



## Calvary Ministries (CAPRO)

### Guide to praying for your missionaries



In Matthew 9: 37, the Lord Jesus took a quick look at the "State of the harvest" and what He had to say was quite instructive. Though He could have commented on the need for materials, money and men, He did not. Instead, He charged His disciples to pray! pray! and pray! We cannot pray too much for the course of missions. But then, we sometimes get lost in the course of praying. How do we pray beyond "dear Lord bless Bro. ABC in XYZ field?" This write-up has been written to take extra dimension in your personal intercession for missionaries.

Below is schedule list of items missionaries will often like you to be praying for, either they succeed in communicating same to you or not.

#### **MONDAY**

##### **Anointing for service:**

Missionaries desire and oftentimes secretly cry to God for a release or a renewal of God's anointing in their service and work. You can join them in praying till you see this happen.

##### **Missionary relationship:**

The whole mission enterprise is a network of relationships. In fact, sore relationships have caused more setbacks to the mission enterprise than any other factor.

Your missionary needs wisdom, grace and love to handle relationships with spouse, children, co-workers, nationals, converts, neighbours, etc. Please pray seriously on this.

#### **TUESDAY**

##### **Missionary and national (Hosting) government/communities:**

Oftentimes it's a cat and of game between missionaries and national or local governments. The government feigns love and acceptance but are all too willing to send the missionaries parking at the least excuse. Thank God for some governments that show acceptance. Some however are very opposed to the gospel, pray for opening. Pray also for regular 'work permit' renewal.

##### **Missionary's spiritual vibrancy:**

Does the missionary get tired? Oh yes, just like the rest of us the missionary often gets burnt out, tired or simply goes lazy! Pray for your missionary to be spiritually vibrant in evangelism, personal Bible study and so on.

#### **WEDNESDAY**

##### **Missionary ministry:**

"The dark places of the earth are habitations of devils" is a thought profoundly true of most missions fields. The missionary needs strong prayer back up to sustain him in battle and to push him across to victory.

Pray for visions, divine guidance, clarity of mind, wisdom, communicative ability, fruitfulness and abiding results. Pray against strongholds and territorial spirits that often withstand the missionary and his work.

**Missionary family:**

Marriage life is not more serious and relevant than on the missions field. The ministry of the missionary can be severely handicapped or pre-maturely terminated simply by the action or in-action of his immediate family. Some have had their ministries terminated because of failings at the hoe front.

Pray for sound relationship between husband and wife.

Pray for the health and well being of your missionary.

Pray for missionary children, that they will grow in the fear of the Lord, come to faith and be exemplary.

Pray that missionaries will have wisdom to balance family and ministry responsibilities.

Pray against moral failure in missionaries' lives.

Pray that the missionaries' wives shall find relevance and fulfillment in the work

Pray that the missionaries' children, often growing in strange places and among strange people will receive the Holy Spirit's help to be balanced in their hearts and minds.

**THURSDAY****Missionary needs:**

More often than not, missionaries have catalogue of needs. Many are hesitant to share outrightly. Pray for financial needs, medical needs, psychological and intellectual needs.

Pray that God will minister to them in diverse ways, that God would use you or raise men to find out and meet specific missionary needs.

**Missionary work advance:**

Most missionaries are pioneers in one sense or the other. Most pioneer work are like building bridges where none existed as well as building foundation for the future. This line of work is usually not easy. Added to the difficulty is the impatience of the supporters back home who almost want to see immediate results though the missionary is still grappling with the immediate challenges of cultural adjustments, language learning, friendship and social relevance before acceptability. Pray for grace, wisdom and divine leading.

Pray that God will raise men of goodwill to help advance the work of the missionary. Pray for breakthrough. Pray for divine encouragement where none is coming from home and supporters.

**FRIDAY****missionary manpower:**

Pray for more labourers of the right kind to be released to the missions field. Often times, manpower is either unavailable or the wrong kind get sent and go to cause serious setback to the work.

**Missionary extended family:**

Missionaries are people like us. In fact we sent them there. They went on our behalf and we should keep them there by all means.

Missionaries also at times feel for their loved ones and aged parents, brothers, sisters and others left behind back at home. The temptation to break camp and "go and see" is often very strong. Pray for peace and well-being of missionaries' families. Pray for a spirit of sacrifice.

**SATURDAY****Missionary strategy:**

there is no "one key open all doors" in missions. Different missions fields and nations are unique and dynamic. Some times missionaries just keep trying one thing after another. Pray for God's wisdom, leading and revelation in strategy development.

Pray for vision, desire and understanding.  
Pray for effectiveness of missions strategy.

**Mission field challenge:**

Pray for missionaries and local field challenges. Many of these can never be known by people back at home; poverty, illiteracy, HIV/AIDS, voodooism, difficult languages, opposition from religious leaders etc.

**SUNDAY**

Praise and thanksgiving for new grounds, for unction and wisdom, for answered prayers.

**Challenge:**

The next missionary may be you! Why not? How would you like to be prayed for? Pray like that for your adopted missionary and keep in correspondence with him/her to get fresh prayer information.

And thanks for praying!

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