

OPERATION ANDREW



Andrew... heard what John said and then followed Jesus.

Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”). Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John (Jonah)—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”). The next day Jesus ... found Philip and said to him, “Come, follow me.” Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown. Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus...” Nazareth.” (John 1:40-45).

So, it went. One heard, then found another. You have heard. Who’s your other?



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Andrew was one of the 12 apostles. And he is mentioned in scripture a dozen times. After the resurrection, history says that Andrew carried the gospel to the Gentiles, preaching in the region of the Black Sea as far as modern-day Ukraine, Belarus, and parts of Russia. He introduced the gospel in Byzantium (Turkey). The Orthodox Church of Constantinople considers Andrew its founder. Later, in Greece, he was martyred, crucified for his faith in Christ.

He introduced Peter, his brother, to Jesus. Peter is mentioned 191 times in the Bible. He was, an archaeological inscription says, “Chief of the Apostles.” Andrew’s impact was significant. But Peter’s impact was seismic. Who do you know that you might introduce to Christ, who might become a world-changer, having more impact than you might have?

We have the glorious privilege of introducing family and friends to the living Christ.

You are rich with friends. Some of them do not yet know Jesus, as Christ and Lord. On the next page, create a prayer list – of family, family-like friends, work associates, neighbors and at least one or more community leaders or influencers who you may not know personally. The bible calls us to pray “for all men, but especially for kings (those in political office) and key influencers” (1 Tim. 2:2).

Family:

Family-like Friends:

Work-Friends:

Neighbors:

Community Leaders/Influencers:

For the next week or so, review this list daily. Amend it. As you call out each name, ask God to help you lead one or more to Christ by Pentecost Sunday.

As you review your list, the Holy Spirit will help you separate the list into three categories: **Most Open, Somewhat Open, Resistant**. Mark the names appropriately. Begin to prayerfully concentrate on those that are most open – the top **TEN**. Don't forget the others, but connect in a caring way with those who you believe might respond more quickly. God will help you discern.

As you pray for them – bless them. Use the BLESS prayer. Below is an abbreviation of that prayer. A longer version is found in the opening chapter of the resource, *Evangelism As Blessing* book. The book and the accompanying Companion Review Guide are free downloadable resources on the Prayer At The Heart website: www.PrayerAtTheHeart.org. The paperback copies of the book and the Companion Review Guide can be purchased at: www.ProjectPray-Publications.org.

Begin with prayer
Listen
Eat together
Serve
Share your story

The Bless Prayer

- ◇ *B* – Pray for **BODILY** needs. For all things physical. For health and wellness. Vitality and mobility.
- ◇ *L* – Pray for their **LABOR**, their work and work environment. For safety. For a good job, with a decent wage. Pray for them to be blessed at work. Pray for God to put believers around them who share their faith.
- ◇ *E* – Pray for their **EMOTIONAL** well-being. For peace. For joy. For them to be loved and know that they are loved.
- ◇ *S* – Pray for their **SOCIAL** circle, their friends, and that among their friends, God will plant a believer who builds a relationship and shares Christ. Pray for godly influencers.
- ◇ *S* – Pray for their **SPIRITUAL** life, their soul. For their salvation. For them to know God’s saving grace. For His Spirit to awaken in them a hunger that can only be satisfied by God.

Bless them. Pray that they might know the blessing and favor of God, how deeply He loves them.

Find a way to tell them that God loves them! Pray a prayer for blessing for them daily.

Step One:

- ◇ **Make your Operation Andrew List**

Step Two:

- ◇ **Pray** over the names and **divide the list** into three sections – most open, somewhat open, and resistant.

Step Three:

- ◇ **Choose the top TEN** and prepare to lay their names on your prayer altar – for continued prayer. You might find a picture – that’s even better. If your church is participating, lay the pictures on the church altar.

Step Four:

- ◇ Continue to review your entire list, but **focus on the most open** whose names or pictures you have laid on the altar. Ask God to show them your care.
- ◇ **Form an Operation Andrew team of three** – men with men, women with women, or couples with couples. Agree to share your friend list with one another and support one another in prayer. **Meet weekly**, in person, by Zoom or by phone. Pray together. Name the most open in prayer.

Step Five:

- ◇ Meanwhile, **reach out to your THREE to FIVE friends**. Send a note, a text, an email, or call them. “You have been on my mind recently; thought I would check-in. How are you doing? Are you up for a cup of coffee in the next few days?”
- ◇ **Use the language of blessing.**

Prayer for **TEN**
Express Care for **FIVE**
Share Christ with **THREE**
Win **ONE**

Step Six:

- ◇ **Keep meeting with your team** and relying on one another for wisdom and relationship help, as needed.
- ◇ **Step up the engagement with THREE friends.** You met them for coffee or you had a productive phone conversation. Now, you want to **build a bridge**. You want to **listen** to them, before you attempt to share the gospel. Remember, the ‘salt covenant’ is one of friendship, of breaking bread together, of mutuality. “So, how have you been doing?” – use leading questions. Let them share their recent or long-ago story with you. Be genuine. Care. **Ask the Holy Spirit to help you love them.** Tell them you are praying for them.
- ◇ Plan a follow-up meeting. Here you may want to use the Aldrich approach, “I have some things I am learning, and if it was ever appropriate, I would love to share them with you.” Don’t push. **Keep listening and loving.**
- ◇ **Consider introducing one or both members of your prayer triplet to your friend.** Relationships are dynamic and unpredictable. You may discover magic in the relationship of a member of your prayer triplet with your friend. That spark is what often opens the door for meaningful sharing.

Step Seven:

- ◇ **Don’t force a conversation** about Jesus. But, don’t miss the opportunity either.
- ◇ You may end up, not sharing the gospel, but inviting them to church on Pentecost Sunday. If so and they respond to the Holy Spirit, you have been an Andrew.
- ◇ If not, **keep the relationship open.** Don’t give up.

The Power of Three

The Billy Graham organization understood the power of three. They used the Operation Andrew model in all their crusades. “Again, I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered in my name, there am I in their midst” (Mt. 18:19-20).

- ◇ **Three people agree to support one another in prayer** for their top **TEN** family-like friends to come to know Christ.
- ◇ **Triplets can be formed in the congregation**, or with **work** associates, with **school mates**, in **family circles**, or with **neighbors**.
- ◇ Each **demonstrates care** for **FIVE** others, and **calls out these names daily** for salvation.
- ◇ Each **shares Christ** with **THREE** as God opens hearts.
- ◇ The triplet **connects at least weekly** to pray for their **NINE** to **FIFTEEN** family-like friends, and then to build relational bridges to them. The meeting does not need to be long – 15 minutes may serve your purpose.
- ◇ **EACH ON ENDS ONE**



My Prayer Partners are:

_____ and _____.

They have asked me to pray for (Names on their list):

Make Your List

Pray for **TEN** or more

Care for **FIVE**

Share Christ with **THREE**

Win your **ONE**

Be ONE of a MILLION
As an Operation Andrew group of **THREE**

Win **THREE**

Share Christ with **NINE**

Care for **TWELVE - FIFTEEN**

Pray for **TWENTY-FIVE** or more

Be ONE of a MILLION...Reaching Your ONE!

In 1855, a layman, a Sunday School teacher, led a teenage store clerk to Christ. That store clerk, D.L. Moody, won a million souls to Christ. He influenced F.B. Meyer who influenced both England and the USA. And he impacted Wilbur Chapman, who won a million to Christ. He mentored Billy Sunday, who also won a million to come to Christ and came to Charlotte, NC for a 1924 crusade. That meeting resulted in the formation of a prayer group that, in 1934, brought Mordecia Ham to Charlotte.

In that meeting, Billy Graham was saved. He impacted the world - 215 million heard him preach in person with an estimated total reach audience of 2.2 billion. 3.2 million responded to his invitation to accept Jesus Christ as Savior. Luis Palau, one of his translators, preached to over 30 million in South America with an estimated total reach of 1 billion. Reinhard Bonnke heard him preach in a tent in Hamburg, Germany in September 1960. His crusades impacted Africa where he reached more than a billion.

Together, these men led 100 million to Christ.

The first domino was a teenage convert named Moody - then one named, Billy Graham.

ONE in a MILLION

Reaching ONE in a MILLION!



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