

# How You Can PRAY for Your Missionary...

#### **Pre-trip Prayers**

As your missionary prepares for their trip, they may experience different obstacles that try to keep them from going. These are some specific things you can pray to stand in the gap for them.

- Against a spirit of fear that would try to cause anxiousness or doubt about God's calling for them to go
- **Provision** for funding, God to provide from unexpected places
- Boldness to ask people to partner with them and to pray and give
- Prepared heart, for God to reveal in their hearts any unconfessed sin, they would have a willing spirit, and be teachable
- Against a spirit of Procrastination and to meet their deadlines

#### **DAY 1 Travel/Training**

Your missionary will begin early and spend the day traveling to Oklahoma City and start training

- **Rest** from all the daily responsibilities and for energy to serve the coming days.
- **Focus** on the mission ahead and not distractions from home.
- Fearlessness from stepping into the unknown and boldly proclaiming the Gospel 2 Timothy 1:7

#### **DAY 2 Training**

Your missionary will spend time on this day training and understanding how to engage with Unreached People Groups.

- Attentiveness to leadership as they teach and train engaging skills
- A Heart ready to worship and learn as the group gathers for discipleship and training.
- Unity as the team starts to blend together and they start to get to know one another.
- Against a spirit of Discouragement

### DAY 3 Ministry /Discipleship

Begin by praying for **Divine Appointments**.

Ask God to set up divine appointments and open doors for ministry that only He can make possible.

"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.

Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should." – Colossians 4:3-4

- **Anointing** Luke 4:18
- Boldness Acts 28:31
- Release of Control Proverbs 3:5-6
- Spirit of Encouragement Psalm 112:6-7
- **Provision** Philippians 4:19
- **Discernment** Hebrews 5:14

Lastly for the Spirit of Salvation. Like the seeds that fell on fertile soil in the Parable of the Sower, ask the Lord to make fertile ground and prepare hearts to receive the gospel.

"I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the Lord. They will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with all their heart." – Jeremiah 24:7

#### DAY 4 Ministry /Discipleship

Begin by Praying for Protection and Safety.

Pray for your missionaries' safety and protection. Ask the Lord to protect them against illness, injury, distractions, and danger. "The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." – Psalm 121:8

- Open Doors Colossians 4:3
- Favor with Authorities Proverbs 21:1
- Intimacy James 4:8
- Filled with Faith Matthew 17:20
- Distaste for the things of the world *Proverbs* 4:25-27
- Peace and assurance that God is taking care of their family back home 1 Peter 5:7
- Team unity and to encourage one another Colossians 2:2-3

*Lastly, Pray for* **a Servant's heart.** Just as Christ humbled Himself and took on the nature of a servant, so must each one of us. Pray for God to give the team the nature of a servant, learning to serve one another without an agenda.

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men."

- Philippians 2:5-7

#### DAY 5 Ministry /Discipleship.

Begin by praying for Seeing the Unseen

Pray for God to open the eyes of your missionary to see the unseen. When they feel surrounded, or defeated, pray God would reveal His mighty presence always around them

"He said, 'Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.' Then Elisha prayed and said, 'O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.' So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha" - 2 Kings 6:16-17

- Words Would Be Given as They Proclaim the Gospel Ephesians 6:19
- Right place/right time/right people Proverbs 3:5-6
- Growing and Intimate Relationship with Jesus John 15:4
- Barriers Would Be Broken & Strongholds Would Be Exposed and Crushed 2 Corinthians 10:4
- Comfort in times of loneliness *Isaiah 51:12-16*

Lastly, pray for Vulnerability in Discipleship Groups as they bring light to the dark places of their hearts. As the Holy Spirit convicts them through reading of the scriptures and spending time in His presence, that they would encourage one another and hold each other accountable.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

#### DAY 6 Ministry /Discipleship.

Begin praying for a Willing Spirit

Pray against a lazy or lethargic spirit. Ask the Lord to strengthen their spirit to push through tiredness and give them a spirit that is willing and flesh to follow.

"Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit." - Psalms 51:12

- Stand Firm Against the Opposition of the Enemy Ephesians 6:11
- Satan's Opposition Would Be Stopped Isaiah 54:17
- Clarity in Communication James 1:19
- Sensitivity to The Holy Spirit Acts 2:17
- Tear down walls in their heart (against a resistant spirit) 1 Peter 5:8-9
- Salvation (your missionary to lead someone to Jesus) Revelation 3:20

Lastly, pray that **Darkness Would Be Pushed Back.** Missionaries walk boldly into some of the darkest areas of the earth. They confront spiritual and physical oppression that we can't imagine. Pray that the light of God would shine through them, pushing back darkness and oppression as they share the Gospel.

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners." – Isaiah 61:1

# DAY 7 Ministry /Discipleship

Begin by praying that Each Missionary Would Be Filled with The Holy Spirit and Power.

As God gives the team divine encounters, pray the team would be filled with the Holy Spirit to connect with each person exactly where they are. The power and anointing they receive will equip them to speak directly to the person's heart they are ministering to. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." - Acts 1:8

- Transformation Would Happen in each Team Member 2 Corinthians 3:18
- Each Student Would Continue to Embrace Their God Given Purpose Beyond This Mission Ephesians 2:10
- Walk in the **Authority Given to them by Christ** *Matthew* 28:18
- God to be a shield of protection Psalm 84:11
- God's strength for His servants *Psalm 86:16-17*
- Your missionary would resist any temptation from the enemy James 4:7

Lastly, Pray for Joy in Trials. The joy of the Lord is our strength! Pray that the joy of the Lord will sustain your missionary in every trial and setback.

"Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them." – Psalm 126:5-6

#### Day 8 Debriefing/Testimonies with local Church

Begin praying for Articulation

They experienced a lot of things on this trip. Pray for God to bring to help them articulate all the amazing things God did this trip.

My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts, of Your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone" - Psalm 71:15-16

- Their Spiritual Growth would deepen and widen
- Minds enlarged to process all they have experienced, seen, felt, heard, studied while on the trip
- God given purpose Romans 9:17
- Behaviors of old to be changed Romans 12:2
- Focus on the Great things God has done
- Spiritual pride would be broken *Proverbs* 16:18-19
- Fearlessness to boldly take the Gospel back home and continue living the Missionary Lifestyle 2 Timothy 1:7
- Connection would grow into accountability with new Christian friends who have experienced the AWE of God with them

*Lastly*, pray God would give your missionary a stronger **Distaste for the things of the world.** Pray that Jesus is and always will be more than enough in their lives and that the things of this world wouldn't even tempt their satisfaction in Jesus.

"Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil." - Proverbs 4:25-27

## Day 9 Final Day of Ministry & Debriefing

Begin by Praying for Lasting Fruit.

Pray that your missionary will grow in living the lifestyle of a missionary in every area of their life. Ask the Lord to show them how they can boldly share the gospel in their school, campus, work, friendships, and family members.

You did not choose Me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will remain—so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you. – John 15:16

- Desire to be intentional & missional in sharing the Gospel at home.
- Eyes to See Divine Encounters in their school, campus, workplace, friendships, & family relationships.
- Their experience would be a Window to the world for other Christians to be challenged to go.
- Their Spiritual Growth would deepen and widen. .
- Focus on the Great things God has done.
- Fearlessness to boldly take the Gospel back home and continue living the Missionary Lifestyle. 2 Timothy 1:7

Lastly, Pray for their **Return to The Mission Field.** Students have more opportunity than any age group to go and use their time out of school for Gospel Advancement. Pray that God continues to call them to invest their school holiday breaks, summers, vacation and future in the furtherance of the gospel to all nations!

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." Matthew 9:37-38

#### **DAY 10 Travel Home**

Begin by praying for travel mercies as they return home..

"For the LORD will go before you, And the God of Israel will be your rear guard." - Isaiah 52:12

- **Protection** from any travelling issues with the vehicles
- Reminded of God's faithfulness to sustain them throughout the trip

Lastly, pray for Connections to deepen with their team members as they come back changed. You become family on the trip. Pray God would deepen those relationships and strengthen them even as they travel back to Tulsa and wouldn't shut each other out.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another" - Romans 12:10

## As They Return Home

When your missionary returns home, they will experience many different things. They experienced and witnessed God move in mighty ways on their trip. They were part of a united community together for one goal. Ask them to share stories with you. Pray for them, encourage them

- Steadfastness to stay in the course God set before them
- Faithfulness to remain in the AWE FACTORS
- Boldness to share all God has done on their trip
- Come Against Feelings of Loneliness as they transition back into daily life
- **Divine Encounters** and the eyes to see them and to walk with a heartbeat of obedience
- Lasting Fruit John 15:16
- Eyes to See Divine Encounters in their school, campus, workplace, friendships, & family relationships.