



Prayers for Missionaries & Missions Efforts

Pray for the Kingdom of God to come, His will to be done, and His name to be praised in all the earth

Matthew 6:9-10

This then is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Pray for the Gospel to be preached to every people group in the world

Matthew 24:14

And this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Pray for more Gospel workers

Matthew 9:37-38

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

Pray for boldness among those who are sharing the Gospel

Ephesians 6:19

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the Gospel.

Missionaries are regular people who fear pain and rejection as much as anyone else. When faced with opposition, they need God's strength to help them stand firm.

- Pray that missionaries will have boldness to overcome fear of embarrassment or failure.
- Pray for strength and stamina when facing spiritual resistance.
- Pray against people, governments, or spiritual forces that would seek to hinder the spread of the Gospel.

Pray for "open doors" to the message of the Gospel

Colossians 4:2-3

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

Because Gospel workers serve in countries that are difficult to access or resistant to the Gospel, a door of opportunity must be opened through prayer. But this includes more than just access to nations or people groups. Individual hearts also need to be open and receptive to truth.

- Pray that God would create new opportunities for ministry
- Pray that God would bless existing partnerships and friendships
- Pray that those who serve will be led by the Spirit to recognize potential opportunities and have divine wisdom in their decision making.

Pray for empowerment for those sharing the Gospel

Acts 1:8

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Pray that God's Word will spread and be revered among the unreached

2 Thessalonians 3:1

Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.

Pray for protection for missionaries serving short-term and long-term

2 Thessalonians 3:2 NLT

Pray, too, that we will be saved from wicked and evil people, for not everyone believes in the Lord.

In some countries, open doors may expose missionaries to the possibility of danger or personal harm. Opposition to the Gospel may include hatred and violence.

- Pray that God would keep Christian workers safe from those who seek to hurt them.
- Pray that God will change the hearts of those resistant to His Word.

Pray for spiritual refreshing for missionaries who may be tired or discouraged

Colossians 1:10-11

We pray...that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience...

Missionaries deal with many stresses such as overwhelming workloads, relational conflicts and financial uncertainties. Often, however, missionaries struggle with these issues alone, without the fellowship and support of other Christians. Living and working cross-culturally can challenge emotional, spiritual and physical vitality.