

## A Prayer for the Lost

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*"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10*

Dear God,

*You know my heart, You hear my prayers, and care about all that concerns me. You understand the burden I carry and how I want, more than anything, to see my loved ones come to You. Help me to remember that You love them more than I ever could. And You desire to extend Your great love and forgiveness, Your mercy and hope.*

*Thank You that nothing is too difficult for You. Thank You that Your power is unlimited and You came to set the captives free. Thank You that You wait, arms open, for the prodigal to return, that You look for his arrival to lavishly celebrate that he's come home.*

*I praise You for You are Redeemer and Rescuer, Savior and Lord. I know and believe that there's no pit so deep that Your love can't reach me still. I understand that Your mercies are new every morning, and Your faithfulness is great.*

*Lord, I ask that You would halt the plans of the evil one over these I love as I bring them before You right now. I pray that his schemes be demolished and that Your plans for good, for a future and hope, would prevail. Would You open blind eyes that they might see Your Truth. Would you rescue those walking in darkness and heal the deep wounds of those who've been hurt.*

*I pray for the miraculous intervention of Your Spirit to draw them to Yourself to work strong on behalf of my loved ones who are lost and wandering.*

*For You came with good news, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for captives and release for the prisoners.*

*Though I deserved penalty for my wrong, You stood in my place and took the blows on my behalf. You choose to die, so that I can live. Forever and free.*

*Lord, forgive my unbelief. Forgive the times I've doubted that You could ever change a distant heart. Forgive my hard-heartedness, my weariness, or forgetfulness to "pray continually."*

*Thank You that You never give up on me.*

*Remind me of how You've changed my own heart. How Your miracle of life and hope has sprung up deep within my soul.*

*I love You Lord, I need You, and I thank You that You hear my prayers and are at work even now.*

*Powerfully. Faithfully. Miraculously.*

*Thank You for the gift of my Savior, God with me. Thank you for Your goodness and love...*

*In Jesus' Name,*

*Amen.*