



## Prayers for Missionaries and 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**

### **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 evil forces that would seek to hinder the spread of the Gospel.



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- **Pray for open doors**

**Colossians 4:2-3**

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

Because many 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 “open doors” include more than just access to nations and people groups. Individuals’ hearts also need to be open and receptive to God’s truth.

- Pray that God will open doors of ministry, blessing partnerships and friendships.
- Pray that those who serve will be led by the Holy Spirit, recognize open-door opportunities and have divine wisdom in their decision making.

- **Pray for empowerment**

**Acts 1:8**

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

- **Pray that God’s Word Will Spread**

**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. 2 Thessalonians 3:1*

Obstacles must be removed to allow God’s Word to spread rapidly and freely. Removing obstacles implies spiritual resistance that must be overcome. Just as Aaron and Hur supported Moses’ arms in the battle against the Amalekites (Exodus 17:12), we must strengthen the arms of missionaries through our prayers.



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- **Pray for Protection**

**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 and personal harm. Opposition to the gospel may include hatred and violence.

- 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 Spiritual Refreshing**

**Colossians 1:10-11**

*And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,<sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully*

Missionaries deal with many of the same stresses you face in life 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 adds an additional element that can challenge their emotional, spiritual and physical vitality.

- 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 with the Holy Spirit.