

Praying for people whose hearts are like good soil

But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. [But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop – Lk] They produce a crop yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown

Marion; Isabella; Rachel; David S; Philippa (two names); unnamed.

Praying for people whose hearts are like thorny soil

The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth [and the desires for other things—Mk, riches and pleasures—Lk] choke the word, making it unfruitful [and they do not mature.—Lk]

Gillian; Mark, Kerry, Logan, Finley; John C; David S; Isabella; Bara; David S; Marion; Chiquita; Alice; Philippa (four names); Pam; two unnamed.

Praying for people whose hearts are like shallow soil

The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. [They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.—Lk]

Andy; Chiquita; Charlie; Roy; John C; Marion; Roy; Bara; Marion; Isabella (two names).

Praying for people whose hearts are like the path.

When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, [as soon as they hear it—Mk] the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart [so that they may not believe and be saved—Lk]. This is the seed sown along the path.

Bara; Bara; Karen T; Peter; Tony; Isabella (four names); David S; Wendy; Bara; Chiquita; Sophie (but good soil); Philippa (two names); Richard (& some unsure); Gillian; Rachel H; Rosie (good?—just not yet?); unnamed.

(Text from Matthew 13: 19-23 with additions from Mark 4 and Luke 8)