

The Power of Prayer in Missions

In Colossians 4:2-4, Paul asks God's People to Pray for the Following in the Work of Missions:

Pray for...

1. The Right Circumstances ("...*that God will open up to us a door for the word*")
2. The Right Centrality ("...*to speak forth the mystery of Christ*")
3. The Right Clarity ("...*that I may make it clear*")
4. The Right Conformity ("...*in the way I ought to speak*")

From For the Sake of His Name by Dave Doran

1. Pray for the Supply of Missionaries (Matt. 9:36-38)
2. Pray for the Success of the Missionary Message (2 Thess. 3:1)
3. Pray for the Safety of the Missionaries (2 Thess. 3:2; Rom. 15:30-31)

From Seven Ways to Pray for Missionaries by John Glass

Brethren, Pray for Us

1. Pray for Prospects (Col. 4:2)
2. Pray for Power (Eph. 6)
3. Pray for Protection (2 Thess. 3:1-2)
4. Pray for Partnerships (Rom. 15)
5. Pray for Provision (Phil. 1:19)
6. Pray for Purity (Heb. 13:18)
7. Pray for Pauses (rest, refreshment) (Rom. 15:30-32)

Pray for CMC Missionaries:

1. ***Dom & Emma Alves*** (Boaz and Ezra) – Pastoring at Pillar Bible Church, Krugersdorp, South Africa
2. ***Ernie & Rose Baker*** – Training Biblical Counselors with Biblical Counseling Ministries Worldwide
3. ***Kevin & Catherine Bell*** (David, Fisher, Nolan) – training men at Shepherd's Training Institute, Cairo, Egypt
4. ***Mark & Charity Borisuk*** (Faith) – Resource Publishing and Training Leaders in China
5. ***Tom & Gina Dickerson*** (Naomi and Titus) – CAPA Seminary, Lilongwe, Malawi
6. ***Daniel & Miriam Liberek*** – Missionary Training and Pastoral Ministry in Huy, Belgium
7. ***Carlos & Lori Montoya*** (Sara, Abi) – Iglesia Bautista Betania and SEPE Seminary, Siguatpeque, Honduras
8. ***Steve & Leslie Schneider*** – Seminary Training and Pastoral Ministry in Santiago, Chile
9. ***Miska & Alison Wilhelmsson*** (Jeremiah, Simeon, Zakarias, Elijah, and Gideon) – Grace Baptist Church, Tampere, Finland
10. ***Edwin & Kimberly Zelaya*** (Lukas, Lia, Levi, Logan) – Iglesia Bautista Betania/SEPE, Siguatpeque, Honduras

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Prayer is the great complement to biblical knowledge, without which there can be little life or power in the missionary, his preaching, or his missionary endeavors. Every triumph of the church in the last two thousand years has been birthed, cultivated, and matured by God leading and empowering His people to pray. If there is one thing that all the great missionaries and preachers of church history have in common, it is their dependence upon God in prayer.

The importance of prayer in the missionary endeavor cannot be exaggerated. Global missions is an impossibility apart from the power of God. The Apostle John tells us that “the whole world lies in the power of the evil one” (1 John 5:19). Therefore, it would be easier to lift Mount Everest and cast it into the sea than to take one inch of Satan’s domain in our own power. Satan laughs at our endless strategies and mocks our clever schemes. But when one man lashes himself to the Word and wears out his knees in prayer, all of hell shudders.

All the Christians, churches, missionary societies, and institutions combined cannot win one soul. All our conferences, campaigns, and desires to give our lives away cannot advance the kingdom. Even if there were no devil, the radical corruption of one sinner’s heart would bring to nothing all our efforts and make us a laughingstock of impotence. The lost world and the lost soul are like Jericho. They are tightly shut up; no one can go out and no one can come in (Joshua 6:1). We can march around the wall until we are utterly worn out. We can lift up our voices and blow our trumpets until we are blue in the face. We can throw ourselves at the wall until our bodies are broken and lying in heaps on the ground. But the wall is not going to fall by any human effort. It requires the power of God. He can make quick work of the wall and destroy in seconds what we could not bring down even if we were granted ten thousand eternities!

Final Thoughts:

- Pray for Missionary Kids (*for salvation, sanctification, and even to carry on the baton*)
- Pray that God would raise up missionaries from within our church – *even from our kids!*
*“Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious,
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way,
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious,
And all thou spendest Jesus will repay.”¹*
- Pray that God would prepare us to suffer and sacrifice.

¹ Thomson, Mary Ann. “O Zion, Haste”. In *Sing the Wonders Hymnal*, Third Ed., no. 332. Text authored 1868; tune “TIDINGS” by James Walch, 1875.