

*Can a believer pray for the Holy Spirit to come to a non-believer in order for that person to understand and receive the gift of salvation?*

When one prays for a thing which is in his will and when it is in God's will--it will be done (1 Jn 5:14).

It is God's will that every person be saved. He is not willing that any should perish (2 Pe 3:9); still—men die without Christ.

Though God is longsuffering, most (Mt 7:14) do not believe and receive Christ as savior (Col 2:6) and die without him (Re 21:8).

What one was on earth becomes crystalized in eternity. The apostle John wrote: "Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness; let the filthy go on being made filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; and let the holy go on being made holy (Re 22:11)." The unrighteous man will remain unrighteous and the filthy will remain filthy. There comes a time when one's life pattern is set.

Men who did not avail themselves of God's love will believe a lie. The apostle Paul wrote: "...God sends them a strong delusion so that they will believe what is false, so that all will be condemned —those who did not believe the truth but enjoyed unrighteousness (2 Th 2:11–12)."

Christians can pray for (Ac 10:2, 30, Php 4:6-7) and intercede for (Jas 5:14, 15) their family members. Perhaps God will open their eyes to the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ (Nu 24:3, Eph 1:18). Believers can continue to give out the word of God and trust that it will be effective (Is 55:11, He 4:12) in the lives of their loved ones (Ps 107:20).

While men have breath, there is hope (2 Co 5:8). Jesus said, "We must do the works of Him who sent Me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work (Jn 9:3–4)." His light still shines through his saints (Ps 16:3).

Individuals are given the choice to: believe God (He 11:24–27) obey (Ac 26:19–23) and have faith in him (He 11:8–10).

When their loved ones do not choose to go in heaven with them, believers can trust God's character. He will do right (Deut 32:4) sending each person where they belong (Ps 31:19).