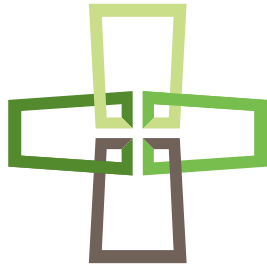


## Prayer Guide For



## BRIARCLIFF CHURCH

### *Intercessory Prayer*

Intercessory prayer is simply praying to God on behalf of others. Most all of us have asked someone to pray for us and undoubtedly you have prayed for others. When your children are sick, you pray for them. When they get their driver's license, you really pray for them. No doubt you have also prayed for their salvation.

Paul relied heavily on the prayers of other. When in prison he was passionate about sharing the Good News of Christ. He asked the Ephesian church to pray for him. *Pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike* (Ephesians 6:19). Later in a letter to Timothy, pastor of the church at Ephesus, he asked the church to intercede for kings (Nero at the time), all those in authority, and especially those who were lost. He longed to see the Gentiles come to faith in Christ. He also urged that they lift up "holy hands" in prayer, meaning with a clean heart. The prophet Isaiah put it this way. *The LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear* (Isaiah 59:1-2).

Hopefully you have at least three people on your IMPACT card for whom you are praying. Use this guide in praying for them. There are three scriptures each day to guide you. Read and meditate on each verse then lift up *holy hands* in prayer to the Lord for your unchurched friends. Place their names in blanks provided below.

*Vernon*

## SUNDAY

*Proverbs 14:12 (NLT) There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.*

I pray You will open \_\_\_\_\_ eyes to see clearly the path \_\_\_\_\_ is on which leads to eternal death—separation from God.

*Luke 19:41 (NLT) But as they came closer to Jerusalem and Jesus saw the city ahead, he began to weep.*

Lord, give me a heart that weeps for \_\_\_\_\_ salvation.

John 16:8 (NLT) ... he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

I pray your Holy Spirit will convict \_\_\_\_\_ of his/her need for Christ.

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## MONDAY

*Galatians 2:16 (NLT) Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law.*

Help \_\_\_\_\_ see that salvation does not come through being good but only through faith in Jesus Christ.

*Romans 10:1 (NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved.*

Father, give me an intense longing in my heart for \_\_\_\_\_ to become fully devoted followers of Jesus.

*John 6:44 (NLT) For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up.*

By your Spirit, draw \_\_\_\_\_ to respond to your salvation.

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## TUESDAY

*2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT) For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.*

Help \_\_\_\_\_ to not procrastinate or be indifferent concerning his/her need of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Galatians 6:9 (NLT) So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.*

Lord I pray you will give me a tenacious spirit that does not grow weary or give up on \_\_\_\_\_ but that I will consistently and fervently pray for \_\_\_\_\_ each day.

*Luke 19:10 (NLT) For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."*

Keep me mindful of the reason you came to earth; to seek and save people like \_\_\_\_\_.

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### WEDNESDAY

*John 8:24 (NLT) That is why I said that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I Am who I claim to be, you will die in your sins."*

Lord I pray you will draw \_\_\_\_\_ to know you as savior and not die in their sin.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT) Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

Lord, remove the blindness from \_\_\_\_\_ eyes to clearly see their need for you and turn to follow you fully.

*Ephesians 2:9 (NLT) Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

Help \_\_\_\_\_ understand that salvation cannot be earned by good works.

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### THURSDAY

*1 Corinthians 1:18 (NLT) The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.*

I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will understand that the only hope for forgiveness is through Jesus' work on the Cross.

*Ephesians 6:19 (TEV) And pray also for me, that God will give me a message when I am ready to speak, so that I may speak boldly and make known the gospel's secret.*

Father, help me to be very sensitive to your Spirit and know when and how to share a verbal witness with \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus and what he has done for me.

*1 Peter 3:15 (MSG) Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy*

Help me to be a positive influence on \_\_\_\_\_ by the way I live and be ready to answer questions about my faith in Jesus.

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## FRIDAY

*Isaiah 64:6 (NLT) We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.*

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will see their good works are filthy rags in Your sight and not adequate for salvation.

*Ephesians 6:12 (NLT) For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.*

Keep me mindful, Lord, that this is a spiritual battle I am in as I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and guide me to engage in the battle with faithful and fervent intercessory prayer.

*Luke 16:23-24 (GW)<sup>23</sup> He went to hell, where he was constantly tortured. As he looked up, in the distance he saw Abraham and Lazarus.<sup>24</sup> He yelled, 'Father Abraham! Have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water to cool off my tongue. I am suffering in this*

Lord, quicken my heart to the reality of \_\_\_\_\_ eternity without God.

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### SATURDAY

*Acts 16:14 (NLT) As she (Lydia) listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying.*

Lord I pray you will open \_\_\_\_\_ heart to hear and receive you as Savior.

*2 Timothy 2:10 (NLT) So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen.*

Help me to be willing to endure whatever it takes to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.

*2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT) Today is the day of salvation.*

Keep me alert to the urgency of your salvation. Help me not procrastinate about sharing Christ with \_\_\_\_\_.