

HOW TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

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◆The power for missionary ministry comes from intercessory prayer. Powerful prayer is specific, faithful, and Spirit-inspired. Any believer who is willing to invest time and effort can be an intercessor.

◆Pray for needs mentioned in the missionary's letters. Read these regularly to learn about the missionary's life, work, and place of ministry.

◆Pray for open doors. Many nations are closed to missionaries. Even in "open" countries, people's hearts may be closed to the gospel.

◆Pray for the missionary's spiritual needs. Missionaries need the presence of God to uplift them, the wisdom of God to direct them, and the anointing of God to help them bear fruit.

◆Pray for the missionary's emotional and physical needs. Missionaries experience fear, loneliness, discouragement, danger, and sickness. Pray that they will have appropriate outlets for their feelings, supportive friends, adequate rest and nutrition, and a sense of humor.

◆Pray for the missionary's financial needs. Personal expenses make up only a portion of the missionary budget. Missionaries also need funds for building churches, supporting Bible Schools, and other projects.

◆Pray for the missionary's cultural adjustment. Every nation has its own languages, customs, laws, and manners. Missionaries must understand and appreciate the people they serve.

◆Pray for the missionary's family. Living in a new environment causes stress in the strongest marriages. Pray that each missionary couple will maintain communication and joy. Pray that missionary children will develop strong relationships with Christian young people and with the Lord. Pray especially for single missionaries.