

# **A Prayer of Salvation for Our Friends and Family Members**

## **Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 99, Ephesians 2:1-10

## **Reflections of the Heart:**

Through salvation, our past has been forgiven, our present is given meaning and our future is secured.

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## **Scriptural Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your tender mercies and unfailing love. Thank You for providing a way for sinners to be reconciled back to You. Thank You for enlightening our hearts to say "yes" to You when You called us. Lord, You are very great and Your power is absolute. Your understanding is beyond comprehension. We come clapping our hands and shouting joyful praises to You, our God. Most High, You are awesome. You are the great King of all the earth. We meditate on Your unfailing love as we worship in Your temple. Your Name will be praised to the ends of the earth. We honor You as our Lord and Savior.

Our Father, it is Your desire that all people be saved and understand the truth. We confess that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the only gate by which people are saved. We commit to sharing the Gospel with our unsaved family members and friends. We will not be afraid or intimidated, but we will share the Good News of Jesus Christ with boldness, confidence and love. We declare that when our unsaved family members and friends confess with their mouths, the Lord Jesus, and believe in their hearts that You raised Jesus from the dead, they will be saved. Father, we declare that they will know the truth, and the truth will set them free. As the Body of Christ, we gladly take the great commission and go into the world preaching the Good News to everyone You place in our paths. We are not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ because we know that it is Your power that is at work, saving everyone who believes.

***List the names of your family members and friends who are unsaved or backslidden. Ask the Holy Spirit for the wisdom to witness to them, trust Him to give you the courage to approach them and the words to say to them:***

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Gracious Father, we cry out to You to clear the way so that Your Gospel may be preached in every city, state, country, and continent. Since the harvest is plentiful, continue to send laborers to proclaim Your Word of salvation to the unsaved. We ask You to remove the scales that keep our unsaved family members and friends from seeing Your goodness and faithfulness. Surround them with the counsel of the Godly so that they may be washed in the water of Your Word; stripped of the old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds, and put on their new nature so that they will be renewed as they learn to know their Creator and become like Him. Holy Spirit, we ask You to circumcise the hearts of those who are in a backslidden state. Help us, the Body of Christ, to present the Gospel with compassion, hope and patience.

Precious Father, forgive our unsaved and backslidden family members and friends for all acts of sinfulness, including disobedience, hatred, rebellion, idolatry, and rejection of Your Gospel. Please have mercy upon them and extend Your grace toward them. Forgive us, the Body of Christ, for not sharing Jesus and the Gospel with more people. Forgive us for being fearful, timid and reserved about sharing the Gospel. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind our family members and friends of those they need to forgive and help them to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them, say, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help our family members and friends not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one.

Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to You, the One sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever. For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** Psalm 25:6, Psalm 147:5, Psalm 47:1-2, Psalm 48:9-10, I Timothy 2:4, John 14:6, John 10:9, Romans 10:9, John 8:32, Mark 16:15, Romans 1:16, Luke 10:2, Acts 9:18, Ephesians 5:26, Colossians 3:9-10, Deuteronomy 10:16 NKJV, Luke 15:17, Romans 8:38, Revelation 5:13, Matthew 6:13

**Today, I will trust God to:**

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