

# HOW TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES



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II Cor. 10:3,4

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Eph. 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

There is a war in the spiritual realm, but it is a war already won by the Lord Jesus on Calvary. This victory is only applied to the present world need as we perseveringly and believingly pray. As we pray, we stand on victory ground, and can shout the hallelujah of victory whatever seeming setbacks and trials come upon the work of God.

Prayer is a mystery. God is all powerful yet He desires our prayers to accomplish His work in the world.

A prayer inspired by the Holy Spirit has a part in forming the eternal decrees of God. Prayer unites puny men to almighty God in a miraculous partnership. It is the most noble and most essential ministry God gives to His children - but it is the most neglected. May God make us real intercessors as we turn to the world in its great need. May God convict us of the awful sinfulness of lack of prayer.

I Sam. 12:23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

### **PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES:**

1. Culture shock.

Over one-quarter of all missionaries who return prematurely from the field do so because they could not adapt to new languages, foods, and customs. Humility is needed to adapt to and respect the cultures of those to whom the Lord has sent them.

2. Protection from Satan's attacks.

The powers of darkness are very real. Pray for authority to resist the Devil and to spoil his goods.

3. The protection of his mind.

The Devil uses discouragement, loneliness, lack of fruit, and evil thoughts to make the missionary useless for the Lord's work.

#### 4.His health.

In a climate possibly very different to his homeland, he is exposed to many and varied exotic diseases to which he has no or very little resistance. Sickness has shortened the careers of many missionaries.

#### 5.Brokenness.

Brokenness in dealing with national believers and fellow workers, having difficult orders from those in authority, and also "impossible" home conditions. Pray that all these trials may drive him to a dependence on Christ alone.

#### 6.The love of God for sinners.

Human pity and love are insufficient; only the constraining love of Christ can help a missionary love the unlovely.

#### 7.The anointing of God.

The anointing of God in his ministry and also the constant knowledge of God's will in the big and small events of his life.

#### 8.Lack of personal discipline.

Lack of personal discipline in having a devotional time, in the study of the language and customs of the people, in the use of time. These, as well as overworking, cause many missionaries to fail on the field. Pray for the effective and wise use of time.

#### 9.His family.

There is often an inadequate family life with many separations. The wife is often alone with insufficient money and few conveniences. The children are often separated from their parents for long periods and become rebellious and resentful in their teens. Pray that missionary families may be an effective witness of all that a Christian family ought to be, since believers saved out of a heathen background often have low standards of marriage.

#### 10.Priorities in service.

He needs clear objectives in his ministry and the time to reach them. Interruptions, trials, and trivialities are common! He needs a sense of urgency and a proper perspective of his purpose and goals for his particular field and country. He must work with definite and specific plans since his time on the field can suddenly be terminated.

#### 11.His financial need.

Many live poorly and sacrificially by the standards of their homeland but magnificently in the eyes of local national people. Pray for a right balance in the use of money and possessions and the supply of all his needs.

#### 12.Relationships.

Failures in personal relationships between missionaries and nationals are the source of many missionary casualties. The grace of God is needed to live in harmony and close spiritual fellowship with other workers.

#### 13.Furloughs

Furloughs are longed for but are often a great disappointment. Lack of interest from believers and churches, ignorance of the true world conditions on the part of believers and churches, adaptation to a changed homeland, much traveling and separation from family due to having to report to churches when rest, spiritual revival, and refreshment is the need.

#### 14.Revival.

The constant need of both missionaries and churches all over the world.

## THE CRY OF THE LOST

Do you hear the cry of the lost  
Who for eternity will pay the cost?  
Suffering torments they cannot tell  
In the everlasting fire - called Hell!

There they dwell where the worm dieth not  
And relief can never be sought.  
Eternal flames around them 'bout

It's too late! It's too late! For me,  
But please dear Jesus, set my loved ones free.  
Oh, tell them of your saving Grace  
So they won't come to this wicked place.

Send someone to warn with tears  
Of this place worse than all their fears.  
To point them to the Savior above  
And tell them of Your eternal love.

Prepare a man to be sent  
And compel them to repent,  
From all their guilt, sin, and strife  
That they may have eternal life.

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