Prayer Resources for Acts 11:19-26

*Please Re-read Acts 11-19-26 and then read again and stop at each verse indicated in the prayer title and pray. The prayers below can be used as a guidance or you can pray what is on your heart and mind after reading the verse.*

1. A Prayer for dispersion /change (Acts 11:19a)

Heavenly Father, we worship You because You are awesome. You know the plans that You have for us; these plans are not intended to harm us, but to give us hope and a future. Lord, we pray that in this period of change, we will remember that You have a plan for our life that outweighs what we see right now. Thank you for remaining with us in this transition of change, thank You Lord, Amen.

1. A Prayer against exclusion (Acts 11:19b)

Lord Jesus, the world is full of lonely and excluded people who are weary and burdened, alone and afflicted. Be gracious to each hurting soul I pray. I ask that many would find their comfort and support in You, who came to earth to carry our burdens, heal our brokenness, and set us free from life’s bondage. Thank You, that You have promised to give Your precious rest and perfect peace to all who look to You. Amen

1. A Prayer for inclusion (Acts 11:20)

Creator God, we are your people. We look to the future with optimism and with faith in you, as we pursue our call to provide justice and fullness of life for all people. We pray that all people no matter what their race, ethnicity or gender may be may develop their potential and meet you in themselves and in one another. May we enjoy a totally welcoming community, with you as our centre, joined hand in hand with our sisters and brothers. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

1. A prayer for coming to Jesus / Conversion (Acts 11:21)

Heavenly most loving Father, we come before you today to humbly ask you to guide us, in all that we do, so that it reflects your glory and honour. There are many that do not know you, Oh Lord. We pray that they find their way back to you through your wonderful son, Jesus Christ. Amen

Oh Lord, those who know you, and have lost their way, help them rediscover you. Those who are misled by the world and wolves in sheep clothing, help them discover the truth. Those who are struggling to find answers, give them knowledge, Oh God. Amen

1. A Prayer for excursion/mission (Acts 11:22)

Dear Lord, help me to continuously be aware of all people around me every single day. Where there are people, there are needs. Give me Your eyes to see some of those needs and the wisdom to know how to help as well. Help me to be your hands and feet as I serve others right where I’m at. And allow them to see Your light in my life as I do work in your name. Amen.

1. A Prayer related to encouragement (Acts 11:23)

Lord, you are the wind in our sails You guide us as we steer and find direction. You give us the strength to keep on going. You watch over us as we navigate stormy seas. You are the harbour where we stop for rest. You are our encourager when we lose hope. You are the lighthouse that keeps our paths safe. You are with us always. Through the power of the whole spirit may you give us the gift of encouraging others to come to you through Christ, send us into our life’s journeys with the strength and courage of Saint Barnabas.

1. A prayer to be infused by the Holy Spirit (Acts 11:24)

Holy Spirit, we thank You for the special powers and abilities You have given to us. You are the source of the many different spiritual gifts that You distribute to believers so that we can help each other and build up the church. Empower us, we pray, with Your gifts of teaching, miracles, healing, helping others, leadership and more! But most of all, empower us to love You with all our heart, soul and mind and to love others as we love ourselves. Amen.

1. A Prayer for companionship (Acts 11:25)

“Almighty God, hear this prayer.” As You are first in my heavenly heart and mind and spirit, so do I desire a companion in faith to walk with me and to encourage me daily here on earth. Help me always to walk in faith guide me through every stage of life, so that, as we move ever closer to You, we grow closer to those around us in Love, in Joy, and in Faith. Thank You God, for hearing my prayer. Amen!

1. A Prayer related to Christian instruction (Acts 11:26a)

Loving Father help me to cultivate spiritual disciplines, so I am more able to receive what you have to tell me, and more willing to do what you require. May I not only come to you with my needs, my praise, and my thanksgiving, but make a habit of spending time in worshipful listening. Help me not allow the distractions of social media and the busyness of life drown out your still small voice. Help me be guided in all things by you, rather than my own imperfect judgment. Amen.

1. A Prayer related to Identification (Acts 11:26b)

Lord, I pray that I would stop trying to find my identity in anything other than being Your child, a child of the King and a citizen in the Kingdom of God. Thank You for this amazing grace in my life! Lord, help me see the minute I start placing my identity in something else- my children, my career, my marriage, my gifts, and talents. Help me in those moments to remember that all of those things—even though they are good gifts—will never satisfy me the way You will. Help me keep you before me in all things. In Jesus’ Name, Amen!