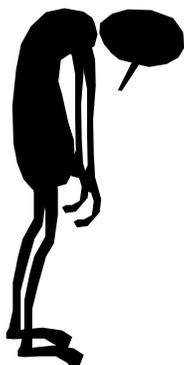


PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING

Praying Psalm 119 for those who need to return to their relationship with the Lord



*“The Lord is near to the broken hearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit”
Psalm 34:18*

When those you love struggle in their relationship with the Lord it is painful and difficult to see their crisis of faith. One hope we can always trust is the Word of God. As we pray the Word for the lives of those we care about we have the assurance our Heavenly Father is going to work to bring our friends and loved ones to himself and provide opportunities for restoration. Psalm 119 is a great scripture full of wisdom and ideas to pray for those who need to experience the love of Christ and who need to be renewed in their spiritual life.

Lord teach my loved one to:

Walk in obedience to you. *“How blessed are those ... who walk in the law of the Lord.”* v. 1

Be committed to follow you. *“Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!”* v. 5

Know you are upright in all your decisions. *“I will praise you .. when I learn your righteous judgments”* v. 7

Keep their way pure. *“How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.”* v. 9

Seek you with all of their heart. *“I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.”* v. 10

Place great value in your word. *“I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.”* v. 11

Lord teach my loved one to:

Direct their thoughts toward you. *“I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.”* v. 15

See wonderful things in your word. *“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.”* v. 18

Receive correction if they drift from your commandments. *“You rebuke the proud ... who stray from your commandments.”* v. 21

Remove any thoughts of contempt from their mind. *“Remove from me scorn and contempt.”* v. 22

Let your word be their counselor. *“Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors.”* v. 24

Be revived by your word. *“Revive me according to Your word.”* v. 25

Desire your standards for their life. *“Teach me your statutes.”* v. 26

Remove any wrong ways from their life. *“Remove the false way from me.”* v. 29

Walk faithfully in your ways. *“I have chosen the way of faithfulness.”* v. 30

Have understanding to observe your word. *“Give me understanding, that I may keep your law.”* v. 34

Obeys your commandments. *“Direct me in the path of your commands.”* v. 35

Avoid looking at meaningless things. *“Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things.”* v. 37

Have reverence for you. *“Establish your word to your servant, who is devoted to fearing you.”* v. 38

Allow your loving kindness to surround them. *“May your unfailing love come to me, O Lord.”* v. 41

Remember your name at night and call on you. *“I remember your name in the night, O Lord.”* v. 55

Experience your grace. *“Be gracious to me according to your promise.”* v. 58

Return back to you. *“When I think of your ways, I turn my feet to your decrees.”* v. 59

Avoid wicked friends & influences. *“Though the wicked bind me with ropes, I will not forget your law.”* v. 61

Choose companions that love and fear you. *“I am a companion of all who fear you.”* v. 63

Make decisions according to your word. *“Do good to your servant according to your word, O Lord.”* v. 65

Have good judgment and knowledge. *“Teach me good discernment and knowledge.”* v. 66

Lord teach my loved one to:

Desire a humble heart to learn your ways. *“It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.”* v. 71

Know you created them and understand their life. *“Your hands made me and formed me.”* v. 73

Have a godly respect for you. *“Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word.”* v. 74

Know you are a loving God. *“I know, O Lord, that your laws are righteous.”* v. 75

Allow your compassion to heal their hurting heart. *“Let your compassion come to me that I may live.”* v. 77

Be filled with longing for your word. *“My eyes fail with longing for Thy word.”* v. 82

Know your faithfulness in their life. *“Your faithfulness endures to all generations.”* v. 90

Make your word their delight. *“If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my misery.”* v. 92

Understand the enemy’s plan to try and destroy their life. *“The wicked are waiting to destroy me, but I will ponder your statutes.”* v. 95

Know you give wisdom for all of life’s struggles and situations. *“Your commands make me wiser than my enemies.”* v. 98

Keep their feet from evil ways. *“I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your Word.”* v. 101

Set their heart to keep your word. *“My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.”* v. 112

Trust you to be their hiding place when they are hurting. *“You are my hiding place and my shield.”* v. 114

Remove evil influences from their life. *“Go away from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of my God.”* v. 115

Prevent money or material possessions from being their focus. *“Truly I love your commandments more than gold.”* v. 127

Lord teach my loved one to:

Keep their feet grounded in your word. *“Direct my steps by your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.”* v. 133

Have a godly passion for you. *“My zeal has consumed me.”* v. 139

Trust your word in times of anguish. *“Trouble and distress have come upon me, but your commands are my delight.”* v. 143

Have understanding to live in your will. *“Give me understanding and I shall live.”* v. 144

Know you hear the cry of their heart and will answer. *“I call with all my heart; answer me, O Lord, and I will obey your decrees.”* v. 145

Make time with you as their first priority. *“I rise before dawn and cry for help; I put my hope in your words.”* v. 147

Live free from spiritual doubt. *“Long ago I learned from your decrees that you have established them forever.”* v. 152

Live in awe of your word. *“... my heart stands in awe of your word.”* v. 161

Stay away from dishonest people and situations. *“I hate and abhor lying, but I love your law.”* v. 163

Praise you throughout their day. *“Seven times a day I praise you.”* v. 16

Love your word and enjoy your peace. *“Great peace have those who love your law”* v. 165

Turn to you for help. *“May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.”* v. 173

Not wander away from you. *“I have strayed like a lost sheep. Seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commands.”* v. 176

Scriptures taken from NASB, NIV, NKJV & NRSV

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