

Prayer for When Only the Lord Can Teach Them

Our Father, our prodigals' ears are apparently currently closed to hearing truth from us, but we know that never stops You, Teacher. Your Word tells us that because You are good and upright, You teach "sinners in the way" (Psalm 25:8 NKJV).

So, we ask You to teach our prodigals the way back to You and about truth, freedom, love, abundant life, joy, peace.

Teach them truth so they can be truly free (John 8:32).

Teach them what true freedom really is (John 8:36) and that it can only be found in You, the Truth. You are the only One who can truly set them free! (John 14:6).

Teach them love, that You demonstrated true love by sending Your Son Jesus to take our place on the cross (John 3:16), and love that includes them, so much so that He took their place.

Teach them what abundant life is and is not, that it can only be found in You, and that their having abundant life is one of the reasons Jesus came (John 10:10).

Teach them the fullness of joy, which can only be found in Your presence (Psalm 16:11).

Teach them that "You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You" (Isaiah 26:3).

Every good thing really does come from You (James 1:17), and You are the answer to their questions and dilemmas.

And, Father, open their ears to the truth, whether it comes from me or a laborer You send (Matthew 9:38), and help us to teach them "Your ways," because "sinners shall" then "be converted to You" (Psalm 51:13).

In Jesus' name I pray.