

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

(Col. 4:3-6; 1 Thess. 3:10; 5:25; 2 Thess. 3:1-2; Eph. 6:18-20; Phil. 1:19-20)

- I. For Those Involved in Cross-CULTURAL Missions
 - A. Pray for perseverance in STUDY and PRACTICE in speaking their new LANGUAGE to achieve skill and fluency
 - B. Pray for an attitude of FLEXIBILITY and adaptability to be able to minister effectively in a new CULTURE
 - C. Pray for FAITH and PATIENCE in dealing with frustrations
 - 1. DELAYS
 - 2. Seeking SUPPORT
 - 3. Dealing with TRAVEL issues (visas, passports, officials, terrain, weather, etc.)
 - D. Pray that they will be able to communicate their calling as AMBASSADOR for CHRIST and avoid being associated with “American” WEALTH, POLITICS, and POWER

- II. For Both FOREIGN and NATIONAL Missionaries
 - A. Pray that they will remember that it is GOD’S WORK, not THEIRS, so they might avoid becoming DISCOURAGED
 - 1. Meager result from WITNESSING
 - 2. Little PROGRESS in churches
 - 3. Slow GROWTH in converts
 - 4. Uncertainty about GENUINENESS of conversions

 - B. Pray that they will be able to establish and work a PLAN for ministry to help prioritize TIME use

- C. Pray that they will find ways to use their individual TALENTS and SKILLS in working with NATIONALS and other MISIONARIES

- D. Pray for the faithful GIVING of God's people to provide the necessary FUNDS
 - 1. Inflated COSTS of LIVING and MINISTRY
 - 2. EDUCATION of their CHILDREN (through COLLEGE)
 - 3. EMERGENCIES
 - 4. TRAVEL
 - 5. RETIREMENT

- E. Pray that they will be able to maintain BALANCE in their Christian LIFE
 - 1. Demands of the MINISTRY
 - 2. EDUCATION of their CHILDREN
 - 3. TIME with FAMILY
 - 4. PROVISION for NEEDS

- F. Pray that they will be able to find time ALONE with GOD
 - 1. To REFRESH when spiritually EXHAUSTED
 - 2. To ENABLE a life of exemplary CONDUCT
 - 3. To INSPIRE for continued MINISTRY

- G. Pray that they will be able to maintain INTEGRITY in their ministry
 - 1. Avoid MORAL and ETHICAL compromise
 - 2. Maintain Biblical ACCURACY in their TEACHING
 - 3. Make proper APPLICATION of God's Word in their CULTURAL context