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Last month, Rev. Michael Obi identified a key statement that I believe needs to be re-emphasized. He stated that, "The whole world is in dire need of the Savior, now more than ever before." As Jesus ministered on earth, we see two responses that show the urgency of praying for the lost. In Matthew 9:35–38, we read that "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field'" (NIV).

As we read these Scriptures, we should be challenged to identify the need to pray for the lost as well as pray for workers that will see the need to enter the harvest field to pick up the lost, receive the lost, minister to the lost, and restore the lost.

We invite you to join us in praying that the lost be found, restored, and redeemed by the powerful words of Christ which echoes that He loves them just the way they are, but He refuses to leave them where they are at.

PRAYER DIRECTIVES:

- Praise God that He seeks us out for relationship, even in our faults (Genesis 3:9).
- Ask God to remind us of His great love for us (John 3:16, 17).
- Pray that God would open their hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:14).
- Pray for that God would circumcise their hearts (Deuteronomy 30:6).
- Pray that God would give them a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 11:19).
- Pray that they lost would come to Christ (John 14:6).
- Pray that God would remove Satan's blinding influence (2 Corinthians 4:4).
- Ask the Lord to send laborers into the harvest, for the fields are white unto harvest (Matthew 9:38).
- Pray that the church would see the need to recognize the lost as broken, harassed, helpless people in need of a Savior (Matthew 9:35, 36).

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