

# 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
- 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 Awe Star University**

Your missionary will begin early and spend the day traveling to training at Awe Star University.

- **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 countless hours on this day learning skills to help them engage with internationals of many different cultural backgrounds.

- Attentiveness to leadership as they teach and train ministry skills.
- 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 Training/Commissioning**

Your missionary will spend more long hours in training and sitting under the many teachings we have to help equip our teams to effectively do Jesus ministry.

- **Teachability** to God's Word as they are immersed in it.
- Stamina for the long hours of training and change of atmosphere and culture.
- Focus during learning the drama, memorizing new scriptures, having a quiet time, and discipleship teaching.
- Boldness and confidence as your missionary is commissioned to be sent out

## DAY 4 Ministry/Discipleship/Travel to Oklahoma City

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

- Travel Mercies as the team drives to Oklahoma City to start engaging in ministry
- Ears to Hear and receive teaching that will challenge their comfort, culture, and half-truths.
- **Desire for the Truth** would increase in their heart and that their eyes would be opened to the need for more Truth in their lives.
- **Anointing** *Luke* 4:18
- Boldness Acts 28:31

Lastly, for **An Awareness of God's presence.** As the Peter and John were aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit in Acts 3, ask the Lord to make the team aware of God's work in and around us.

"But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk!"

# **DAY 5 Ministry /Discipleship**

Begin by praying for Insane Fearlessness

Ask God to release an insane fearlessness over your missionary as they obediently embrace the purposes God has laid out for them. "It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed."

— Deuteronomy 31:8

- 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 Proverbs 21:1
- Encouragement for Local Believers Hebrews 10:24-25
- 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

*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*

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 8 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 9 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*

## 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 Ministry /Discipleship.

Begin by Praying for a Deeper Understanding for the Word

Your missionary will be in the Word every day, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the Truth through the Word and to give them a deeper understanding for what the scriptures are saying.

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." - John 16:13

- Your missionary would resist any temptation from the enemy James 4:7
- Strength and Stamina Ephesians 6:10
- Spiritual pride would be broken Proverbs 16:18-19
- Call out Spiritual Gifts 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

# Lastly, pray for a Thirst and Hunger for the things of God.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. The more time your missionary spends in the presence of God, the more the things of this world fade away. Pray for God to fuel that thirst and hunger in them.

"Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands" - Psalm 63:3-4

#### DAY 11 Ministry/Discipleship

Begin by Praying for Endless Endurance

Ask for your missionary to seek strength from the Power of the Holy Spirit and that God would renew their strength to not grow weary.

"to live in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to be fully pleasing, in every good work bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with every power, in accord with his glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." — Colossians 1:10-12

- Focus Colossians 3:2
- Behaviors of old to be changed Romans 12:2
- Maintain a missional mindset 1 Peter 1:13
- **Divine Encounters** *Luke 10:30-35*

Lastly, pray that God would **Abolish and Idols** in the life of your missionary. As they have served selflessly and learned about servanthood, ask the Holy Spirit to expose any idols that would hinder your missionary from stepping fully into their calling.

"You shall not make idols for yourselves or erect an image or pillar, and you shall not set up a figured stone in your land to bow down to it, for I am the LORD your God" – Leviticus 26:1

#### **DAY 12 Ministry/Discipleship**

# Begin by Praying for Tangible Transformation

Your missionary has experienced many things so far. Ask the Holy Spirit to allow these experiences to take root deep in their heart to leave a tangible transformation on their life.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." – Romans 12:2

- Renewed awakening for the 5 AWE Factors (Word, Prayer, Fellowship, Worship, Holy Spirit) Acts 2:42-47
- Lasting Fruit John 15:16
- Glory of God to be shown 1 Corinthians 10:31-33
- Eyes to See Divine Encounters in their school, campus, workplace, friendships, & family relationships.
- Team unity and to encourage one another as they drive back to Tulsa for debrief the next day Colossians 2:2-3

Lastly, pray that their experience would be a Window to the World for other Christians to be challenged to Go.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

#### Day 13 Debriefing

## Begin praying for Words to be Given

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
- **Rest** from a summer of intense ministry.
- **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
- 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 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

#### Post Trip

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