

# Praying Daily for Missionaries



The following are daily suggestions of ways you can pray for missionaries, as well as all workers around the world who minister for Jesus Christ:

**Sunday: Spiritual Life**—A closer walk with God. Missionaries need times of refreshing just as much as everyone else. Those in ministry give on a regular basis. Pray that they will take the time to be filled so that they will not be running on empty or on their own strength.

**Monday: Mind**—The ability to learn what is needed, be it language and culture or a new way of getting things done. Pray that their minds will be open and accepting to the new things that greet them. Louie Bustle, director of Nazarene Global Mission, has said missionaries need to “trust the locals.” It is easier to think that we have all the answers than to admit we need to learn.

**Tuesday: Team**—The people the missionaries work with—for good relationships that will build up the work and honor God. Pray for the local people whose lives are touched by the missionaries, as well as missionary coworkers and leaders.

**Wednesday: Well-being**—No one likes being sick. Illness in another cultural context can be scary and even dangerous. Malaria and other diseases for which the missionaries have not built up immunity can be deadly. Health care can be hard to find. Driving over rough roads, air travel, and other modes of transportation can be fraught with...excitement. Pray for physical safety from illness and for travel safety.

**Thursday: Thoughts**—Pray that the missionaries will not be discouraged. Pray that they will remain focused on the things of God. There are “get-thee-behind-me” moments in everyone’s life. Pray that the missionaries will be able to discern those moments for what they are and be bold in confronting them.

**Friday: Family**—Spouse, sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, mother and father. Some of these people will be Christian, others not. Some will be going through a crisis—physical, spiritual, or emotional—which drains the missionary. Sometimes the stress comes from being in the situation; at other times the stress comes from being half the world away. Pray for peace, contentment, and open communication between the missionary and family members.

**Saturday: Schedule**—As the week comes to a close and missionaries are planning the week ahead, pray that their schedules will be filled with divine appointments. Pray that when schedules are disrupted the missionaries will see the hand of God at work and not be angry, but rather expectant.