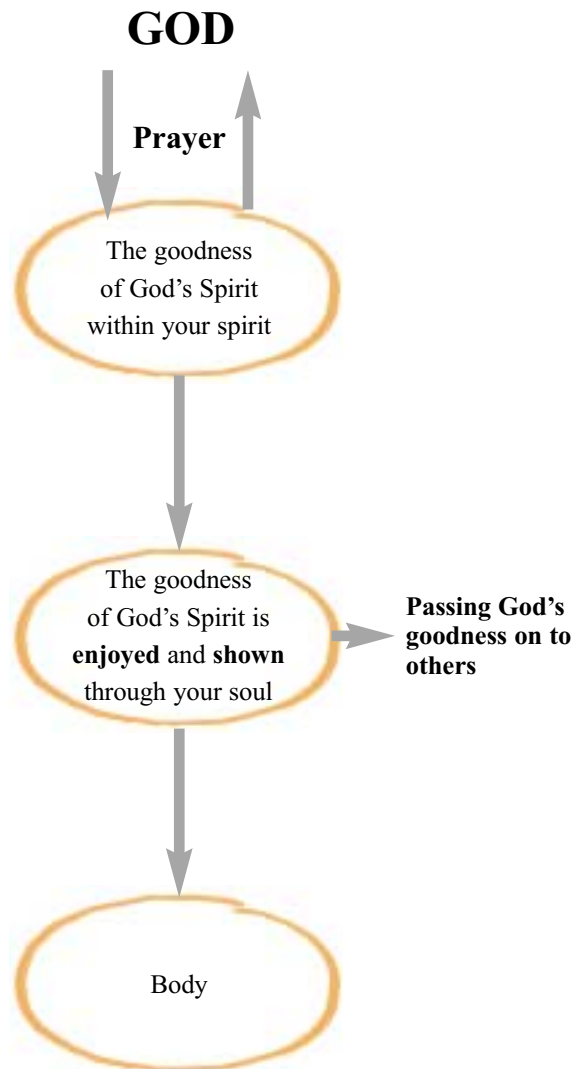


## It is your choice to share God's goodness



## SHARE IT AROUND!

God wants all his children to share the good news around. He longs for everyone to be saved.

The Bible says every time someone has a change of heart and chooses to receive his forgiveness and life, there is a great celebration in Heaven. Imagine the party in Heaven when your friends and family choose their own spiritual relationship with God.

*God is very patient with you. He does not want **anyone** to be lost, but he wants **all** people to change their hearts and lives.*

2 Peter 3:9

The '**all**' in this verse includes **your** friends and family.

*God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him may not be **lost**, but have eternal life.*

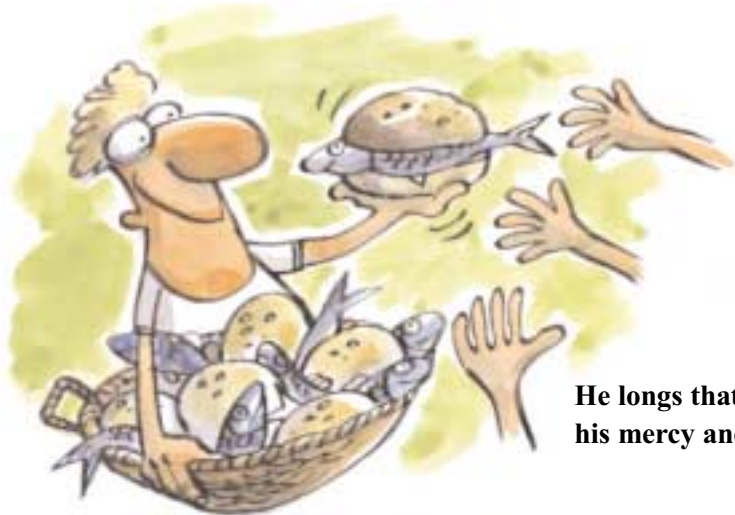
John 3:16

The two verses above talk about being 'lost'. What does it mean to be spiritually lost? If someone chooses **not** to believe and receive God's forgiveness and life, they face the result of their choice. When they die, their choice brings eternal punishment and permanent separation from God.

*Those who refuse to believe will be condemned.*

Mark 16:16 TLB

**God does not want to see  
your friends and family lost.**



**He longs that they accept  
his mercy and grace too.**

SHARE IT AROUND

The final section of this book shows you the powerful resources God has given you so you can share with others how they too can have a spiritual connection with God. These resources are the power of prayer and the help of the Holy Spirit.

## **1. You have the power of prayer**

*When a believing person prays, great things happen.*

James 5:16b

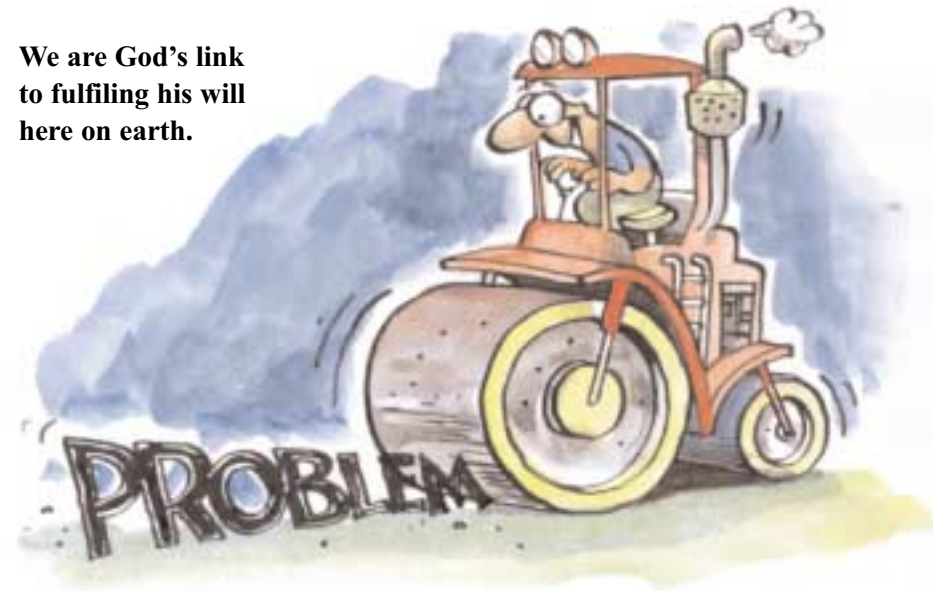


## **Mia's prayers are answered**

Mia learnt not to listen to her feelings but to trust what the Bible said. While praying one morning, the verse Mark 9:23 encouraged her faith. “**All things** are possible for the one who believes”. She prayed, “Thank you, Lord for saving my boy today.” This was obviously a prayer prompted by the Holy Spirit because at that very moment her son was reaching for the phone to order more drugs when the Holy Spirit showed him his sin. He encountered God for the first time, got right with him and turned away from drugs completely.

It was a miracle, but it is a miracle every time someone becomes a child of God!

**We are God's link  
to fulfilling his will  
here on earth.**



PRAYER IS POWERFUL

When you pray for your friends and family, you release the Holy Spirit to do his work. It is the Holy Spirit who prepares their hearts to receive Jesus' forgiveness and life.

How do you pray for others so the Holy Spirit can show them the truth about God? The Bible says unbelievers cannot see the true nature of God, because over time the devil has put a veil or covering over their eyes.

*The devil who rules this world has **blinded the minds of those who do not believe**. They cannot see the light of the Good News.*  
2 Corinthians 4:4

Think about this for a moment: as you grew up you stored all you heard in your subconscious mind – including what God is like. You have received these images or ideas from television, magazines and what people around you have said. You don't think twice about believing them now because you have heard them over and over again. We accept the opinions of others reinforced over time as fact. This is how a belief system is formed even though it may not be the truth.

**Wrong belief systems will keep us bound.**



SIN'S PRISON

We learnt earlier that God has given us mighty weapons or equipment – the Word of God, Jesus' shed blood and his name. We can use these in prayer to release our friends and loved ones from the devil's deceptions and ask that their eyes be open to the spiritual truth of God's love.

*These weapons can break down **every** proud argument against God and **every** wall that can be built to keep men from finding him. With these weapons **I can capture rebels and bring them back to God, and change them** into men whose hearts' desire is obedience to Christ.*  
2 Corinthians 10:5 TLB

Below is a prayer based on the Bible that you can pray daily for your unsaved friends and family.

**Father, your Word says that you do not want anyone to be lost, but for everyone to turn from their sins.**

**I thank you that I can use your mighty weapons to destroy everything that would try to stop (name individuals) from seeing your truth.**

**I take these mighty weapons now and declare that your Word says, (insert their names) has been purchased through your blood.**

**In Jesus' name, I destroy every reasoning, belief system, negative thought and attitude, including every bit of pride that is stopping (their names) from knowing you.**

**Thank you Jesus for replacing every deceptive thought with your truth and for leading them to yourself.**

2 Peter 3:9, Revelation 5:9, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5.

Here is an additional special promise you can claim if you are praying for your children to receive Jesus.

*I will fight your enemies, and will save your children.*  
Isaiah 49:25b

**God, you have promised in your Word to fight for me and save my children. I claim this promise for my children today, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Do not pray these prayers just once – **keep on praying** them. The Bible encourages us to pray and never give up until the answer comes.

*Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and **never give up.***  
Ephesians 6:18 GNB

## 2. You have the help of the Holy Spirit

God wants to **continue to fill** you with his Holy Spirit **every day**, so you have the ability to share Jesus' love with your friends, family and those you work with. It is the power of the Holy Spirit that changes lives.



### Filled with love and power

Nathan realised he was far from obeying Jesus' command, "Love as I have loved you" (John 13:34). God showed him that he was avoiding relating to some people for fear of being hurt, let down, misunderstood, unappreciated or rejected. When he did move towards people he was using them selfishly to meet his own inner needs.

He asked God to forgive him for his fears and for not trusting in God's love to meet the deep inner needs of his soul. He then surrendered himself to God and asked to be filled with his love and power. An overwhelming presence of the Holy Spirit came on him. It felt like waves and waves of God's love flowing over him.

With God's love and joy satisfying his own needs Nathan was now free to direct his energy towards others' concerns. Now he found sharing about Jesus with those around him easy.



**Nathan plugged into God and it felt like waves and waves of his love and power flowing through him.**

To be filled with God's love and power, pray from your heart:

**Lord Jesus, forgive me for not trusting your love to meet my inner needs. Forgive me for my fear of rejection and fear of being misunderstood. Holy Spirit, flood my soul with your love and power. I want to be a witness for you. Help me understand more of your love so I can love others the way you love me.**

Acts 1:8, 1 John 4:18-19, John 13:34

*When the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will receive power. You **will be** my witnesses.*  
Acts 1:8

A witness is someone who shares what they have seen, heard or experienced. You are doing the best there is when you rely on the Holy Spirit to lead others to Jesus. You can lead others to Jesus by talking to them about your new experience and by letting your actions be an example.

#### **a. The Holy Spirit helps you show God's love through what you say.**

Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the right opportunity to tell others how they can have their own spiritual relationship with God. How will you know when it is the 'right' opportunity? God will show you. Here is a little hint. An opportunity is any time someone indicates that they are searching to understand some part of their spirituality. This may be as simple as when they bring up a discussion about God, religion, the Bible or life's challenges.

The Bible says the Holy Spirit's **kind words will produce life**. If you choose not to rely on the Holy Spirit and try to share with others in your own strength, you can come over in a harsh or critical way.

*Kind words bring life, but cruel words crush your spirit.*  
Proverbs 15:4 GNB

When you are witnessing there will be times that you do not know the answer to people's questions. Do not let that worry you, it gives you an opportunity to go to someone who can show you the answer in the Bible so you can learn together. Tell them, "That's a great question. I'll get back to you about this" or "Let's look up the answer in the Bible together."

#### **b. The Holy Spirit helps you show God's love through your actions.**

The second way you share your experience is by simply letting your actions be an example of God's love. It is amazing how others will notice the changes in your behavior even when you think they are not watching.

**The old saying**  
*"Actions speak louder than words"*  
**is very true.**



PEOPLE WATCH YOU

*Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.*  
1 John 3:18 GNB



#### **Love in action**

Jeff's comfortable world came tumbling down around him when the police knocked on his door. His wife and child had been killed in an accident. Jeff's secure world had never been rocked by anything like this. Suddenly he was on his own. Jeff was confused and angry. The next day there was an unexpected knock on the door. Lara, the next door neighbor stood there holding a hot casserole. "Jeff," she said, "I wondered if you could do with this chicken casserole."

### 3. Share it around through friendship



#### Be a friend.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you develop friendships with three unsaved friends, neighbors or workmates. God has given you special abilities, gifts and talents (Romans 12:6-9). You can recognize these by what you enjoy doing most – helping, encouraging, giving, showing kindness to others. God will help you develop friendships as you serve him with the gifts he has given you, because he gave them to you to bless others with.



#### Pray.

- a. At the start of each day invite Jesus into every area of your life.

Thank you Jesus that *your truth* frees me from sin and its consequences. Help me recognize the deception and lies of the evil one so I can replace them with your truth.

Thank you Jesus that others will see *your good and holy nature* through all I do and say today. Fill me with your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Thank you Jesus for directing my steps as I depend on *your power* to share your forgiveness and life with others.

Thank you Jesus for promising to care for me when I trust you. Replace my fears and doubts with *your faith* as I ask you to help me with the challenges I face today (be specific).

Thank you Jesus that *your salvation* is blessing me with your goodness in every area of my life – healing, providing, protecting and delivering me from sin.

Through your blood, Jesus, I will overcome today, for it is written in *your Word* that you triumphed over all the powers of darkness when you died on the cross.

- b. Pray for your three unsaved friends, family, neighbors or workmates.

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### 3. Share God's love.

- a. Be ready to share from your heart what God has done for you.
- b. Give your friend a card with the website address on it encouraging them to view the life-changing web presentation. **Click here** to view these cards.
- c. **Click here** to email the life-changing web presentation to your friend.



### 4. Look after your friend.

Look after your new Christian friend. Encourage them to download the book free in an E-Book format. It will help them learn how to live a new daily life in conversation and cooperation with Jesus. They will then want to share with others how good he is. The E-Book is found at [www.ydyc.org/download.html](http://www.ydyc.org/download.html)

Make sure they get a Bible and meet regularly with others who have a personal relationship with God.

# KEEP TRUSTING!

The devil's aim is:

- To distract you with problems. He will try to make you focus on circumstances so that you will lose your joy and peace and fail to share God's love with those you meet.
- To destroy your testimony. He will cause people to ill-treat you or say all evil things about you so that you will become confused, angry, discouraged and even turn away from following Jesus. The Bible says to be glad when you suffer for Jesus, for great is your reward in Heaven (Matthew 5:11-12).

When you are faced with challenges or suffering, focus on God's Word and not the circumstances or your feelings. The Bible says God can work through your circumstances to fulfil his plan for your life when you have an inner permanent attitude of trust in him (Proverbs 3:5-6).



**If you have a problem,  
tell Jesus about it.**

The day is coming when Jesus will return for those who believe or trust in him. They will meet him in the air and go to Heaven to be with him (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

*The Son of Man will come again with his Father's glory and with his angels. At that time, **he will reward them for what they have done.***  
Matthew 16:27

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