

ADVANCING NATIVE MISSIONS PRESENTS...

31 WAYS TO PRAY

FOR A NATIVE MISSIONARY

An appeal for prayer is the main request we receive from native missionaries. Because they know that prayer is powerful, they ask if we, their brothers and sisters, would stand with them in petitioning our heavenly Father for the needs of the nations. To help you partner in this important ministry, we would like to provide you with this simple prayer guide. Please use these daily prompts as you intercede for those who are faithfully serving worldwide.

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Wisdom from Above

Solomon knew the only way he could lead the people of Israel was if he was rich in wisdom. Likewise, this same trait is vital to a native missionary's survival and impact among the nations. Pray they will have the wisdom of God in order to reach the people among whom they minister.

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.
~ James 3:17

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The Joy of the Lord

Pray that God will fill native missionaries with an increasing measure of His joy. Ask the Lord to put smiles on the faces of His servants that would touch the hearts of the nations even as His joy sustains them through the darkest of times.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy. ~ Romans 15:13

3

Never Turn Away

Pray that native missionaries would have the strength to face persecution boldly, knowing their endurance is leading them toward everlasting victory. Ask God to sustain them through all things and enable them to stand - no matter the cost.

Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. ~ Hebrews 13:3

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Freedom from Fear

Pray that God would grant peace to native missionaries even as they trust in His goodness and grace to lead them through hardships. Ask the Lord to deliver them from fear when things are going wrong or dangers are intense. May He rescue them into the glory of His presence.

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. ~ John 16:33

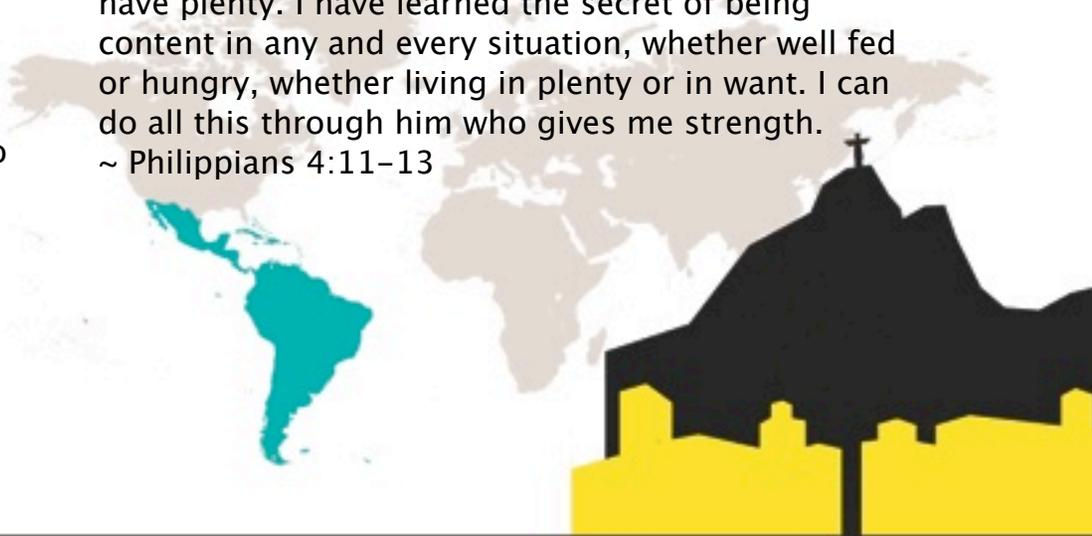
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The Secret of Contentment

Because missionaries give all they have in serving other people, they sometimes have little left for themselves or their families. Pray God would meet their needs and keep them from getting distracted by the things of this world as they learn to be satisfied with what they have.

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

~ Philippians 4:11-13



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Bold and Unashamed

Pray God would give His native missionaries courage to speak Truth even when they would normally be afraid to do so. Ask for God's empowerment for them as they stand unashamed for the Gospel of Christ and boldly declare His message to the nations. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. ~Ephesians 6:19-20

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Upheld by His Presence

Pray that native missionaries would feel God's presence with them at all times. May they know without a doubt that He is beside them, upholding them with His victorious hand. You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. ~ Psalm 16:11

8

Unconditional Love

Christ calls us to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors, and many native missionaries are tested to do just that. Pray God would help them to surrender and love those who are seemingly "unlovable" as He gives them the power to do so. But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ~ Luke 6:27-28

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Humble Servants

Pray native missionaries would keep a humble spirit before the Lord and never think the work God has done through them is something they have accomplished on their own. Ask God to give them eyes that would never cease to see their ministry as anything other than the Lord's hand at work. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ~ Galatians 2:20

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The Power of the Word

Pray for missionaries to be able to memorize what God has told us through Scripture and treasure it greatly so they might be able to share the Truth from memory. This is especially important for those who do not have access to many Bibles. Pray that they would glean as much as they can and pass it on to another, and another, and another... I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. ~ Psalm 119:11



11

Friends with God

Pray that native missionaries would make time for Jesus every day and that they would continue to grow in their faith even as they teach others who Jesus is. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ~ John 15:15

12

A Family of Faith

The love of a family is one of the greatest blessings God has given to man. Every trial and rejoicing is faced together - every sacrifice is borne by all. Pray that missionary families stand strong and unified under Jesus as they give and grow in love for each other and the people whom they serve. Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands. Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ~ Psalm 112:1-2

13

Generations of Righteousness

As is true for every parent, one of the main concerns of a native missionary is caring for and guiding his children. While it is difficult to raise a child to love Jesus in a culture that teaches them something else altogether, it is especially challenging in countries where Christianity is illegal. Pray that the children of missionaries would grow up clinging to the Truth instead of a lie.

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. ~ Proverbs 22:6

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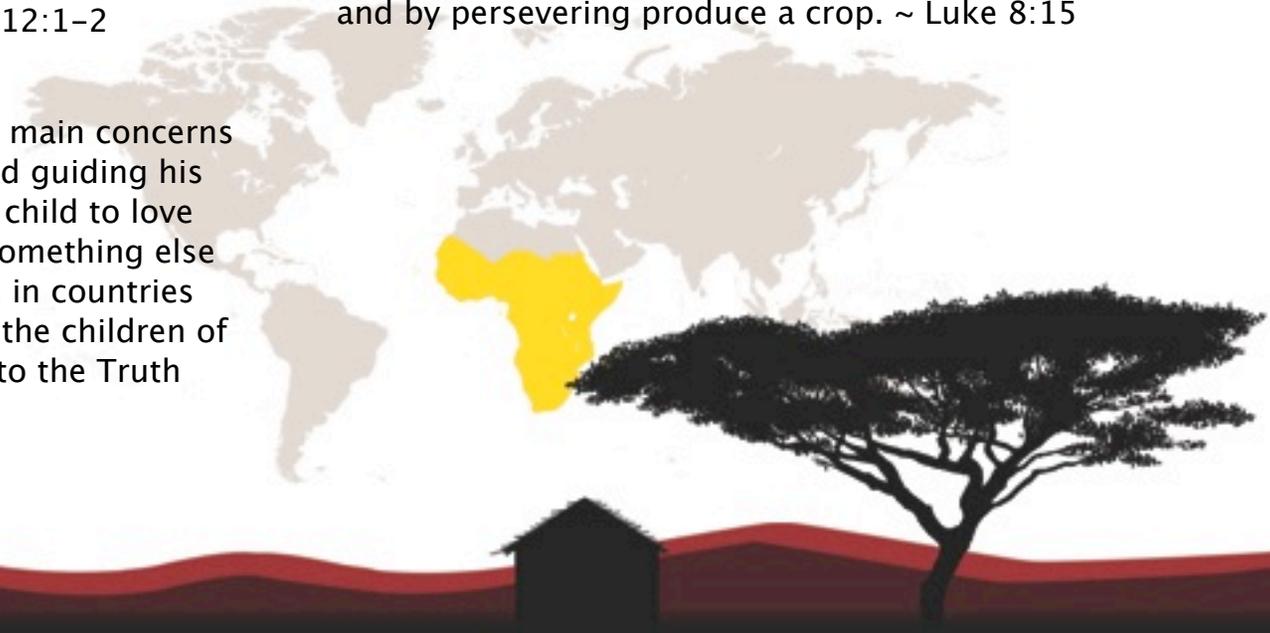
Faithful Friends

Even missionaries can get discouraged. This is why it is important that we pray for them to have good Christian friends who will encourage them in the work they are doing among their people. Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel. ~ Proverbs 27:9

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Open Hearts

Pray for the people who are on the receiving end of the ministry of native missionaries. Ask God to open their hearts and minds to receive the Truth that is being shared with them. But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. ~ Luke 8:15



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More than Spiritual

It's important for us to remember that the life of a native missionary is not just a spiritual battle but a physical one, too. Many missionaries are struggling with health issues in remote areas without access to medical care. Pray that the Great Physician would bring His healing touch to native missionaries and raise up medical teams and hospitals to be made available to them.

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. ~ Isaiah 53:4-5

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Tools of the Trade

Native missionaries have a heart to do great things, but many times they have inadequate resources. Pray God would provide the materials needed to further the Gospel throughout the world, whether it be through Bibles, school supplies or uniforms, blankets, etc. Ask that these items would arrive in great abundance so it would be easier for God's servants to complete the task to which He has called them.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

~ Philippians 4:6-7

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The Money Issue

Often native missionaries are not sure where their next meal will come from. They don't have enough money to care for their own families, let alone feed the nations! Pray God would provide the needed funds, and that missionaries would be good stewards of what they already have. Ask God to grant them peace as they rest in knowing He will provide. For every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. ~ Psalm 50:10

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Still Hungry?

Pray that even more than their physical hunger, missionaries will have a spiritual hunger and continually thirst for God. Ask God to reveal Himself to them in deeper ways and fill them with His love as they seek to know Him more and more.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ~ Matthew 5:6



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There's No Place Like Home

Not all native missionaries have nice homes like we do. They live wherever they can find an affordable place – often in bad conditions. Pray God would provide a warm shelter for the missionaries and their families, and that He would bless them with a safe haven that is full of His love and joy.

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. ~ Psalm 91:1-2

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What to Wear?

This is a question missionaries don't have to ponder for long since many of them don't have more than one outfit to wear. Pray that God would bless these missionaries and their families with adequate clothing.

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes... If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! ~ Luke 12:22-23, 28

22

Safe Travels

Missionaries often have to travel long distances to reach people with the Gospel. This can be very

difficult when all they have to use for transportation is their feet! Pray God would provide whatever vehicle is necessary to be used in these ministries, whether it is a truck, a bicycle, or a 15-passenger van.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns! ~ Isaiah 52:7

23

What about the Children?

As parents, native missionaries desire for their children to have an adequate education, but often they do not have the ability to send them to school. Pray God would open doors and provide the tuition fees needed to grant missionary children the opportunity to receive an education.

And all your children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of your children. ~ Isaiah 54:13



24 **The Word of God**

Pray for native missionaries to prepare God-appointed messages to share with people so their sermons are not merely something of their own doing. Ask God to speak His words through them and turn many hearts to the message of salvation and truth found only in Jesus.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

~ 2 Timothy 3:16-17

25 **One Body**

Pray for unity and a common heart to be among the churches in which native missionaries serve. Ask God to resolve any conflicts in order that the church may function as it was originally intended - as one body of Christ.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ~ 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

26 **Favored and Blessed**

Pray that native missionaries would find favor in the eyes of authority and that there would be no conflict between the ministries and law enforcement officers. Ask God to draw those in positions of authority to

Himself through the saving power of Jesus Christ. May eyes be blinded to what Christians are doing in lands where Christianity is not welcome. Pray missionaries will be granted the freedom to share with rulers within their perspective countries and that all leaders will come to know the true King of kings. The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes. ~ Proverbs 21:1

27 **Safe in His Arms**

Pray God would protect His native missionaries in their travels as He prepares the way before them to minister in His name. Ask God to keep them from persecution and from those who would attempt to harm them in any way.

If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. ~ Psalm 91: 9-12

28 Gifted to Serve

Everyone has spiritual gifts and natural abilities. Pray native missionaries would use the gifts God has granted them to their fullest extent so they might minister effectively.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ~ 1 Peter 4:10

29 As a Witness to the Nations

Ask God to help native missionaries lead disciplined, godly lives that would be an example to those who observe them. Pray that they would abound in the fruits of the Spirit and become the likeness of God to the nations.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

~ Galatians 5:22-25

30 Renewed Vision

Pray native missionaries would not lose sight of the goal toward which they are working. Ask God to renew their vision every morning and encourage them with His presence daily. May they be open to any changes God might desire to make as they release the vision firmly into His care.

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

~ Ephesians 1:15-19

31 Anointed

Pray the anointing power of the Holy Spirit would come upon these ministers of the Gospel and they would be able to speak with words that are not their own. May they feel the power of God moving in their lives as they continue to reach the nations with His love.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. ~ Acts 1:8

