

Prayer for a Backslider

Father, in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, I come boldly before Your throne of grace lifting up _____ as a backslider, and interceding for him/her. For Your Word says that if a brother is overtaken in sin, that we which are strong should help to restore him. So Father, through my prayer, supplication and intercession for _____, I pray for his/her spiritual restoration. I pray that You would create within _____ a clean heart, and renew a right spirit in him/her. I pray that You would also restore unto him/her the joy of Your salvation – in living for You and fellowship with You, love, serve, and obey Your will.

Father, I pray that You would deal with his/her heart. I pray for a strong spirit of conviction to be stirred in his/her heart concerning sin. May you break up the fallow ground in _____'s heart and his/her life, take away the stony heart of rebellion and resistance to Your Spirit and Your Word, and give him/her a fertile and receptive heart that is ready, open and willing to receive Your Word and Your Spirit into his/her heart and life.

As the prodigal son left his father, but returned after he came to himself in the hog's pen, I pray also for a hog's pen experience in _____'s life. Open his/her eyes that he/she may truly see himself/herself as you see them. And as _____ sees himself/herself, give him/her a repentive heart to come out the world (the spiritual hog pen), and joyfully return unto You (the true and perfect Father).

Instead of finding joy and peace in sin, I pray that You would cause him/her to become miserable and uncomfortable in sin. Instead of enjoying the look and taste of sin, cause the sinful things he/she now loves, to become ugly, filthy and even repulsive. I pray that You would deal with him/her in dreams and rob him/her of sleep concerning his sin; and give him/her no rest or peace until he comes to a place of repentance, and gives his/her heart and life unto You.

Father, Your Word says that You are married to the backslider. So as You deal with _____, and his/her heart and mind is changed, I thank You for being there like the prodigal son's father to also receive, restore, renew, and strengthen _____.

Now Father, Your Word says that You are faithful to perform Your Word. So as I have prayed Your Word concerning _____ as a backslider, I thank You for showing Yourself faithful to perform Your Word in his/her life – bringing him/her to spiritual restoration, renewal, strengthening and regeneration in Christ. And, by the authority of the Word of the Living God, I decree that nothing shall be able to hold, hinder or stop _____'s return to Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray, AMEN!

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