# How to Pray for Believers

*This prayer can also be very effectively used for spiritual leaders by replacing the term “believers” with the words “spiritual leaders.*

It's interesting to note that much of the praying that was done in the New Testament was on the behalf of those who were already believers. Jesus certainly mod­eled this pattern with His mission-centered prayer in John f 7. Paul likewise modeled and taught this practice throughout his epistles (see Eph. 1:15-19, 3:14-19; 1 Thess. 3:11-13).

As Christians, we should lift one another to the throne of grace daily. One writer said it well: "More believers on their knees praying will result in more Christians on their feet, evangelizing."

The following suggestions are intended to help you focus your prayers for believers on the critical task ol fulfilling the Great Commission. Using the rich content of Mt. 9:37-38, Jn. 17:11-24, and Col. 1:9-11, pray for:

- Christ to send Believers into His harvest fields (Mt. 9:38).

- Christ to keep Believers in His name and character On. 17:11).

- Believers to have Christ's joy made full in them­selves (Jn. 17:13).

- Christ to guard and protect Believers from the evil one On. 17:15).

*-* Christ to sanctify (set apart) Believers by the truth of God On. 17:17).

- Believers to be unified in one mission, purpose, and spirit, even as the Father and Son are one On. 17:21-22).

- Believers to be where Christ is and join His work On. 17:24).

*-* Believers to be filled with spiritual wisdom; pleas­ing in all ways to Christ; strengthened spiritually, mentally, physically, and emotionally; and to bear fruit in every good work (Col. 1:10-11).

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