

HOW TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

One of the most effective strategies Satan uses to hinder missionaries is to attack their health and force them to return home.

Recognize that it is not God's will for the mission field to be robbed of its workers through infirmity

- Psalm 103:3. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
- Psalm 107:20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.
- Isaiah 53:5 5. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Recognize that it is God's will for his Children to have health & Strength to carry out His work

- Jer 33:6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.
- John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
- 3 John 2 . Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

1. Plead the protection of Jesus' blood over the body of the missionary.

- Hostile climate, language barriers, strange customs, oppression of the enemy and difficult circumstances can take their toll on the Missionary.

2. Plead that the protection of Jesus' blood over the mind of the missionary,

- Pray that the missionary may know God's rest and peace

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Heb. 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

3. Pray that the missionary refuse to accept any accusation from Satan against a fellow believer.

- Satan may defeat a missionary through placing suspicions in the minds of other missionaries concerning him or her.

4. Pray for protection of the missionaries spirit

- Demonic activity can hinder the progress made by a missionary and lead to discouragement.

5. Pray for God's discernment and power to be given to break through the powers of darkness

- Deut. 31:6 ; Josh. 1-6; Ps. 27:14;

6. Pray that the missionary resist Satan, take authority over him and refuse to accept his lies and accusations

- Luke 9
- James 4:7
- I Pet 5:8-9.

7. Pray for the missionary's Safety

- Missionaries usually travel extensively in their work. Pray for their safety as they travel.
- In many parts of the world, terrorism is common.
- Forces that seek to stop the preaching of the gospel are many.

8. Pray for the safety of each individual member of the missionary's family (Ps. 91:11).

9. Pray for the love of God to fill the heart of the missionary.

- Missionaries live in abnormal, difficult and often dangerous situations, and the natural love of the human heart will fail many times. Without the love of Christ filling the heart, adversity can induce hardness of the heart, impatience, sharpness of speech, anger and prejudice (Romans 5:5).

10. Pray for God's love to fill the missionary's heart with love for his or her fellow workers (John 4:7-8; 1 Peter 4:8)

11. Pray for God's love to fill the missionary's heart toward the people he or she is reaching (Matt. 5:43-44).

12. Pray for the anointing of to rest on the missionary.

- How easy it is to labor in the arm of the flesh, depending on one's own strength, wisdom and ability, but how futile. Satan only mocks us for he recognizes no power, but the power of God.

13. Pray the missionary will continually be filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:18; Acts 1:8; 4:31,33)

14. Pray for revival.

- More is accomplished in a few weeks through revival than is accomplished in years of ordinary labor.
- God has promised to pour out His Spirit in these last days on all flesh. This means on all flesh who seek Him (Joel 2:28-29).

15. Pray for the establishment of the national church.

- In these uncertain days, the missionary may be driven out of a country at any time. But if the national church is established, the work will go on.

16. Pray that disciples will be in every national church. Disciple making is the key to world

evangelization (Matt.:18-20).

17. Pray for Bible schools and teachers.

18. Pray for national pastors their families.

19. Pray for more laborers. All occupied fields are short of labor and more missionaries are needed to enter new fields (Matt. 9:38).

20. Pray specifically. Be informed as to specific prayer targets mission field through the missionaries news letter or personal contact

21. Pray consistently.

- Be steadfast in praying for real and defined needs (1Thess. 5:17).

22. Pray believing.

- Jesus said, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them" (Mark 11:24).

23. Pray in the Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit is One called alongside to help' (Rom. 8:26-27).

24. Pray using Scripture when you are praying for your missionary, use Scriptures like Eph. 1:15-19.

25. Pray with fasting

- It works. Fasting added to prayer will break any stronghold of Satan (Mark 9:29)

26. Exercise your authority over Satan

26. Thank and praise God for the answers. Give God the praise due Him for answered prayer.

- As you pray, praise Him for the answers before they are manifested.
- *Prayer is mighty, but prayer with praise is mightier!*
- Around the world missionaries are experiencing God's visitation.
- Their victories will continue as you pray, and soon we shall rejoice together with Christ for all eternity'

This information was obtained from an article I had in my files, written by David Wang, International Director of Asian Outreach International Ltd., Hong Kong. He mentioned in his article that this information is compiled from 'Asian Report,' May/June 1993. I lost the original article and have only the notes as listed above. I trust it will be a powerful force in your praying for all missionaries. Pastor Steve Newton. Crownridge Church Ministries