

Praying for the Conversion of People within a Territory or of a Loved One

You can do this prayer as often as you wish, and can do it secretly.

Step 1. To strengthen your prayer, ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to join you.

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, with renewed gratitude for your maternal presence, I join my voice to all generations who call you blessed. Hold my life in your arms: Ask the Lord to bless and strengthen my every desire for good; revive and nourish my faith; sustain and enlighten my hope; awaken and animate charity within me; guide me along the path of holiness. Ever-Virgin Mary, bring me under your protection and entrust me to your beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Step 2. Prepare your heart for the blessing. Read/pray one (or more) of the following:

Hebrews 4:12-13: Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from Him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must render an account.

Or

Isaiah 55:10-11: Yet just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but shall do what pleases Me, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Or

Matthew 7:7-8: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Step 3. Pray this short prayer in italics below and then pray one of the following scriptural passages below it.

A. For those living within our parish boundaries

O God Almighty, King of the Universe, I love You, praise You, and adore You. I pray Your Word into every person within the parish boundaries of St. Elizabeth of Fort Collins who are far away from You. I ask that these people experience Your love, and that the lies and attachments that they have regarding created things will be shattered. I pray that they will find their way into the Holy Catholic Church. I lift up this prayer to You through Mary's Immaculate Heart, with St. Michael, St. Joseph, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, my Guardian Angel, and (name some of your favorite saints).

Now pray Ezekiel 37:1-14: The hand of the LORD came upon me, and He led me out in the spirit of the LORD and set me in the center of the broad valley. It was filled with bones. He made me walk among them in every direction. So many lay on the surface of the valley! How dry they were! He asked me: Son of man, can these bones come back to life? “Lord GOD,” I answered, “You alone know that.” Then He said to me: Prophesy over these bones, and say to them: Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Listen! I will make breath enter you so you may come to life. I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow over you, cover you with skin, and put breath into you so you may come to life. Then you shall know that I am the LORD. I prophesied as I had been commanded. A sound started up, as I was prophesying, rattling like thunder. The bones came together, bone joining to bone. As I watched, sinews appeared on them, flesh grew over them, skin covered them on top, but there was no breath in them. Then He said to me: Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man! Say to the breath: Thus says the Lord

GOD: From the four winds come, O breath, and breathe into these slain that they may come to life. I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath entered them; they came to life and stood on their feet, a vast army. He said to me: Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel! They are saying, “Our bones are dried up, our hope is lost, and we are cut off.” Therefore, prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: Look! I am going to open your graves; I will make you come up out of your graves, My people, and bring you back to the land of Israel. You shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and make you come up out of them, My people! I will put My spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD. I have spoken; I will do it—oracle of the LORD.

B. For one of your loved ones who is struggling spiritually

O God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I love You, praise You, and adore You. I pray Your Word into (name of the person who is struggling). I ask that (name) experience Your love, and that the lies and attachments that he/she has regarding created things will be shattered. I lift up this prayer to You through Mary’s Immaculate Heart, with St. Michael, St. Joseph, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, my Guardian Angel, and (name some of your favorite saints). [You have a few choices.]

Proverbs 3:5-9 [**For those who lack trust in God**] Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; in all your ways be mindful of Him, and He will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the LORD and turn away from evil; this will mean health for your flesh and vigor for your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce.

Deuteronomy 10:12-19 [**For those who are obstinate and away from God**] Now, therefore, Israel, what does the LORD, your God, ask of you but to fear the LORD, your God, to follow in all his ways, to love and serve the LORD, your God, with your whole heart and with your whole being, to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD that I am commanding you today for your own well-being? Look, the heavens, even the highest heavens, belong to the LORD, your God, as well as the earth and everything on it. Yet only on your ancestors did the LORD set His heart to love them. He chose you, their descendants, from all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise therefore the foreskins of your hearts, and be stiff-necked no longer. For the LORD, your God, is the God of gods, the Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who has no favorites, accepts no bribes, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and loves the resident alien, giving them food and clothing. So you too should love the resident alien, for that is what you were in the land of Egypt.

Psalms 149:1-4: [**For those who are depressed and/or discouraged**] Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker, the people of Zion rejoice in their King. Let them praise His name in dance, make music with tambourine and lyre. For the LORD takes delight in His people, honors the poor with victory.

Psalms 23 [**That the LORD will become his/her Master**] The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures He makes me lie down; to still waters He leads me; he restores my soul. He guides me along right paths for the sake of His name. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me. You set a table before me in front of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days.

[You can always choose one of your favorite passages from the Bible such as Luke 15:11-32—the story of the prodigal son returning. You know best what your loved ones need.]