

SERMON OUTLINE

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Praying for the Souls of Others

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I. Introduction

- A. "Friends Day" is Sunday morning November 8.
- B. We want to do all we can to help others come to God. Pray.

II. Praying for Others: **Colossians 4:2-6**

- A. Our Attitude in Prayer - **Col 4:2**
 - 1. **Devotion** [proskartereo] "to be steadfastly attentive unto, to give unremitting care to a thing; to persevere and not to faint"
 - 2. **Purposefulness** [gregoreuo] "to watch; metaph. give strict attention to, be cautious, active; to take heed lest through remission and indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one"
 - 3. **Thanksgiving**
- B. Prayer for the Work in General - **Col 4:3-4**
 - 1. For people who are serving in various ways - reaching the lost is a group effort placed on us by God. - **Phil 1:3-5; Col 1:3-6**
 - 2. For an open door - **Revelation 3:7-8** - This is God's work.
 - 3. To speak the truth of Christ - Great work is being done by those who are willing to walk through the door and act - **Acts 4:29** - speak with confidence
 - 4. For strength in the face of challenges - **Acts 18:9-10** - How many are facing such opposition? How many here face challenges in speaking of Christ?
 - 5. For meaningful connections - Getting the things of God in the hearts of men - **I Corinthians 9:19**
- C. Praying for Those in My Life - **Col 4:5-6**
 - 1. For wisdom in dealing with the people in my life
 - 2. For taking advantage of the opportunities in my life
 - 3. For speaking with grace to others
 - 4. For speaking about what is most important
 - 5. For wisdom in what to say and how to say it

III. My Prayer List - **Romans 9:1-3; Romans 10:1**

- A. Fill in your list of seven people you will lift up to God.
- B. Pray for them every day between now and the 8th.