Praying for Missionaries From A to Z





A is for Anointing - Pray that God will anoint our missionaries, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to do the work He has called them to do.

Luke 4:18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

B is for Balance - Pray that each missionary will live with balance in his/her life. The ministry can be unending. There is always one more person you could meet with, another Bible study to lead, or another need to be met.

Ephesians 5:15-16: Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

C is for Children - Pray for the missionary children. Pray for their salvation and growth in Christ. Pray that they will feel called by God to be part of the ministry.

Matthew 22:37-39: And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

D is for Discernment - So many decisions need to be made and discernment is required. Listening to God's voice and knowing what he wants us to do each day is vital for effectiveness. **Romans 12:2:** 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.

E is for Encouragement - Pray that the missionaries will be encouraged. If it is a time of little fruit, it can be discouraging. The missionary might even wonder if it is worth being there. Pray that they will be encouraged to continue in the work that God has called them to do.

Psalm 29:11: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

F is for Finances - Many missionaries are faith-based, meaning that they rely on giving from churches and individuals. Pray that they will have faith to trust God for finances. Pray for God to meet all of their needs.

Philippians 4:19: And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

G is for Grace - Missionaries need grace. They need to understand anew the grace that God gives them. They need to know the depth of grace that God gives them. They need to be able to give grace to those around them.

Hebrews 4:16: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

H is for Health - Pray for the health of the missionaries. Depending on where they are living and serving there are many different challenges to their health: malaria, food poisoning, air quality, and other things that are not the same as at home. Pray they stay healthy.

3 John 1:2: Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.

I is for Intercultural Living - Missionaries live with people from various countries and cultures. Pray that missionaries will understand the culture and be a clear example of the Gospel among the people.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23: I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

J is for Joy - It is easy to lose joy in what you are doing. The days get long, the burdens are heavy, and joy slips away. Pray that each day will be filled with supernatural joy. Romans 15:13: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in

believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

K is for Knowledge - Pray that the missionary will have knowledge from the Lord to carry out His plan.

Psalm 119:66: Teach me good judgement and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.

L is for Language - Learning the language and culture is a long process which takes years. Pray that the missionary will continue to learn and be able to understand and speak in the heart language.

Matthew 28:19-20: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

M is for Miracles - God is still in the Miracle business. Pray for the ministry to be characterized by miracles in the missionaries lives and among those they serve.

Jeremiah 32:27: Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?

N is for Needs - Pray that God will supply all of the missionaries' spiritual, physical, and financial needs. *Philippians 4:19:* And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

O is for Opportunities - Pray that the people they encounter will be open to the gospel. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel. Pray the missionary will be ready and take advantage of the opportunities.

2 Timothy 4:2: Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season.

P is for Protection - Missionaries serve on the front lines of spiritual battles. Pray for God to provide supernatural protection for their families.

2 Thessalonians 3:3: But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.

Q is for **Quiet Time** - Pray that their quiet time will be a time of refreshing and renewal. Pray that they will be disciplined in their time with the Lord.

Psalm 1:1-2: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

R is for Rest - It is easy to be busy and hard to rest. Pray that there will be times of rest so that they can be refreshed for service.

Mark 6:31: And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

S is for Strength - Pray that the missionary will have renewed strength. (Isaiah 40:31) You can easily grow weary with daily tasks. God promises to give strength, so pray for strength. **Psalm 73:26:** My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

T is for Temptations - Pray that the missionary will not give in to temptation. Pray for strength to stand firm.

1 Cointhians 10:13: No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

U is for Urgency - Pray that our missionaries would have an urgent desire to share Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:2: For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

V is for Visa - Visas can be difficult depending on the country. Pray God will provide whatever is needed to remain on the mission field.

Philippians 4:6: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

W is for Warfare - Spiritual Warfare. We have an enemy and he seeks to stop or discourage the spread of the Gospel. Pray for victory in this area.

Ephesians 6:12-13: For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

X is for Excellence - Pray for missionaries to strive for excellence in serving and representing Christ. **Colossians 3:23:** Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

Y is for Yielding to the Lord - Pray that missionaries will yield themselves completely to the will of God.

Galatians 5:16: But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Z is for Zeal - Pray for personal zeal for God and zeal for His calling. Excitement is contagious. **Romans 12:10-11:** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

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