you and your husband struggle to communicate?

4. Is there a specific behavior or attitude you’re willing to change for the sake of your marriage, even if you’re the first and maybe the only one in the relationship making such a change? How can you show Christ to your spouse?

5. Think of something your spouse enjoys. How can you make a special effort to make it happen, as a surprise? Plan a date night, write a love letter, prepare a special meal, or just go for a walk. Be intentional about your time spent together, and then be consistent about it.

Discovery
Delving into some of these areas of authenticity can be challenging. Take a moment and pray, first asking the Holy Spirit to align your heart with God’s. Tell Him you want to be willing to hear whatever He wants to tell you. Turning your will over to God, ready to submit to His guidance, is also an act of worship.

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Pick and Choose Your Battles

(Lynn)

But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

LUKE 21:14-15
Discovery

You have the opportunity to bring about a practical change in your marriage relationship by choosing to change the words you use. Your spoken words can greatly impact your marriage, your children and the world around you. Take a minute to pray and ask the Lord about the words you speak. Would God approve of all of your words? Ask the Lord to help you make a real and lasting change in this area of your life.

1. What are several flash points that bring conflict in your marriage?

2. What would be a different approach to resolve conflict that would work for you in the future? Write out the words you will choose to use in the future to resolve conflict.

3. What was one time when you found yourself defending Christ to your unsaved husband? What was the result? Was this a stand-up or a shut-up moment? What would you do differently now?

4. What phrases can you choose to say to bless your spouse and children? Make a list of these words, and then make it a point this week to say them to your family.

5. What specifically can you do to be the peacemaker in your home?

6. Our God loves us so much that He will never leave us unchanged. What does this statement mean to you?

Select three of the Scripture verses from this chapter about the words we speak. Write them down on a small index card and carry them in your purse. Read them repeatedly. Once you
memorize them, you will be astounded at how they will come to you in a time of conflict. You will discover how your responses change in the months ahead.

Prayer

Father, today I surrender my husband wholly to You. I am relinquishing my desire to save my husband, and I ask You to take Your rightful place in seeking and saving him for eternity. Lord, show me the areas of conflict I need to stand upon as well as issues I can surrender and trust You to handle. You tell us in Your Word that if we need wisdom, we should ask You for it and You will be generous in giving it to us [see Jas. 1:5].

Lord, place in my mind Your wisdom that I may be the peace-maker and the one to help resolve conflict with my spouse. Jesus, our words have the power of life and death, of cutting and healing. From this day forward, place a new awareness in my heart to be mindful of the words I speak to others. Place Your words in my conscious and unconscious mind so that only words that are good and pleasing come from my lips. Lord, “may the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight” [Ps. 19:14]. In the powerful name of Jesus, amen.
Move from Hurt to Healing—
Seasons of Marriage
(Lynn)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.
2 CORINTHIANS 1:3
**Discovery**

Whatever your current season of marriage, the Lord is beside you. You can believe that He is working for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. Pray and ask the Lord to reveal His purposes for you, your marriage and your future together. Ask Him to uncover areas of unforgiveness and place them at the foot of the cross. He has an amazing adventure for us and will bring our husband along in His perfect timing.

1. What is the current season of your marriage?

2. What are the expectations and entitlements that remain unfulfilled in your marriage? Examine your list. Determine to see them in the light of God’s purpose. Begin to pray this week that the Lord will help you release any bitterness you have in your heart. Write a quick prayer right now.

3. Look up Psalm 139:23-24. How does this Scripture apply to your marriage?
4. In this chapter, my friend Marian shares the way she prays through forgiveness. What is one area of unforgiveness that you will work through using this process? Write down the date and a commitment to Christ to see this process through to its conclusion.

5. Can you remember a time you had a front-row seat to watch something God was doing? Describe what happened.

6. What is God’s calling for your future?
Keep Your Armor On—
You’re at War!
(Dineen)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

E P H E S I A N S  6 : 1 0 - 1 2
Discovery
Before you begin the study questions, ask God to show you any areas of your marriage that are vulnerable and to lead you to Scriptures to pray for your spouse and for your marriage and family.

1. In what areas of your life and your marriage has the enemy gained a foothold?

2. In what ways do you (or can you) show your faith to your spouse without using any words?

3. Is your faith (your obedience to God, your peace, your trust) dependent upon your spouse’s salvation? Why or why not?

4. What piece of your spiritual armor needs the most polishing?

5. Do you have a special time set aside each day to spend with God alone—to pray, to worship, to study His Word and to equip yourself? If not, make a commitment now to spend 10 or 15 minutes with God at the start of your day. Set aside a special spot and keep your Bible and study materials there (if you can). Then keep that appointment every day for a month. You’ll be surprised at how that 10 or 15 minutes winds up being 20 or 30 minutes or even longer.

6. Think of two or three people who you would feel comfortable approaching for prayer. Make a commitment to contact them this week and ask them to be part of a prayer team for you and your husband.
Learn When to Pray the Most Dangerous Prayer
(Dineen)

*You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast,*
*because he trusts in you.*

ISAIAH 26:3

John the Baptist

John the Baptist stayed on my mind heavily one week. I wondered what he might have felt if he had seen Jesus with the Twelve. Did he wish to be one of those men chosen to follow Jesus, constantly in the presence of the Son of God? Did he question why he’d been set apart? Or did he actually have the better job than those of the Twelve?

Even as an unborn baby, John seemed to know what his life was about and for. In utero, he “leaped for joy” at the sound of Mary’s voice (Luke 1:44). Before he was even born, his path was set—what he would eat, how he would dress and what his mission would be. He was even filled with the Holy Spirit from birth.

But still . . . did he wonder, question or sometimes even desire to switch places with one of the disciples? Or was he completely at peace with his place in preparing the way for Jesus?

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin
The original Hebrew word for "engraved" is *chaqah*, the same word that's related to *chakah*, which means to long, wait or tarry. I know this might be a stretch, but is it possible that God engraved us on His hands because He longs and waits for us and He waits for our unbelieving loved ones as well? I don't know about you, but to think that not only are we engraved upon God's hands but those He waits for are there as well just blows me away. Make a mental picture of your unbelieving spouse's name engraved upon the hand of God. And if I may make one more leap, I wonder if this engraving resembles the nail holes that pierced the hands of Christ—similar to the relation between *chakah* and *chaqah*. I hope that gives you chills like it did me.

But I have one final connection for you, and it's the biggest example we have of God waiting and longing: God sent His Son Jesus to us at just the right time. He didn't do it as soon as man fell from grace in the Garden of Eden. He didn't send the Messiah when the Israelites were captives in Egypt. No, He waited until the perfect moment in His timing, longing for us every step of the way with our names engraved on His hands. God waited to send His Son. For you. For me. And for our unbelieving husbands.

**Discovery**

You know the saying “Save the best for last”? Sometimes the best can also be the hardest. Lynn and I understand how difficult it may be for you to pray this most dangerous prayer right now. Trust God to show you how to get there. He will, in His time. Pray along those lines before you answer the questions below.

1. Reflecting on the lives of John and Peter, what do you see as most significant in each man’s mission? What doubts did each man have? What strengths?
2. Do you believe God is, can or will use you to reveal His Son to your husband?

3. What holds you back from praying the most dangerous prayer? What are you most afraid of? Make a list of your fears and bring them to God. Pray over each one and ask Him to show you the truth.

4. Reflect over past trials and look for ways God prepared you for them. How did each event change you and prepare you for the next trial?

5. Read Romans 5:3-5. What keeps you from believing that God will prepare you to handle whatever is necessary to bring your husband to faith?

6. Pull out your list of unanswered prayers from chapter 4. For that third column, what are some possible reasons why it isn’t time for each prayer to be answered yet? Write those reasons in that column.

Waiting can be the most difficult part of our faith. Using an online resource or a concordance, look up Scriptures that deal with waiting and hoping (for example, Gen. 49:18; Pss. 31:24; 37:7,9; 59:9; Lam. 3:25; Eph. 4:4; 1 Pet. 1:3; Heb. 10:23). Write down the ones that speak to you most on index cards (your favorite color, of course!) and memorize them.
Praying Scriptures

Praying Scriptures is one of the most powerful ways to unleash God’s power into the life of our spouse, our family members and ourselves. The first section is a compilation of favorite Scripture prayers and testimonies from us and our blog readers. The next section is a wonderful list of Scriptures turned into prayers for the lost. The third section is for you—Scriptures of hope to pray to encourage and strengthen you.

Scripture Prayers from Us and from Our Blog Readers

_For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved (Rom. 10:10)._ 

I (Lynn) pray this Scripture in Romans 10:10 every day for my husband.

_He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end (Eccles. 3:11)._ 

This is the Scripture God has called me (Dineen) to pray for my husband. I personalize it by praying, “Lord, You make everything beautiful in its time, and I know You are doing that in my husband’s heart and life. You have set eternity in our
hearts, and I ask that You awaken a yearning for Your eternity in my husband’s heart.”

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you, ______________, with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, ______________, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you, ______________, may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God (Eph. 3:14-19).

A woman who had been spiritually mismatched for more than 12 years prayed this for her husband every day. I (Dineen) have used it frequently since.

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you, ______________, the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you, ______________, may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you, ______________, may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe (Eph. 1:17-19).

This is a great prayer not only for our husbands but also for our loved ones, as are the following prayers from our readers.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow him all the days of his life, and he shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Ps. 23:6). [Bridget]
But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit (Jer. 17:7-8). [Tracy]

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will (Rom. 12:2). [Rosheeda]

Finally, _____________, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you, _____________, can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you, _____________, may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you, _____________, can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints (Eph. 6:10-18). [Stacy]

For I know (perceive, have knowledge of, and am acquainted with) him Whom I have believed (adhered to and trusted in and
relied on), and I am (positively) persuaded that he is able to guard and keep that which has been entrusted to me and which I have committed (to him) until that day (2 Tim. 1:12, AMP).

I know this Scripture isn’t talking about this, but I like to think that the Lord entrusted me with my husband . . . and as I commit him back to God, He will guard and keep him safe until he comes to the realization of the truth. [Karen]

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it (Matt. 16:18).

Lynn and Dineen, I am a wife of almost 34 years who has walked through a marriage road littered with explosive land mines, but because God is faithful, He and I were able to overcome my husband’s drug/alcohol/pornography addictions, a long-term affair with another woman, and my husband’s emotional, verbal and financial abuse and unrelenting controlling nature. We are now on the other side of this! And have been for several years now. My husband loves the Lord and spends much time in Bible study, seeking godly relationships in church and prayer. Our story is truly a miracle. Our four wonderful grown children have forgiven him and have a healthy relationship with him. I claimed many, many Scriptures through the years, but the one I still use and hold onto every day is based upon the principal of Matthew 16:18. The words are slightly different, but this is what I say and claim in Jesus’ name: “Upon the Lord I have built my life, my home, and my marriage and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Not this day.” God is sovereign, merciful and faithful, and it is only because of Him that I have a life being rebuilt on His foundation. He is truly restoring to us the years the locust ate away. [Cathy]
Scripture Prayers for the Lost

The following are Scripture prayers that you can use to plead for the salvation of lost people. Each prayer is based on Scripture and can help you offer powerful intercession for those who need the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.¹

*Father, in the name of Jesus, I plead that You will draw __________ to Jesus Christ in true faith and repentance (John 6:44).*

*In the name of Jesus, I ask You, Father, to quicken __________ who is dead in sins and trespasses (Eph. 2:1).*

*Father, I ask You to bind and remove Satan’s work in ______’s life and to open _______________’s eyes to the truth of the gospel (2 Cor. 4:4).*

*Holy Spirit, I pray that You would convince _____________ that he/she is lost, separated from God, and headed to hell (Rom. 3:23).*

*Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus, I pray that You would destroy any false ideas that _______________ has about Jesus Christ and salvation through Him (Prov. 14:12).*

*Lord Jesus, I plead that You will seek out ________________ and save him/her from his/her sins and eternal condemnation (Luke 19:10).*

*Father, I pray that You will open _________________’s heart so that he/she will receive and believe the gospel (Acts 16:14).*

*Holy Spirit, I ask You through Your power and __________’s circumstances to prepare him/her to hear and receive the Word of God (Matt. 13:1-9,18-23).*
Holy Spirit, I plead that _____________ will understand the gospel when it is presented to him/her so that the devil cannot snatch it away (Matt. 13:5,9).

Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus, I plead that the Word of God will take root in ____________’s life and bring about true salvation in ____________’s life (Matt. 13:6,20-21).

Father, I ask that the pleasures of this world and the pressures of life will not choke the Word of God that has been sown into _________________’s life (Matt. 13:7,22).

Father, I plead that You will deliver ________________ from the kingdom of darkness and place ________________ into the kingdom of Your dear Son (Col. 1:13).

Father, I pray that ________________ will receive the free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ the Lord (Rom. 6:23).

Lord Jesus, I ask that ________________ will not trust in himself/herself, but that ________________ will completely trust in You as his/her Savior and Lord (Gal. 2:16).

Holy God, I pray that You would grant genuine repentance to ________________, a repentance that will cause him/her to hate sin and to turn from it (Acts 11:8; Luke 13:1-3).

Lord God, I plead that You would grant ________________ genuine faith, a faith that trusts in Jesus alone and surrenders to Him as Lord and Savior (Eph. 2:8-10).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You would stir ________________ out of his/her indifference and complacency concerning his/her condition and his/her need of the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 6:2).
I ask in the name of Jesus Christ that ______________ would surrender himself/herself to the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 14:9).

Father, I pray that You will send people continually into ______________’s life who will share the gospel with him/her (Rom. 10:14).

Father, I plead in the name of Jesus that You will put a new heart in ______________ and that You will place Your Holy Spirit in him/her (Jer. 42:30; Ezek. 11:19-20).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You will cause ______________ to hate sin and that You will break the power of those sins that are hindering him/her from coming to Christ (Mark 9:43-47).

Lord Jesus, I ask that ______________ would surrender to You, denying himself/herself, take up the Cross, and follow You (Luke 9:23).

Father, I plead that ______________ will understand that his/her only hope for forgiveness and acceptance with You is through Jesus’ work on the Cross (1 Cor. 1:18).

Father, I pray that ______________ would not neglect the glorious salvation that is available through Your Son (Heb. 2:1-3).

Lord Jesus, I pray that ______________ will feel and know the burden of his/her sin and will come to You for forgiveness and salvation (Matt. 11:28-30).

Father, I plead that ______________ will make a genuine commitment to Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of his/her life (Luke 14:24-33).
Lord Jesus, I plead that ____________________ will not be content with the appearance of righteousness but will seek You for the transformation of his/her whole life (Matt. 23:27-29).

Father, I pray that ____________________ will see that his/her good works are as filthy rags in Your sight and that they will not save him/her (Isa. 64:6).

Father, I ask that _______________ would believe and trust Your Son that You sent to be the Savior of sinners (John 5:24).

Lord Jesus, I ask that ________________ would not die in his/her sins but would trust You and receive eternal life (John 8:24).

Because You came into the world to save sinners, I plead with You to save ____________, who is a sinner and in need of Your grace and mercy (1 Tim. 1:13-16).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You would humble ______________ so that he/she sees his/her need of Jesus Christ (Ps. 18:27; Prov. 8:13,29:23).

The “Six Questions” Method of Prayer Evangelism

Another way you can intercede for lost people is by praying through the following questions. These questions deal with the most basic issues of life. By praying for these items, the lost person can be prepared to hear and receive the gospel of Jesus Christ.

1. **Why:** Ask God to cause this person to wonder why they reject Jesus Christ and His salvation. Call on Him to show this person the foolishness of rejecting Christ and of living life without Him.
2. **What:** Ask God to cause the person to start asking the question, “What is the purpose of my life?” Plead with God to plant in his or her heart an urgency concerning this question.

3. **When:** Pray that God will grant this person an emptiness of heart. Ask God to show them that sin and selfishness will not satisfy. Call on God to cause this person to start asking the questions, “When will I really be free? When can I find true peace and hope?”

4. **Whom:** Pray that God will cause this person to doubt all the lies that he or she has concerning Christianity. Call on God to cause the person to ask, “Whom can I trust? In whom can I find hope?”

5. **How:** Plead that God will plant this question in the heart of the person, “How can I cope with my problems?” Pray that God will grant hopelessness in the heart of this person. Ask God to show this person that he or she cannot cope in his or her own power or strength. Pray that he or she will be forced to look to God.

6. **Where:** Call on God to cause this person to contemplate the question, “Where will I go when I die?”

### Scripture Prayers for Yourself

Pray these Scriptures for yourself, or just read them and affirm that God is truly the wild-hope maker. Our greatest asset aside from our salvation is our hope. Keep it alive and strong so that the enemy’s darts will bounce off your shield of faith.
But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you (Ps. 39:7).

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God (Ps. 42:11).

Show me the path where I should walk, O LORD; point out the right road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you (Ps. 25:4-5, NLT).

No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame (Ps. 25:3).

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love (Ps. 33:18).

Remember your promise to me, for it is my only hope (Ps. 119:49, NLT).

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope” (Jer. 29:11, NLT).

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us (Rom. 5:5).

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope (Rom. 15:4).

Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for and hope for and expect the Lord! (Ps. 31:24, AMP).
Those who reverently and worshipfully fear You will see me and be glad, because I have hoped in Your word and tarried for it (Ps. 119:74, AMP).

But those who wait on the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint (Isa. 40:31, NLT).

Hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently (Rom. 8:24-25).

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer (Rom. 12:12).

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 15:13).

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Small-Group Agreement

I will pray to grow spiritually as an individual and as a group. I will ask God to help me build a strong marriage through the application of biblical truth.

I will give priority to the group meeting, arriving on time, with reading and study questions completed.

I will pray regularly for group members

I will pray daily for my husband.

I will help the meeting be a safe place where women are free to be authentic and develop trust and godly relationships.

I will keep confidences. What is said in the group will stay in the group.

I will be patient with others, offering love and staying clear of judgments.

I will feel free to invite other women to join the group who I think would benefit from the study and prayer.

I will feel free to laugh, love and cry.

I will expect Jesus to show up.

Signed _____________________________ Date_____________
Member Class Form

Name _______________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________
Phone ______________________________________________
Email _______________________________________________
Spouse’s name _______________________________________
Childrens’ names and ages ______________________________

What are you hoping to learn from this study?
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What is your greatest spiritual, physical or emotional challenge at this time?
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How can your group leader pray for you throughout this study?
What in particular would you like the leader to pray for?
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What questions do you have?
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