

## HOW TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

Holistic prayer for those serving as missionaries.

### THE MISSIONARY'S OWN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

**2 Peter 3:18:** *But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

Pray that he/she will be abiding in Christ and feeding on God's Word

Pray for a deep prayer life

Pray for him/her to be filled with the Holy Spirit; pray that they will not be depending on their own efforts

Pray for victory over Satan

### THE MISSIONARY'S PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL LIFE

**2 Thessalonians 2:16-17:** *Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.*

Pray for good health – they live and work in difficult climates, diseases are prevalent

Pray for safety – travel is often hazardous, whether by air, car or foot

Pray for deliverance from depression, discouragement, depression, loneliness

Pray for the missionary's financial, physical, spiritual and emotional needs to be met

### THE MISSIONARY'S FAMILY

**Ephesians 5:21:** *submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

Pray for a strong marriage

Pray for children – their educational needs, their safety, health, that they would grow to love the Lord

Pray for wisdom in parenting

Pray for the missionary's family at home, especially needs of elderly parents or children in college or living on their own

### THE MISSIONARY'S ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE

**2 Timothy 4:2:** *preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.*

Pray for ability to learn the language and understand the culture; pray they will adapt to the culture

Pray for effectiveness in communicating the gospel

Pray for time and discipline to communicate with supporters and others at home

## **THE MISSIONARY'S MINISTRY**

**2 Thessalonians 3:1-3:** *Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.*

Pray for open doors, boldness, empowerment by the Holy Spirit  
Pray for discernment and understanding in decisions that are made  
Pray for effective use of time  
Pray for God to show the missionary where the harvest is ripe

## **THE MISSIONARY'S INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS**

**John 17:21:** *that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

Pray for the missionary's relationship with fellow missionaries; pray for unity, grace, and understanding  
Pray for the missionary's relationship with national workers

## **COMMUNICATION**

Pray against Satan sowing the spirit of discord

## **THE MISSIONARY'S COUNTRY OF SERVICE**

**Colossians 4:2-5:** *Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.*

*Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.*

**Psalms 2:8:** *Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.*

Pray for political stability and peace  
Pray for its government and leaders  
Pray for freedom to evangelize; pray for a favorable climate for the gospel  
Pray that there will not be difficulty in granting visas, work permits