



# PRAYER GUIDE

As believers, we are commissioned by Jesus to go and share about Him with the people around us. The great news is—we don't have to go alone. Pray for those with whom you want to have gospel conversations and pray that the Holy Spirit will go before you and work in their hearts. Pray also that you will be intentional to make opportunities to share the gospel. When we are faithful to pray, we will be amazed at how many doors open for spiritual conversations.

Use this prayer guide to identify all of the groups of people in your life with whom you could share your faith. Ask God to open your eyes to more. For each group, write the names of people you know or know about. Commit to pray and build relationships with those on your list. Ask God to help you live on mission with an intentionality to talk to others about Him.

# FAMILY

When thinking about sharing the gospel with others, sometimes it's easy to overlook those closest to us. Perhaps we remain silent because we fear the challenge of awkward family relationships. Pray for the gospel to make its way to your family. Then, go through the doors that God will open and be faithful to share your faith.

Ways my church and I can serve my family:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Pray that God will strengthen the relationships that you have with your family. Then, don't be afraid to obediently seek to have gospel conversations with them.

**North America:** Pray for the estimated 2.4 million people in Alabama who are spiritually lost. Pray for the churches of Alabama and for Rick Lance as he leads the Alabama State Board of Missions.

# SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

School teachers and administrators, whether in public or private schools, put in extraordinary amounts of work to educate the next generation. They rarely receive notoriety, though, despite the importance of their professions. If you're a parent with school-aged children, do everything you can to develop a relationship with your child's teachers as well as the school's administrators. Get to know them as people and pray for avenues to share the gospel. If you don't have school-aged kids, look for avenues through other church members to minister to teachers and administrators.

Ways my church and I can serve our local school system:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Pray that the Lord would show you ways you can be praying for the teachers and administrators in your area. Ask them if they have prayer needs, and follow through with praying for them. Ask them about their lives whenever the opportunity arises.

**North America:** An estimated 84 percent—617,686 people—of Alaska's population do not have a personal relationship with Christ. Pray for the churches that are trying to reach them and for Randy Covington as he leads the Alaska Baptist Convention.

# PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

Law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs and other emergency responders are often on the front lines of numerous life and death situations. Chances are you know someone (or know someone who knows someone) who works in one of these areas and can find a way to reach out to them.

Ways my church and I can serve our public safety personnel:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Ask the Lord to keep these brave men and women safe while they are on the job. If you don't know anyone personally, you probably know someone who does. Find a tangible way that you can serve them. Then, pray for the Lord to give you an avenue to share the gospel.

**North America:** In Arizona, an estimated 86 percent of residents have not placed their faith in Christ. Pray for the churches trying to reach them and for David Johnson as he leads the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

# RESTAURANT PERSONNEL

They serve us regularly yet it is so easy for them to go unnoticed. Next time you go to a restaurant, start taking note of the people greeting you and serving you. Let them know you appreciate them and ask how you can pray for them.

Ways my church and I can serve restaurant personnel:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Ask God to help you build relationships with the food service staff with whom you have regular contact. Are there ways you can serve them? Pray for the Lord to give you an avenue to share the gospel.

**North America:** More than half—58 percent—of Arkansas residents are without a relationship with Christ. Pray for those in Arkansas who don't know God and for the churches that are trying to reach them. Pray also for Sonny Tucker as he leads the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

# CAREGIVERS

They are all around us in homes, nursing home facilities and rehabilitation centers in our community. Caregivers provide an important link in the fabric of support in everyday life, but often they can be overlooked.

Ways my church and I can serve caregivers:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Ask God to help you build relationships with caregivers in your community. Are there ways you can serve them? Pray for the Lord to give you an avenue to share the gospel.

**North America:** California is known for its vast and diverse population, and 86 percent of its residents do not have a relationship with Jesus. Pray for Californians who need Christ and for the churches trying to reach them. Pray also for Bill Agee as he leads the California Southern Baptist Convention.

# NEIGHBORS

Does your relationship with your neighbor amount to little more than a smile and a nod on the rare occasion that you see them in the driveway? The physical proximity along with the lack of relationship might make us feel awkward around our neighbors, but this doesn't need to be the case! Start praying for them today.

Ways my church and I can serve my neighbors:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Pray that God would help you build bridges between you and even your most challenging neighbors. Figure out what kinds of food they like and invite them to dinner! As you build a relationship with your neighbors, you can learn how best to share the gospel with them.

**North America:** Of the 5 million-plus population in Colorado, only 16 percent report having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for Coloradans and for the churches attempting to proclaim the gospel there. Pray for Nathan Lorick as he leads the Colorado Baptist General Convention.

# COWORKERS

You see them every day. You talk about the latest news, television shows or the next big game. Yet, spiritual topics seem completely off-limits in the workplace. Start praying for your coworkers and build relationships that allow your conversations to run deeper than the next item on the company to-do list.

Ways my church and I can serve my coworkers:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Pray that God would help you grow close to your colleagues. Perhaps there's a particular coworker who really annoys you. Ask God to soften that relationship. Perhaps you feel spiritual conversations aren't appropriate in the workplace. Look for ways to build relationships that take you out of the workplace where gospel conversations can more easily happen.

**North America:** The population of the Dakotas is just over 1.6 million people. Yet of those 1.6 million, nearly 72 percent are lost. Pray that Dakotan believers will be bold in building relationships and sharing their faith. Also pray for Garvon Golden as he leads the Dakota Baptist Convention.



# FRIENDS

Some may go back to your childhood. Others you've just gotten to know over the last couple of years at a new job. However long you've known your friends, you likely already have great relationships with the nonbelievers among them. Pray for your friends and be intentional in directing your conversations to the gospel.

Ways my church and I can serve my friends:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Pray that the Lord would give you the courage to share the gospel with your friends. Maybe you haven't talked about deeper issues in a while, or maybe you talk about such issues regularly. Don't be afraid to talk about your faith and describe what Jesus has done.

**North America:** Florida has some of the largest, most diverse cities in North America. Of the over 20 million people in Florida, 76 percent of them are lost. Pray for lost Floridians and for the churches there tasked with reaching the population. Pray for Tommy Green as he leads the Florida Baptist Convention of churches.

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Elementary school students prove to be some of the most open people to the gospel. They do not always have the experience that leads them to be cynical toward Christian faith. The secular culture, however, has its sights set on the hearts of our children. The Church needs to reach them.

Ways my church and I can serve elementary school students:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Be praying that the right people will be able to reach these children. If you are a parent or grandparent of elementary school children, raise up your children in the way they should go. Encourage them to reach their friends and invite them to church.

**North America:** Georgia's population has been steadily growing recently. Nearly 6 million lost people live in Georgia, representing 57 percent of the state's population. Pray for the Georgians who need to encounter the love of Jesus. Ask the Lord to give the churches in Georgia a passion to win the lost, and pray for J. Robert White as he leads the Georgia Baptist Mission Board.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Middle school students face many challenges. By this age, they have started to wonder about their place in the world a little more deeply. They are also experiencing myriad physiological changes that can sometimes lead to insecurities and doubt. Pray that the gospel helps them find where they fit.

Ways my church and I can serve middle school students:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Be praying for middle school students as they start to wrestle with what it means to grow up. Parents or guardians, stay involved in your children's lives and be sure they understand the gospel. If you are not a parent, help your church invest in students by getting involved in the student ministry, and encourage students to share their faith.

**North America:** Hawaii may not have a large population with just under 1.5 million inhabitants, but nearly 90 percent of Hawaiians do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray that the churches would be faithful and that the Hawaiian people would be receptive to the gospel. Pray for Chris Martin as he leads the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students are just on the cusp of becoming young adults. They are preparing for college and starting to envision life after continually living at home with their families. These students need a sure foundation before they enter collegiate environments that will seriously challenge their faith. Pray that those who have not found Christ will do so and those who have will grow in their faith and be bold as they share the gospel with their classmates.

Ways my church and I can serve high school students:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** High school students need to be connected to the faith. Many of them start to experience the freedom that comes with a driver's license. They are out of the house more. As a parent or guardian, make a point of spending time with your teenage kids, and be there for their friends. Get involved with your church's ministry to students.

**North America:** Illinois is home to one of the most influential cities in the world: Chicago. Over 76 percent of the nearly 13 million people in the state do not have a relationship with Jesus. Pray for Illinoisans—for the lost who need Jesus and for the churches who are trying to reach them. Pray for Nate Adams as he leads the Illinois Baptist State Association.

# COLLEGE STUDENTS

Many college students are genuinely wrestling with doubts about God and Christianity. While students may have had questions in high school, now it seems like they are encountering professors and peers who have answers: God does not exist. Pray for college students as they struggle with big ideas and with their futures.

Ways my church and I can serve college students:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** College students who move away from home often feel isolated from their old communities. They crave community and the church can be an awesome way to provide that. Find ways to minister to college students, especially if you're in a college town. Connect with students who go off to school by calling and messaging them.

**North America:** The state of Indiana is another state with a high percentage of lost people. Over 73 percent of people in the state have no relationship with Jesus. Pray for the lost in Indiana and ask God to embolden the churches there. Intercede on behalf of Steve McNeil, who leads the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

# COMMUNITY LEADERS

There are local politicians, government officials and business leaders who carry a lot of sway in your community. Most people reach out to them in order to seek their influence. What if you were to reach out to them in order to reach their soul? Start praying for the gospel to reach them.

Ways my church and I can serve community leaders:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Pray for your community leaders to come to saving faith in Jesus Christ. Find ways to participate in your local Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce or similar groups. Strong relationships with these leaders will open doors for you to share the gospel in your community.

**North America:** Nearly 74 percent of Iowa's population of 3.1 million people do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray that the churches in Iowa would be a light for the gospel and that lost Iowans would come to saving faith in Christ Jesus. Also pray for Tim Lubinus, the director of the Baptist Convention of Iowa.

# GROCERY STORE WORKERS

When we go to the grocery store, the only mission we tend to focus on is getting every item on our list. Yet there are workers in that store with whom you could share the gospel. Whether it be with the clerks, the butchers or the bakers, strike up a friendly conversation and start praying for an opportunity to share Christ.

Ways my church and I can serve grocery store workers:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Be intentional with the workers at the grocery store. Ask for help finding an item and strike up a friendly conversation. Get into the habit of speaking with those workers. Don't be afraid to speak with them and pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the conversation.

**North America:** The churches in the states of Kansas and Nebraska comprise the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists. Between those two states, there are over 3.5 million lost people, nearly 74 percent of the population. Pray for churches to share their faith and for the lost to be receptive to the message. Also pray for Bob Mills as he leads the state convention.

# PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS

If you live in a city, chances are you utilize public transportation. We typically view the men and women who get us from “point A” to “point B” as a means to an end. You could make an eternal difference by praying for and sharing the gospel with them.

Ways my church and I can serve public transportation drivers:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Whether you use public transportation regularly or rarely, never overlook those who are operating the bus, train or trolley. If your daily routine involves using public transit, take note of the workers and see if the same people are working when you’re traveling. Get to know them and pray for opportunities to share the gospel.

**North America:** Over 64 percent of Kentucky’s population do not have a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for the lost in the state to be receptive to the gospel and pray that the churches would be bold in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. Pray for Paul Chitwood as he leads the Kentucky Baptist Convention.



# MECHANICS

Oil changes. Tire rotations. Routine inspections. Gospel conversations? What if you transitioned from talking with your mechanic about care for your car to care for the soul? Take an interest in their lives, remember their names and start praying for an opportunity to share the gospel next time you go in for a tune-up.

Ways my church and I can serve mechanics:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Pray that the Lord would provide an avenue for sharing the gospel with your mechanic. Ask about their lives outside of their work, and see if there is anything you can be praying for. That can open the door for a gospel conversation.

**North America:** In Louisiana, nearly 3 million people do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for the 62 percent of their population who do not have a saving faith in Christ. Pray for David Hankins as he leads Louisiana Baptists.

# CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

There are men and women who do the strenuous work of building, renovating and repairing our roads, homes and places of work. They do much of this work without receiving much recognition. We should get to know, pray for and seek to share the gospel with them.

Ways my church and I can serve construction workers:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Whenever you invite someone to work on your house, be extremely hospitable and get to know them. Pray for them before they arrive. Invite them to church. Share the gospel with them. As you see workers in your community, pray for them.

**North America:** Of the nearly 7 million people living in Maryland and Delaware, only 28 percent have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for the over 5 million people who need Jesus, and ask the Lord to give the churches boldness. Pray for the Lord to give Kevin Smith wisdom as he leads the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware.

# TRADESPEOPLE

Whenever issues arise in our homes, we call the plumber, electrician or other skilled tradesperson. They are usually called upon only when there's a problem, and many answer calls around the clock. Show them your gratitude and be praying for chances to share your faith whenever you get the opportunity.

Ways my church and I can serve tradespeople:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Offer these workers something to drink whenever they come to your house. Ask them to sit down for a minute to take a break and strike up a conversation. Pray for the Holy Spirit to show you a way to share the gospel.

**North America:** Almost 80 of Michigan's 9.9 million people are lost. Pray for the churches in Michigan to find avenues for sharing the gospel with the lost. Ask the Lord to prepare hearts to hear His gospel. Then, pray for Tim Patterson as he leads the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.

# BUILDING CUSTODIANS

In schools and places of business and even in churches, the men and women who maintain facilities are often overlooked. They clean restrooms, vacuum carpets and wash windows. But very few people in the building seek to build relationships with them.

Ways my church and I can serve building custodians:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Pray for those custodians in your office or school. Do more than walk by them and nod. Seek out chances to have conversations with them and find out about their lives. Build relationships with these people, and share the gospel when the opportunity arises.

**North America:** In Minnesota and Wisconsin, 75 percent of the population does not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray that the churches in the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention (MWBC) would be bold in sharing with the people in their states. Pray for hearts to be open to the message. Also pray for Leo Endel as he leads the MWBC.

# RETAIL WORKERS AND MANAGERS

Every time you go to buy clothes or tools or toys, you come into contact with people who are there to help you with your purchase. Whether they run the cash register, work on the floor or manage the daily operating procedures, we often don't give a second thought to those who work in retail until there's a problem.

Ways my church and I can serve retail workers and managers:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** When you're shopping and someone asks to help you, rather than shrug the person off, tell him or her what you're looking for and why. Perhaps that thing you're looking to purchase contains a link to a gospel conversation. Pray for an opportunity to share the message of Jesus.

**North America:** Mississippi is one of the most religious states in the United States. While less than half (47 percent) of the people do not have a relationship with Christ, that figure represents over 1.4 million people. Pray that the churches in the state would do what it takes to reach the lost. Pray for Jim Futral as he leads the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

# SECURITY GUARDS

You will find them at shopping malls, movie theaters and airports. They are there to serve as a first line of response against any threat, but they tend to be one of the last groups of people we talk to when we are out and about. Start praying for them, and build a bridge that leads to a gospel conversation.

Ways my church and I can serve security guards:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Perhaps you could do something as simple as bring a security guard a cup of coffee or a snack. He or she would at least appreciate the thought, and you could listen to his or her story and share how Jesus has impacted your life.

**North America:** In Missouri, nearly 4.2 million people do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for the lost in that state and that the church would work to share the hope of the gospel. Ask the Lord to give John Yeats wisdom as he leads the Missouri Baptist Convention.

# BANK TELLERS

Most people rarely give a second thought to their bank teller, but what if you sought to strike up a gospel conversation as you spoke with them about your deposits and withdrawals? Pray for your bank tellers and seek opportunities to share the gospel with them.

Ways my church and I can serve bank tellers:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Try to talk to your teller about more than your transaction. Move past small talk and ask how you can be praying for him or her. The teller may not have much time to talk, but you could build a bridge that leads to a chance to share the gospel.

**North America:** Over 84 percent of Montana's residents do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for the lost to be receptive to the gospel and for the churches to be bold in sharing it. Also pray for Barrett Duke as he leads the Montana Southern Baptist Convention.

# YOUTH SPORTS COACHES

How many of your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews are currently involved in a youth sports league? As a family with children playing on their sports teams, you have a natural connection with their coaches. Pray for the youth sports coaches in your community.

Ways my church and I can serve youth sports coaches:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Do more than just drop off and pick up your children from games and practices. Make time to be as involved with the team as possible, and build relationships with the coaches. Pray for a chance to have a gospel conversation with the coach.

**North America:** Nevada, home of Las Vegas, has an extremely high percentage of lost people. Nearly 88 percent of the population does not have saving faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for the gospel to awaken hearts in Nevada, and pray for Kevin White as he leads the Nevada Baptist Convention.



# LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE COACHES

Depending on your town, these coaches often carry a certain aura about them. Some high school and college coaches are even the most powerful or influential people in the community. Pray that these men and women would come to saving faith in Christ.

Ways my church and I can serve local coaches:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** You may or may not have much connection with the coaches in your community, but you may know someone who does. Maybe your child is on one of their teams, and you can start to build a relationship that way. Pray that someone will cross their paths and share the gospel if you are unable to do so.

**North America:** Six states make up the New England region, and 87 percent of the 14.7 million people who live there don't have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for churches to reach the lost and for Terry Dorsett as he leads the Baptist Convention of New England.

# MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL MEDIA

Most people tend to think of the media as large, national conglomerates, but local media outlets still operate in most cities and towns. They seek to cover stories that matter to many of your neighbors. Pray that they may come to know the gospel.

Ways my church and I can serve local media members:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Work with your churches to request local media to cover some of the events that take place at your church. Many of these outlets are looking for content, and when they show up, you and your church have an opportunity to share with them the reason your church exists.

**North America:** In New Mexico, nearly 84 percent of the 2 million people in the state do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for the lost and ask for their hearts to be open to the gospel. Pray for the churches to boldly share their faith. Ask the Lord to give wisdom to Joseph Bunce as he leads the Baptist Convention of New Mexico.

# LOCAL/SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

In your community, there are small business owners who have been around for years or are just starting out. Whether they own a local coffee shop or a small brokerage firm, these business owners are trying to thrive in your community. Pray that these men and women would come to know the Lord.

Ways my church and I can serve local/small business owners:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Rather than frequent the national chain restaurant or store, take some time to visit your locally owned businesses. Do business there and get to know the owners. See if there are ways your church can partner with them in community service. Establish those relationships and share the gospel.

**North America:** New York and North New Jersey together have a population of over 25 million people, and over 83 percent of those people do not know Christ. Pray for the lost in New York and North Jersey. Ask the Lord to give Terry Robertson wisdom as he leads the churches of the Baptist Convention of New York in their ministry to the lost.

# NURSES

Nurses work long shifts and rarely receive much thanks for all of the menial (and sometimes unappealing) tasks they perform. If you have been to the doctor, you know how essential these men and women are to your care. Pray for them, and strike up a gospel conversation.

Ways my church and I can serve nurses:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Many people have family members or friends who are nurses. You can start reaching out to nurses by making connections with those you know. Use those connections to find ways to minister to those who provide essential care in hospitals and doctors' offices.

**North America:** Of the over 10 million people in North Carolina, 61 percent do not have a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for the lost men and women there. Ask for the churches to minister faithfully to the lost. Pray for Milton A. Hollifield Jr. as he leads the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

# DOCTORS AND DENTISTS

Doctors and dentists help keep us healthy. Many have regular contact with their patients, even developing close relationships with them. Pray for them, and ask that the Lord would open their hearts to the gospel.

Ways my church and I can serve doctors and dentists:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** If you have regular contact with a medical professional, plan to have a conversation that moves from the physical to the spiritual. You can start a gospel conversation with your doctor. Pray before your next appointment, and prepare to talk about Jesus.

**North America:** In the Pacific Northwest, over 85 percent of the nearly 11.7 million people do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for the churches there and for the lost in Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho. Randy Adams leads the Northwest Baptist Convention. Ask the Lord to give him wisdom.

# NURSING AND ASSISTED LIVING HOME STAFF AND CLIENTS

Just about every community has a nursing or assisted living home, but few people regularly think about those who live and work there. Many drive past such facilities without giving them a second thought, but the people there likely crave company and may need the gospel.

Ways my church and I can serve nursing and assisted living homes:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Many people who have been placed in assisted living or nursing homes have been put there as a last resort by their families because of health issues. Some may have hard hearts because of their circumstances, but as you pray for them, you may have the opportunity to shine gospel light into that darkness.

**North America:** In Ohio, nearly 9 million people are without a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for churches in the Buckeye state to reach their communities and for the lost to respond to the gospel. Pray for Jack Kwok as he leads the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

# VETERANS

Many of these men and women have dedicated many years to the duty of protecting their country. They have sacrificed much throughout their lives, and many receive little to no thanks for all that they have given. Pray for opportunities to reach our veterans.

Ways my church and I can serve veterans:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** There are probably veterans in your church. They likely still have relationships with those they served alongside. Your church could use those connections to host a dinner for veterans in your community, build relationships and have gospel conversations.

**North America:** Almost 2.25 million people in the state of Oklahoma do not have personal faith in Jesus. Ask the Lord to move in the lives of the lost, and pray for the churches ministering in the state to reach their neighbors with the gospel. Pray for Anthony Jordan as he leads the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

# REHAB PATIENTS

There are men and women currently trying to overcome addictions to drugs, alcohol or other dependencies. There may be different types of rehabilitation centers and programs in your community. Most of these patients need the hope of the gospel. Pray that they find it.

Ways my church and I can serve rehab patients:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Addiction has caused thousands of people to lose everything in their lives. They need real hope, and you and your church have eternal hope in Jesus Christ. Research what programs exist in your community, and ask them what resources or services they need.

**North America:** There are over 12 million people, more than 78 percent of the population, in Pennsylvania and South Jersey who do not have a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for the lost and for Christians to speak boldly. Ask God to provide wisdom to Barry Whitworth as he leads the Baptist Resource Network in that region.



# INCARCERATED PEOPLE

The men and women in our prisons may have made some terrible decisions, but even a hardened criminal is not too far from the grace of God. Pray for those who are incarcerated and ask the Lord to change their hearts with His gospel.

Ways my church and I can serve incarcerated people:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Several ministries attempt to reach men and women in prison. Your state Baptist convention or association likely has some inroads into the prisons and jails in your state or community. If no such program exists, pray for such opportunities in your community and research how to start one.

**North America:** Over 56 percent of South Carolina's nearly 5 million people do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Ask the Lord to open the hearts of the lost in South Carolina and for the believers to share the gospel boldly. Pray for Gary Hollingsworth as he leads the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

# TRASH COLLECTORS AND LAWN CARE WORKERS

Trash collectors and lawn care workers often do some of the hard (and less fragrant) work that we don't like to do ourselves. Yet, we rarely do much besides pay and thank them when they finish. Next time you seek their services, pray for their hearts to be turned toward the gospel.

Ways my church and I can serve trash collectors and lawn care workers:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** It may take some creativity, but you can serve those who collect trash or care for your yard. They may be on a tight schedule, but that means they visit your house like clockwork. Provide a cool (or hot) drink, ask them their prayer requests and invite them to your church.

**North America:** The state of Tennessee has over 3.8 million people who do not have a relationship with Christ. Pray for the Lord to draw these people to Himself, and ask the churches there to be bold in proclaiming the gospel. Pray for Randy C. Davis as he leads the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board.

# MAIL, PACKAGE AND NEWSPAPER DELIVERY PEOPLE

Every day, there is a person who delivers some mail, packages, or newspapers to your home. These delivery people rarely stop for a chat, but it is often the same person who comes by whenever something gets delivered. Pray for them and ask God for chances to share the gospel.

Ways my church and I can serve mail, package, and newspaper delivery people:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Prepare a card or a gift for your delivery person to thank them for the work they do. At Christmas, give them a present with a personal letter attached that asks for prayer requests and invites them to church. Pray for this to open a door.

**North America:** Texas is one of the most populous states in the U.S., and 69 percent of the people don't know Jesus. That's over 19 million people. Pray for the lost to be drawn to Jesus, and ask the Lord to give the believers in that state a boldness to share the gospel. Pray for Jim Richards as he leads the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention and for David Hardage as he leads the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

# CABLE, SATELLITE AND INTERNET TECHNICIANS

How often do you find yourself in need of having your cable or internet serviced? Next time someone has to come take a look at your modem, cable box or dish, pray for the conversation that develops between the two of you. See how the Lord may guide you to share the gospel.

Ways my church and I can serve cable, satellite and internet technicians:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
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**As you reach out:** Pray for the Lord to soften the hearts of these workers. You may not encounter a cable, satellite or internet technician this week, but encourage a fellow believer who may. Seize the opportunity to have a gospel conversation when they visit.

**North America:** Utah and Idaho have the highest percentage of lost people in the United States. Over 94 percent of the population have not experienced a genuine relationship with Jesus. Intercede on behalf of those states and ask the Lord to reach the lost by giving the believers boldness. Pray for Rob Lee as he leads the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

# PEST CONTROL SPECIALISTS

Many pest control specialists regularly service homes and businesses to help prevent insect or rodent infestations. Often, those workers service the same places month in and month out. That regular service provides an excellent opportunity to build relationships and share the gospel.

Ways my church and I can serve pest control specialists:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Do more than open the door for these people on their way in and close it on their way out. Pray for them before they arrive and carry on a conversation with them when they come. You may be surprised at how the Holy Spirit will open the doors for a gospel conversation.

**North America:** Nearly 70 percent of Virginia's 8.4 million people have yet to experience a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for the churches to fervently share the gospel with their neighbors, and ask the Lord to soften the hearts of the lost. Pray for Brian Autry as he leads the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia and for John Upton as he leads the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

# COLLEGE PROFESSORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

College professors and administrators receive a lot of negative press, but thousands of people within that community have not experienced a relationship with Jesus Christ. These men and women are highly educated and the majority don't take home a large salary. Start praying for them today.

Ways my church and I can serve college professors and administrators:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** There are more colleges across North America than many people realize. There may be a college or university in your community, and your church could host an academic seminar and start building relationships that way.

**North America:** West Virginia has a population of nearly 2 million people, and 78 percent do not know Christ. Ask the Lord to give the churches there a passion to share the gospel and for the lost to be prepared to hear it. Pray for William Henard as he leads the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists.

# REFUGEES, IMMIGRANTS AND MIGRANT WORKERS

Thousands of people come to North America every year to live, work or flee some hardship in their own country. Christians are commanded to make disciples of all nations. So, it's helpful whenever the nations come to us! Pray for ways that your church can bring the gospel to them.

Ways my church and I can serve refugees, immigrants and migrant workers:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
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**As you reach out:** The subject of refugees, immigrants and migrant workers has become a politically charged topic. Whatever your political opinion, those who come into our country need to hear the gospel. How might your church minister to their needs and build a bridge to having gospel conversations with them?

**North America:** Over 86 percent of the population of Wyoming's 585,501 people are without a saving relationship with Christ. Ask God to give the lost a hunger for the truth and for the churches there a desire to share their faith. Pray for Lynn Nikkel as he leads the Wyoming Southern Baptist Convention.

# LOCAL CHARITY LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

There are men and women in your community who have a heart to serve other people through local charities, but they do not yet have a heart for Jesus Christ. They want to see the world become a better place but have not heard how the gospel makes that possible.

Ways my church and I can serve local charity leaders and volunteers:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Find local charities that serve humanitarian causes with which Christians can, in good conscience, cooperate. Though the charity may not have a Christian or religious foundation, Christians can volunteer and build relationships that enable them to have gospel conversations with those involved.

**North America:** In the United States, only 25 percent of the population has a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray that the church all across the United States will engage their neighbors by having gospel conversations. Pray for Kevin Ezell as he leads the North American Mission Board.



# SINGLE PARENTS

Many parents find themselves in the difficult circumstances of raising children without the aid of the mother or father of the child. Whether through death, divorce or desertion, the situation is tragic and the task extremely difficult, and many single parents need the help of the church and the light of the gospel.

Ways my church and I can serve single parents:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** The circumstances that lead to single parenthood can cause some parents to feel embarrassed or afraid of coming into the church, but no matter the reason, churches should bring the light of the gospel into the lives of single parents. Ask God to show you ways to minister to and share the gospel with those who need that hope.

**North America:** In Canada, there is only one Southern Baptist church for every 93,885 people. Some Canadian cities, however, have been seeing hundreds of people come to Christ. Pray for the Lord to send laborers into the field. Pray for Gerry Taillon as he leads the Canadian National Baptist Convention.

# MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY CLUBS AND CIVIC GROUPS

Those who are members of community clubs and civic groups care deeply for the well-being and health of their communities. Yet, many of these members act on motivations that do not stem from the gospel. Pray that their hearts would be turned toward Jesus Christ.

Ways my church and I can serve members of community clubs and civic groups:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Perhaps you or members of your church could get involved in some of these clubs and civic groups. Many of these groups focus on community service. If the church serves alongside these groups, then opportunities will open up for gospel conversations.

**North America:** In 2017, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands were devastated as Hurricanes Irma and Maria tore through the Caribbean Sea. Southern Baptists have been volunteering and partnering with churches on the islands. Pray that the Lord will use the tragedy to draw the peoples of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands to Himself.

# OTHER FAITH GROUPS

Even some of the smallest communities in America contain people of different religious backgrounds (or people who claim no religion at all). Pray for opportunities to connect such people with the gospel, and ask the Lord to equip the church to minister to those of other religious traditions.

Ways my church and I can serve other faith groups:

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Needs this group might have:

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Specific people I am praying for:

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**As you reach out:** Pray for the Lord to send people who can reach people of different religious contexts, but also do some research into other perspectives and prepare to share your faith with people who have different religious views.

**North America:** There are still numerous unreached people groups all around the world. Pray for the Lord to send missionaries and open the ears of those who have never heard the Good News. Pray for David Platt as he leads the International Mission Board as they assist churches and support missionaries in reaching the lost around the world.