

WHAT ARE THE CONTENTS OF OUR PRAYER FOR THE SINNER TO BE BORN AGAIN?

We pray for a witness of the Gospel Truth: God uses people to deliver the Truth.

We pray for circumstances of life to drive a sinner to God: The sinner is in resistance to the light of the Gospel because his spirit is in darkness and influenced by worldly unbelief and distrust in God.

Difficulties of life can break that resistance and lead to repentance and belief in Jesus.

We pray for the sinner to rightly respond to the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Conviction leads to the realization of personal sin and the need of a personal Savior from sin. Conviction can lead to the sinner opening his heart and receiving grace by believing in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

The prayer of the witness for the sinner to be born again is often accompanied by an actual event of intervention which has an effect upon the sinner. The witness may do or say what is led by the Holy Spirit and have good consequences in the sinner's life.

However, the witness may have an adverse effect upon the sinner.

But I tell you that men will give an account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. Matthew 12:36 Jesus is speaking to religious Jewish leaders who are still lost in unbelief.

They will be condemned by their words.

True witnesses will also give an account but without condemnation. True born again witnesses who are careless in word or deed will face judgment and lose rewards. 1 Corinthians 3

Born again believers have the privilege of being controlled by the Spirit, bearing the fruits of the Spirit, and having a good and positive effect upon the life of the sinner. The witness can be instrumental in God saving the lost sinner from sin. God chooses for salvation all people who humble themselves before Him, grieve over sin, and believe in Jesus for rescue from sin. God has predetermined that all who believe in and receive Jesus will have eternal life, new spiritual birth, new spiritual life, and ultimate glorification (totally sinless, totally righteous, and blameless). God begins His work in the lost sinner, uses human witnesses to deliver the truth, convicts the sinner, saves the believing sinner, and completes the work He began. Ephesians 1; Philippians 1; John 16; Acts 1-28

The sinner who receives Jesus is the elect of God. God predestines His elect to blamelessness.

