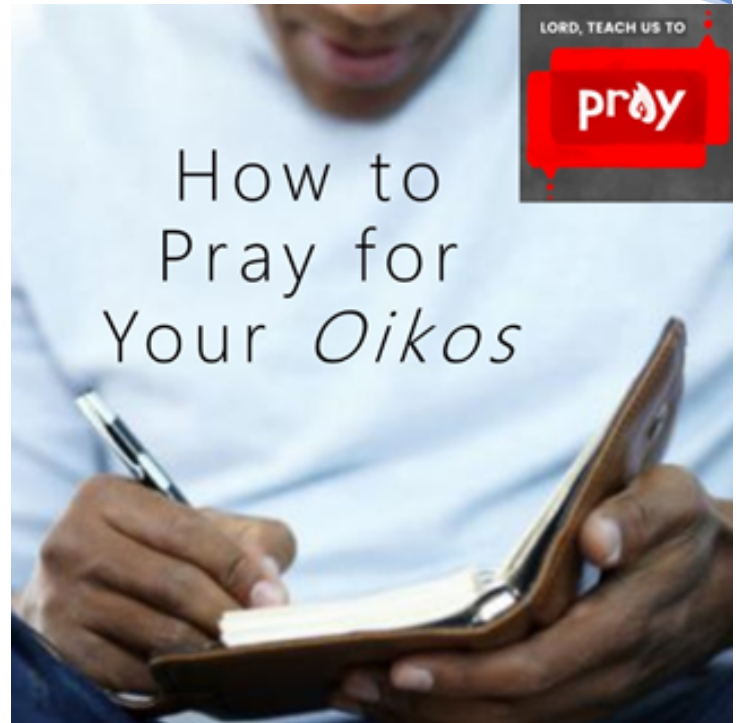


How to pray for your OIKOS

Most people come to Christ because of relationships - not events.

Each of us - regardless of age, culture, ethnicity, or economic status - live in a world where we participate in relationships. Over 75% of people that come to know Christ experience salvation because of a personal relationship.

Oikos is a Greek word that is found many times in the New Testament that can provide insight for our prayers and evangelism. Oikos defines your primary base of relationships and your relational sphere of influence. This includes your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers; the people you are in contact with the most.



Who Reaches Who?

HOW ARE PEOPLE INFLUENCED TO RECEIVE JESUS OR ATTEND CHURCH?

Initiated by pastor or church staff	0 – 3 %
Visitation	½ – 1%
Small Group Activity	4 – 6%
Church Programs	2 – 4%
Benevolent efforts/special needs	1 – 3%
Uninvited visit	2 – 4%
Special services/big events	½ – 1%
Friends/relatives/associates	75 – 90%

This information was provided by Win Arn, Thom Rainer and Bob Orr.

Through this OIKOS tool, we can intentionally focus our prayers for the salvation, transformation, and wholeness of those whom we already have personal relationships!

How to pray for your *OIKOS*

Use this simple worksheet to help you clarify who is in your OIKOS:

MY OIKOS: FAMILY

List the names of everyone that lives in your household:

List the names of your extended family that you maintain an ongoing relationship with:

MY OIKOS: FRIENDS

List the names of your 5 closest friends here:

List the names of your extended friend group, other friends that you maintain an ongoing relationship with:

How to pray for your *OIKOS*

Use this simple worksheet to help you clarify who is in your OIKOS:

MY OIKOS: NEIGHBORS

List the names of everyone that lives in your household:

List the names of your extended family that you maintain an ongoing relationship with:

MY OIKOS: WORK & SCHOOL

List the names of your five closest friends here:

List the names of your extended friend group, other friends that you maintain an ongoing relationship with:

How to pray for your *OIKOS*

Use this simple worksheet to help you clarify who is in your OIKOS:

MY OIKOS: OTHER PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Your OIKOS also includes anyone that you encounter on a regular basis in life. Here is a list to get your mind going:

My Hairdresser:

School Teachers & Administrators:

My Mechanic:

Coaches:

Family Doctors:

Electrician, Plumber, etc:

My Dentist:

My Pest Control Person:

Regular Server at my Favorite Restaurant:

Regular Employees at my Bank, Gym, etc:

My Mailperson:

My Closest Church Family Members:

My Veterinarian:

My Amazon Prime Driver:

Keep these lists nearby to help guide your prayers for your family, friends, & closest circle of personal connections - that precious group of people around your life that the New Testament calls your OIKOS. This is the group where you have the most relational influence and the greatest opportunity to impact with your prayers, your love, your life, & the gospel of Jesus Christ!

