

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. Many medical professionals leave practices to go, pray for people to rise up and fill positions why they are gone.
- Boldness to ask people to partner with them and to pray and give
- Creativity in fundraising
- 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

Pray for travel mercies as they fly to their country

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

Ask God to put men of favor in place at the airports, check in, security, and upon arrival in country.

- **Favor** as the team travels, to make all their connections and arrive with all bags. Also Favor with customs as many bags will contain medications for patients.
- **Protection** from any travelling issues with transportation to the airport, planes, weather, or delayed bags with essential medical supplies and medications.
- **Connection** with new team members as they travel.
- **Divine Encounters** with people on the planes and in the airports

DAY 2 Travel

The team will be looking for a boat to take them into the Amazon Jungle. Ask God to give them men of favor with the boats and all their supplies.

- Divine Encounters with people on the in country flights and in taxis and in the boats.
- **Focus** on the mission ahead and not distractions from home.
- Fearlessness from stepping into the unknown, uncomfortable and familiar. To boldly proclaim the Gospel 2 Timothy 1:7

DAY 5 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 6 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 (chiefs of villages) Proverbs 21:1
- Perseverance when it's hard because of the lack of electricity, running water, and medical equipment that they are use to using. James 1
- Filled with Faith Matthew 17:20
- Compassion for patients Matt 9:36
- 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 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 7 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
- Endurance as they hike through the jungle to diverse villages

Lastly, pray for Vulnerability in Discipleship Groups as they bring light to the dark places of their hearts. As they 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 8 Travel.

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 9 Travel

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
- Window to the World Matthew 5:16
- 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 for their Return to The Mission Field.

Students & Medical professionals have unique time and skill opportunities more than any group to go and use their time & resources for Gospel Advancement. Pray that God continues to call them to invest their 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

- 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 10 Travel

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

- **Favor** as the team travels, to make all their connections and arrive with all bags.
- **Protection** from any travelling issues with transportation to the airport, planes, weather, vans, trailers, etc.
- **Reminded** of God's faithfulness to sustain them throughout the trip
- **Divine Encounters** in boats, taxies, airplanes and airports

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 the USA 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.