

HOW TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES-

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Pray for Open Doors

“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” (Colossians 4:2–3, NIV).

- Pray that God will open doors of ministry, blessing partnerships and friendships.
- Pray that those who serve will be led by the Holy Spirit and recognize open-door opportunities.
- Pray that God will lead His people past barriers to hearts ready to receive His Word.

Pray for Boldness in Witness

“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” (Ephesians 6:19, NIV).

- Pray that missionaries will have boldness to overcome the fear of embarrassment or failure.
- Pray that the Spirit will provide them with words that communicate effectively in other cultures and languages.
- Pray against evil forces that would seek to hinder the spread of the gospel.

Pray that God’s Word Will Spread

“Finally, dear brothers and sisters, I ask you to pray for us. Pray first that the Lord’s message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes...” (2 Thessalonians 3:1, NLT)

- Pray that people will resist Satan’s plans to obstruct the spread of the gospel. (James 4:7)
- Pray that God’s Word will indeed spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes.

Pray for Protection

“Pray, too, that we will be saved from wicked and evil people, for not everyone believes in the Lord” (2 Thessalonians 3:2, NLT).

Pray that God will keep Christian workers safe from those who seek to hurt them.

- Pray that God will change the hearts of those who are resistant to His Word.

Pray for Their Ministry

“Pray first that the Lord’s message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes...” (2 Thessalonians 3:1, NLT).

- Pray that the missionary’s ministry and attitude will be worthy of acceptance.
- Pray that colleagues and fellow believers will be supportive.

Pray for God’s Guidance

“So we have continued praying for you ever since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you a complete understanding of what He wants to do in your lives, and we ask Him to make you wise with spiritual wisdom” (Colossians 1:9, NLT).

- Pray for clear guidance from God regarding travel decisions.
- Pray for necessary permissions to travel.
- Pray for protection and provision during their travels.

Pray for Refreshment

“We also pray that you will be strengthened with His glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need. May you be filled with joy” (Colossians 1:11, NLT).

- Pray that God will provide opportunities for missionaries in lonely areas to spend time with other believers.
- Pray that God will provide times of peace and relaxation to refresh His workers.
- Pray that God will encourage missionaries with the knowledge that people back home care about their emotional well-being.

Partners in prayer

“Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. Do this because of your love for me, given to you by the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:30, NLT).

Paul knew prayer would bring results:

“He will rescue us because you are helping by praying for us. As a result, many will give thanks to God because so many people’s prayers for our safety have been answered” (2 Corinthians 1:11,

In his letters, Paul gave specific prayer requests for which believers should pray. As a prayer partner with those who are called to go, you too will have an impact that can reach around the world. Paul’s prayer requests can serve as a tool for praying with effectiveness and understanding.