

## PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES FROM A TO Z

Missionaries often say the most powerful way to assist them is to pray. As believers pray, the Holy Spirit comforts and encourages, while providing vision and direction for the journey ahead. We hope these thoughts will point you to the Scriptures and give you spiritual insight in lifting up our missionaries and their families throughout the year.

### **A**NOINTING

*You know about Jesus of Nazareth and how God poured out on him the Holy Spirit and power. He went everywhere, doing good and healing all who were under the power of the Devil, for God was with him. (Acts 10:38, GNB)*

Pray that God will set our missionaries apart through the anointing of the Holy Spirit, empowering them to minister to those held captive by sin.

### **B**OLDNESS

*Which he used when he raised Christ from death and seated him at his right side in the heavenly world. (Philippians 1:20, GNB)*

Ask God to give missionaries boldness to honor Christ even in dangerous situations.

### **C**OMPASSION

*When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw this large crowd, and his heart was filled with pity for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things. (Mark 6:34, GNB)*

Pray that our missionaries will be filled with the compassion of Jesus so they can teach about the Savior who offers grace, peace and direction in a chaotic world.

### **D**ISCERNMENT

*Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect. (Romans 12:2, GNB)*

Ask God to help missionaries discern His will for their lives and ministries.

## **ENDURANCE**

*For you know that when your faith succeeds in facing such trials, the result is the ability to endure. Make sure that your endurance carries you all the way without failing, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (James 1:3-4, GNB)*

Pray that, even though they are tested, our missionaries will endure through trials having complete faith in Christ.

## **FAITH**

*I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me. (Philippians 4:13, GNB)*

Ask God to strengthen the missionaries' faith. Pray that they will have complete trust in Jesus to accomplish the work He has called them to do.

## **GRACE**

*Through him God gave me the privilege of being an apostle for the sake of Christ, in order to lead people of all nations to believe and obey. (Romans 1:5, GNB)*

Pray that God will continually extend His grace to the missionaries, giving them the knowledge and power to reach the world for Christ.

## **HUMILITY**

*Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3, GNB)*

Pray that they would serve in the same spirit of humility Jesus demonstrated, considering the needs of others as more important than their own.

## **INSIGHT**

*I do this in order that they may be filled with courage and may be drawn together in love, and so have the full wealth of assurance which true understanding brings. (Colossians 2:2, GNB)*

Ask God to give missionaries a clear view into hearts and lives of the people they minister to, so they will have a greater ability to exhibit God's love.

## **JOY**

*For God's Kingdom is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of the righteousness, peace, and joy which the Holy Spirit gives. (Romans 14:17, GNB)*

Pray that the missionaries will be filled with awe-inspiring joy that can only come through the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **KNOWLEDGE**

*And ask the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, to give you the Spirit, who will make you wise and reveal God to you, so that you will know him. (Ephesians 1:17, GNB)*

Pray that as our missionaries continually seek greater knowledge of God, He will reveal Himself to them in a personal and intimate way.

## **LOVE**

*I may have all the faith needed to move mountains,--but if I have no love, I am nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:2b, GNB)*

Ask God to remind the missionaries that great faith without great love can do nothing.

## **MIRACLES**

*The disciples went and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and proved that their preaching was true by the miracles that were performed. (Mark 16:20, GNB)*

Pray that the missionaries' ministries will be characterized by miracles both in their lives and in the lives of those they serve.

## **NEEDS**

*And with all his abundant wealth through Christ Jesus, my God will supply all your needs. (Philippians 4:19, GNB)*

Pray that God would supply all of our missionaries' spiritual, physical and financial needs.

## **OPTIMISM**

*May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13, GNB)*

Ask God to give missionaries a spirit of optimism and that the Holy Spirit will fill them with joy and peace.

## **PATIENCE**

*To preach the message, to insist upon proclaiming it (whether the time is right or not), to convince, reproach, and encourage, as you teach with all patience. (2 Timothy 4:2, GNB)*

Pray that the missionaries will be patient with those they are teaching, even when it seems like no progress is being made.

## **QUALITY TIME**

*But if any do not take care of their relatives, especially the members of their own family, they have denied the faith and are worse than an unbeliever. (1 Timothy 5:8, GNB)*

Pray that our missionaries will reserve quality time away from their ministries to spend with their families.

## **RESTORATION**

*But after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who calls you to share his eternal glory in union with Christ, will himself perfect you and give you firmness, strength, and a sure foundation. (1 Peter 5:10, GNB)*

Pray to restore and strengthen missionaries and their families through God's grace.

## **SACRIFICE**

*The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. (John 15:13, GNB)*

Thank God for missionaries who are willing to sacrifice the material comforts of life to bring people to the Savior.

## **TIMING**

*God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10, GNB)*

Pray that our missionaries will always rely on God's timing, trusting Him to open the doors for them to walk through.

## **URENGENCY**

*My friends, how I wish with all my heart that my own people might be saved! How I pray to God for them! (Romans 10:1, GNB)*

Pray that our missionaries would have an urgent desire to share Christ.

## **VISION**

*The soldiers took Jesus inside to the courtyard of the governor's palace and called together the rest of the company. (Mark 15:16, GNB)*

Ask God to put His vision into the hearts of the missionaries, so they can accomplish His plans.

## **WILLINGNESS**

*Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion. (Romans 12:11, GNB)*

Ask God to give our missionaries a spirit of willingness to diligently plan and carry out His vision.

## **EXCELLENCE**

*Now, the important thing is that your way of life should be as the gospel of Christ requires, so that, whether or not I am able to go and see you, I will hear that you are standing firm with one common purpose and that with only one desire you are fighting together for the faith of the gospel. (Philippians 1:27, GNB)*

Pray that our missionaries will strive for excellence in serving Christ, presenting their lives as an example of light in a dark world.

## **YIELDNESS**

*He went a little farther on, threw himself face downward on the ground, and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me! Yet not what I want, but what you want." (Matthew 26:39, GNB)*

Pray that the missionaries would yield themselves completely to the will of God.

## **ZEAL**

*I know that you are willing to help, and I have boasted of you to the people in Macedonia. "The believers in Achaia," I said, "have been ready to help since last year." Your eagerness has stirred up most of them. (2 Corinthians 9:2, GNB)*

Excitement is contagious! Pray that their zeal would stir up other Christians to share their faith.

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