

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” – Ephesians 2:8-9*

It is not our works that save us, it is Christ’s finished work on the cross that saves us. Through Christ, God’s grace is extended to us and gives us the ability to respond to the gospel. From beginning to end, salvation is a work of God. As part of our Christian walk, and as followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to do what Christ did and extend the grace of God we have come to know through Jesus Christ to those who do not yet know Christ or those who do not yet believe.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, thank you for the gift of grace that You have extended to us. Thank You for opening our eyes, and giving us the ability to see Christ, to know, Christ, and to accept Christ as our Lord and Savior. We cannot thank You enough for Your gift of grace.

Just as we were transformed by the great gift of God’s love given to us through Jesus Christ, help our hearts to burn with the desire to help others come to know You and to be transformed by You. Bring to our minds and remembrance each day every family, friend, co-worker and acquaintance who doesn’t yet know You or who has rejected You.

Almighty God, grant to those who do not yet believe, Your gift of grace in their lives. Help us to help them to receive God’s saving grace and to live as disciples of Jesus.

Release those who are imprisoned in the sinfulness of this world and break open the minds of unbelievers and those who are living as believers with their lips but not with their lives. Bring people and opportunities for us to share the gospel with those who do not yet know Christ. Help us to have the courage to witness to what you have done in our lives, so that others may also find freedom in Christ.

Lord,

We come to You today, with hearts that hurt for those who are lost and without hope in the world. Please shine Your light on their lives and draw them into your light

and hope. There are spiritual battles happening around all of us each day. We pray that Your word would demolish the strongholds that seek to keep us from following Christ.

Demolish in our lives the human boasting, arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against reaching for Christ those who do not yet believe. Send your Holy Spirit to illuminate our hearts and minds and allow Your word to reach our hearts so that we may truly reach others with your breath of life.

May your word work within us to shape our hearts and minds and so give us the courage to continue our work in bringing ourselves and all persons to repentance, faith, and life in Christ.

We pray this in Jesus name, Amen.