

# 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 training and traveling to Enid, OK.

- **Rest f**rom 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
- 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
- Teachability to God's Word as they are immersed in it.

## DAY 2 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 3 Ministry /Discipleship

#### Begin by praying for Protection and Safety.

Pray for your missionary's 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 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 4 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

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- 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 5 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 6 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 7 Ministry /Discipleship.

## Begin by praying for a Deeper Understanding for the Word

Your missionary will be in the Word everyday. 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
- Team unity and to encourage one another Colossians 2:2-3
- Glory of God to be shown 1 Corinthians 10:31-33
- Strength and stamina *Ephesians* 6:10
- Spiritual pride would be broken *Proverbs* 16:18-19
- Call out spiritual gifts 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
- Behaviors of old to be changed *Romans* 12:2

## 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 8 Free Day

#### Begin by praying for **Rest**

Even as the team has a day of rest, pray that God would refresh them, encourage them, and renew their strength.

- "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28
- Focus Colossians 3:2
- Maintain a missional mindset 1 Peter 1:13
- **Divine encounters** *Luke* 10:30-35
- Lasting fruit John 15:16
- Eyes to see divine encounters in their school, campus, workplace, friendships, & family relationships.

## 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

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- To be a vessel of God's love Romans 5:5
- **To be Salt and Light to the World** *Matthew* 5:13-14
- Filled with the Holy Spirit Ephesians 5:18-19

*Lastly, pray for a* **Plentiful Harvest.** The word will not fall void, as your missionary fulfills the good works God has prepared for them, pray the harvest would be plentiful.

"We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" - Colossians 1:9-10

#### DAY 10 Ministry /Discipleship.

## Begin by praying for Transparency

Pray for God to help your missionary to be transparent with their team. To live authentically calling to light undealt with sins, to talk about the things God is teaching them, and to live without condemnation, for there is no condemnation in Christ.

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." - Romans 8:1-2

- Behaviors of old to be changed *Romans* 12:2
- Spiritual pride would be broken Proverbs 16:18-19
- God given purpose *Romans* 9:17
- Love for one another *John 13:34*

*Lastly, pray for the team to* **Walk in a Spirit of Humility.** Pray for a spirit of vulnerability and humility among the team, from the leadership to each of the students. That as they walk in transparency and humility, God would change their hearts to reflect more of Him.

"Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." - 1 Peter 5:5

# DAY 11 Ministry /Discipleship.

# Begin by Praying for a Spirit of Thankfulness

As your missionary experiences God move daily, they can sometimes take for granted all that God is doing. Pray for God to remind them of His faithfulness of getting them to where they are today. That your missionary would have a heart of thanksgiving and gratitude as they walk throughout their day today.

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." - Psalm 100:4-5

- Call out Spiritual Gifts 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
- Christ like Compassion Matthew 15:32
- Salvation (your missionary to lead someone to Jesus) Revelation 3:20

*Lastly, pray for the* **Holy Spirit to help them articulate.** Pray for the Holy Spirit to help your missionary put their story into words. Ask God to help them capture the essence of the experience and to articulate how God worked in each situation.

It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me. - Daniel 4:2

# DAY 12 Ministry /Discipleship.

# Begin by praying for the Team's Leadership

The trip is nearing the end and everyone is tired. Pray for the team's leaders to have continued patience and wisdom on how to handle all situations. Ask God to renew their strength for the last few days.

"But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." - Isaiah 40:31

- Renewed awakening for the 4 AWE Factors (Word, Prayer, Fellowship, Worship) Acts 2:42-47
- Expansion of the church Acts 2:46-47
- Increased faith to trust God with the hidden things in their hearts *Proverbs 3:5*
- Encouragement for local believers *Hebrews* 10:24-25

Lastly, pray your missionary would be **Filled with Renewed Boldness** to share the Gospel even when they are tired. "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." - James 1:2-3

# DAY 13 Ministry /Discipleship.

# Begin praying for Anointed Speech

They experienced a lot of things on this trip. Pray for God to help them articulate all the amazing things God did on 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
- Focus on the great things God has done.

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* 

# Day 14 Final Day of Ministry & Debriefing & Travel Home

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. .
- Rest from a long week of intense ministry.
- 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

## 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