

# HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR *OIKOS*

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

Every one of us – regardless of age, culture, ethnicity, or economic status – live in a world where we participate in relationships. More than 75 percent of individuals who come to know Christ have experienced salvation as a result of a direct relationship.

*Oikos* is a Greek word that is found many times in the New Testament that can provide tremendous insight and revelation to our prayers and evangelism. *Oikos* defines an individual's primary base of relationships and relational sphere of influence. This includes one's family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and most frequent contacts.

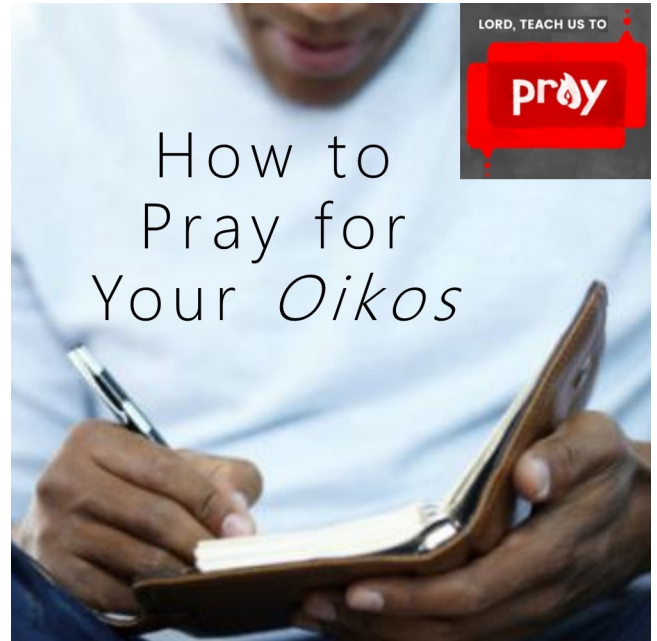
We can become more intentional in focusing our prayers for salvation, transformation, and wholeness on behalf of those with whom we already have personal relationships!

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

## MY *OIKOS*: FAMILY

List the names of all those who live with you in your household:

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



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## MY *OIKOS*: FRIENDS

List the names of your five closest friends here:

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

## 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.*

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## MY *OIKOS*: NEIGHBORS

List the names of your immediate neighbors here:

List the names of your extended neighbors, others who live nearby with whom you maintain an ongoing relationship:

## MY *OIKOS*: AT WORK & SCHOOL

List the names of your closest co-workers / classmates here:

List the names of your extended work / school group, others you interact with regularly at work or school:

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## MY *OIKOS*: REGULAR CONTACTS

Your *oikos* also includes anyone 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:**

**My Doctors:**

**My Electrician, Plumber, etc.:**

**My Dentist:**

**My Pest Control Person:**

**Regular Servers at My Favorite Restaurants:**

**Regular Employees at My Bank, Post Office, Gym, Drug Store, etc.**

**My Postal Deliverer:**

**My Closest Church Family Members:**

**My Veterinarian:**

Keep this list nearby to help guide your prayers for your closest circle of most regular contacts – that precious group of people around you in life that the New Testament calls your *oikos*. This is the group with whom you have the most relational influence, and therefore, the greatest opportunity to impact with your prayers, your love, and your life!

