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"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him . . . "
(John 6:44).

That they would seek to know God

"But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul." (Deuteronomy 4:29)

For them to believe the Scriptures

". . . faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17)

That Satan would be prevented from blinding them to the truth

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."
(2 Corinthians 4:4)

For the Holy Spirit to work in them

"When he [the Holy Spirit] comes he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness . . . But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth." (John 16:8, 13)

That they would believe in Christ as Savior

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life." (John 5:24)

That they would turn from sin

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out . . . "
(Acts 3:19)

That they would confess Christ as Lord

"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."
(Romans 10:9, 10)

That they would take root and grow in Christ

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." (Colossians 2:6, 7)

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