10:02 **Prayer**

OVERVIEW

Also called the 9:38 Prayer, this prayer takes to heart Jesus' command to, "Ask the Lord of the harvest... to send out workers into his harvest field" (Luke 10.2; Matt. 9.38). We want to see God raise people up and go into the places we live on mission, proclaim the gospel, and disciple. Whether it is to a specific people, geolocation, or our everyday life, disciples do not have to leave the confines of their city, or even neighborhood, to be sent out into the harvest. This is good to pray for God to send someone to join you in the mission you are engaging in or have a desire to engage in.

CONTEXT

Jesus sends out the Twelve (Luke 9.1-9), then sends out the Seventy-Two (Luke 10.1-24) to prepare the way and proclaim the kingdom of God drawing near. Jesus observes, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." He acknowledges the need for more people to prepare and proclaim, so he commands his disciples to "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Twelve was not enough in Luke 9 and Seventy-Two are not enough in Luke 10—pray for more to enter the harvest!

In Matt. 9:38, the disciples become the answer to their own prayer. As Jesus teaches them to pray, they themselves are the ones sent out (Matt. 10:1).

THE PRAYER

Set an alarm to go off at 10:02 or 9:38 every day.

Simply pray:

"Lord of the harvest, send out workers into the harvest field. Amen."

Invite others to join with you in this prayer.

TIPS

Although this is a simple prayer, it is a significant one. It is ultimately praying scripture and following a command of Jesus which in no way is weak!

Try to focus on simple geographic areas, especially areas that you are close to: where you live, work, or play. That way you can see the answer to this prayer.

This is not a one-time prayer! Keep praying it on a daily basis.