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THEME: "...TO HELP PEOPLE FIND..."

This second week of prayers will focus on our burden to help lost people find Christ.
This week will include a partial fast.

Day 1: Helping Others Find

²⁴ The God who made the world and everything that is in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made by hands; ²⁵ nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; ²⁶ and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷ that they would seek God, if perhaps they might feel around for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His descendants.' - Acts 17:24-28

Pray for one or two specific people who have not yet "found" Christ. Ask God to give you a burden, opportunity, and boldness to be a witness of the gospel to them this week. Ask God to rearrange your priorities so that the mission is central in your life. Pray that Johnson Ferry would have a bias towards those who haven't yet found Christ.

Day 2: The Power of the Holy Spirit

⁶ So, when they had come together, they began asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time that You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ But He said to them, "It is not for you to know periods of time or appointed times which the Father has set by His own authority; ⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth." - Acts 1:6-8

Ask God to help our priorities to be centered on His mission and not lesser things. Pray that we, as a church, are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit as we witness, collectively, for Him. Pray for a specific person today whom you know has not "found" truth, belonging, and purpose in Jesus.

Day 3: Boldness

²⁴ And when they heard this, they raised their voices to God with one mind and said, "Lord, it is You who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything that is in them, ²⁵ who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, 'Why were the nations insolent, and the peoples plotting in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against His Christ.' ²⁷ For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and purpose predestined to occur. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant it to Your bond-servants to speak Your word with all confidence, ³⁰ while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness. - Acts 4:24-31

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Ask God to unite us, as a church, with one mind as we lift up our voices. Pray that God gives us boldness in the face of opposition to the gospel. Ask that God does miraculous signs and wonders at Johnson Ferry such that His name is glorified and His Kingdom is advanced.

Day 4: Hope & Joy

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be in dread, ¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect. - 1 Peter 3:14-15

Ask God to help you sanctify Christ in your heart today. Ask Him to give you opportunities to defend why you have hope in the midst of difficulty. Pray that our church family is known for our gentleness and respect for one another. Pray that believers are equipped to share the gospel in a way that helps the world truly understand the power of the gospel.

Day 5: Eyes to See

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are still four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I tell you, raise your eyes and observe the fields, that they are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that the one who sows and the one who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷ For in this case the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have come into their labor. - John 4:34-38

Pray that God helps you to have eyes that see the vast lostness around you. Ask that God give us, as a church, a collective burden to do something about it. Pray that our labor in sharing the gospel would be in response to the work God is already doing in their hearts. Pray for God to show you areas in your life that have distracted you from seeing what God wants you to see.

Day 6: Laborers in the Harvest

¹ Now after this the Lord appointed seventy-two others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. ² And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. ³ Go; behold, I am sending you out like lambs in the midst of wolves." - Luke 10:1-3

Ask God to raise up laborers at Johnson Ferry who will make His mission their priority. Pray that God identifies an evangelistic "partner" to help you be a better and bolder witness for Him. Pray against the enemy's schemes as we are sent as lambs in the midst of wolves.

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Day 7: Salt & Light

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by people. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." - Matthew 5:13-16

Ask God to show you areas of your life where you are not being salt and light for Him. Pray prayers of repentance. Ask Him to give our church favor such that we would be salt and light together. Pray that we would have wisdom to slow the decay of our sinful world and to point others towards the light of Christ.