

## 8 Prayers to Pray for Unbelievers (Tim Challies—part 2 of 2)

### Prayers For You

You have prayed for unbelievers using different words and approaching from different angles. But you should also pray for yourself.

Pray that you will develop relationship with them. For people to be saved they must first hear the good news of the gospel. For them to hear the good news of the gospel, they must first encounter Christians—Christians like you. Pray that you would develop deeper, more significant relationship with them so you can, in turn, speak truth. “How then will they call on Him whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?” (Romans 10:14).

Pray for opportunities to minister to them. Many people come to faith after seeing Christ’s love displayed through the ministry of Christians. Pray for opportunities to minister to unbelievers so that your ministry can have an evangelistic effect. “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

Pray for them faithfully and persistently. Our temptation is to grow discouraged in prayer, to pray for a while and, when we see no visible results, to give up. But God calls us to persevere in prayer. “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving” (Colossians 4:2). (See also the parable of the persistent widow in Luke 18:1-8).

Pray for a burden to plead for their souls. Paul was willing to tell the church at Rome of his great longing to see the salvation of the lost. Do you share this deep longing? Pray that God would give you a great burden for souls. “Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved” (Romans 10:1).

Pray for boldness in generating and taking opportunities to speak the gospel. Even Paul longed for this boldness and for the confidence that he was speaking the right and best words. Pray that God would give you the boldness and, that when you take the opportunities, that he would then guide your words. “[Pray] also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel...” (Ephesians 6:19).

Pray for other believers to encounter them. God almost always uses a succession of people to share the gospel with people before they are saved. Pray, then, that God would lead other Christians into the lives of the unbelievers you love, that they too would provide an example of Christian living and that they too would speak the gospel. “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth” (1 Corinthians 3:6).

### Other Prayers

Here are a few more biblical emphases to guide your prayers.

Pray that God would use any circumstance to do his work in them. We pray to a God who is sovereign and who sovereignly works His good will. Often He saves people through difficult circumstances, through bringing them to the very end of themselves. Pray, then, that God would arrange circumstances, whether easy or difficult, to lead them to salvation. “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word” (Psalm 119:67). As you pray for the unbelievers you love, always pray to God: “Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10).

Pray that God would extend His mercy to them. God assures us that He wishes for all people to turn to Him in repentance and faith. He receives no joy from seeing people perish. Pray, then, that God would be glorified in the salvation of these people. “The Lord is not slow to fulfil His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

Finally, pray with confidence. God expects we will pray, God invites us to pray, God commands us to pray. Why? Because God loves to hear us pray and God loves to respond to our prayers.



9 September 2018 | Service Times: 9am & 11:30am

## Welcome, we’re glad you’re here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at [www.slechurch.org.au](http://www.slechurch.org.au).

### This Week: Isaiah #8— War of the Words

In a tussle of words, Hezekiah and God’s people have a choice between listening to, and trusting, the words of King Sennacherib, or the words of God for peace and prosperity. In the end only God’s word is powerful and accomplishes what is intended.



### Next Week:

Isaiah #9 [Isaiah 38-39]

## Today’s Service

<b>Welcome and Singing</b>	There is a Higher Throne Show Us Christ Your Word of Life
<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Community News</b>	
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Isaiah 36:1—37:20; Matthew 4:1-11
<b>Sermon</b>	By Pastor Steven Tran
<b>Song of Response</b>	The Lord Is My Salvation

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Check out [slechurch.org.au/groups](http://slechurch.org.au/groups) to find a group that you can join.

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# Say hello

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Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.  
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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## Our Pastors

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## Financial Update

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Last Week	\$3,702.15
Weekly Required	\$5,520
Shortfall 2018	\$0.00

### Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

**A/C Name:** SLE Church  
**Bank:** National Australia Bank  
**BSB:** 084-424  
**A/C No:** 396558544

SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane

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## Prayer Points

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**GIVE PRAISE TO OUR GOD WHO IS OUR ROCK**, the one we can and must find our security and safety in. Praise God's eternal and unchanging nature, in whom alone we can build our lives on.

**PRAY THAT WE WOULD REPENT** of our false alliances with people and things in life, and that we would always see the futility in finding security and safety in any other except for Christ our Lord.

**PRAY FOR OUR SISTER CHURCHES**, Huai En Tang (St Lucia), Coopers Plains Evangelical and Southside Church (Coopers Plains). Pray for them to be faithful to Christ and His word and fervent in service to the Lord Jesus, His mission, and His church.

**PRAY FOR YOUR OWN AND OUR** church community's evangelism. Pray through the suggested prayers in the pastor's desk from last week and this week.

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## Community News

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### TOGETHER FOR THE GOSPEL – 25 NOV @ BRISBANE CITY HALL

The Gospel Coalition along with Queensland Theological College present 'Together for the Gospel'. Gather in the heart of Brisbane City with 1500 brothers and sisters to encourage one another, sing, pray and hear God's word preached (from Kevin DeYoung) as we stand together for the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brisbane City Hall | Sunday, 25 November 2018 | 7:00pm

Tickets: \$10

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## Serving

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	Today	Next Week
<b>Chair</b>	Gabriel	Mervin
<b>Preach</b>	Ps Steve	Ps Ben
<b>Bible Read</b>	Boon Cheng <i>Alice</i>	Matthew <i>Marilyn</i>
<b>M.Tea</b>	Alice Muriel	Corina Georgie
<b>Wash Up</b>	SOS Randy	SOS Randy
<b>Welcome</b>	Ken Steph Amy <i>James</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Leya</i> <i>Marilyn</i>	Ken Steph Amy <i>James</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Leya</i> <i>Marilyn</i>
<b>Stewards</b>	Meng Yin David Chong <i>Nethanel</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Sarah</i>	Meng Yin David Chong <i>Nethanel</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Sarah</i>
<b>Piano</b>	Dan Lowe	Liesl
<b>Guitar</b>	Shao Peng	Mark
<b>Bass</b>	Ivan	Aaron
<b>Drums</b>	Ariel	Marcus
<b>Vocal</b>	Sharne/Shاون	Sarah/Alisha/ Joachim
<b>PA</b>	William <i>Chris</i>	Li Wei <i>Daniel</i>

