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How to pray for non-believers? By Rev. Dr. Kim Adapted from By Chuck Lawless

We often spend time with loved ones and friends who don't know Jesus personally. The Bible is clear about their spiritual condition, as seen below. Beginning this season and continuing into the New Year use the following strategy to pray for non-believers you know and love. Start praying with specific names in the blanks!

They must hear the gospel: "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?" (Rom. 10:14).
 PRAYER 1: "God, let ______ hear the gospel today. Give me courage to be the gospel spokesperson."

2. They are following the enemy: "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience" (Eph. 2:1-2).
PRAYER 2: "God, please give life to ______, and free him/her from the power of the prince of the air."

3. They are blinded by the enemy: "And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:3-4). **PRAYER 3:** "God, open the blinded mind of ______."

4. They are in the domain of darkness: "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son" (Col. 1:13).
 PRAYER 4: "God, deliver ______ from the kingdom of darkness."

5. They are under the devil's power: "to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me" (Acts 26:18).

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PRAYER 5: "God, please open ______''s eyes. Free him/her from the devil's power."
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6. They are caught in the devil's trap: "and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will" (2 Tim. 2:26). **PRAYER 6**: "God, release ______ from the devil's trap."

7. They must repent and believe: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). **PRAYER 7:** "God, bring _______ to repentance and belief. When You do so, we'll give You the glory."

