

Lifestyle Evangelism is Prayerful Evangelism.

With the lord begin your task;
Jesus will direct it.
For his aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,
And when day is ended,
In his name then close your eyes;
Be to him commended.

(Lutheran Worship, Hymn #483)

This song serves well to remind us of the importance of prayer in living a *Lifestyle of Evangelism*.

Prayer is one of the most important parts of our own lives and should be the beginning of our giving witness of the *evangel* (good news). When we pray, we are often reminded always to pray, "Thy will be done." The fascinating part about praying for God to bring to faith an unchurched family member or friend is that this is God's will. Thus, when it comes to praying for someone to be brought to faith, we do not need to ask if it is God's will because it has always been.

When we pray, we are setting the foundation for our being able to have an opportunity to give an answer for the hope we have in Christ our Savior. When we pray for our unchurched family members and friends, we pray that God would show Himself to them through the signs He gives of Himself in the world, through their conscience, and through His Word. We also pray that the Lord would give us the opportunity as well as the words to speak (when He gives us that opportunity) to give an answer for the hope that we have.

Until the time that we have such an opportunity to share our hope, we continue to pray for God's protection of and blessings upon those who do not know Jesus as their Savior. We also pray for our witness, that our words and actions might give a good, positive witness for Christ's sake.