

HOW TO PRAY FOR MISSIONS: A PRACTICAL GUIDE

Introduction

This book deals with the question of How to Pray for Missions. I believe that the first and most important key to the expansion of God's Kingdom and the fulfillment of the Great Commission is Prayer. I also believe that God has called all His children to pray, but certain ones are especially called and gifted as Intercessors. The purpose of these chapters is to give practical instruction to those who want to be more effective in Prayer for Missions and the completion of the Great Commission.

Recently I was on a short vacation with my family in Florida. My wife and I, along with my daughter and son-in-law, were staying at a condo near Pensacola. It happened that during that same week, there was a key Missions strategy meeting in Panama, Central America. I was part of the planning committee for this meeting in Panama, and circumstances had led to the fact that both our condo booking and the Panama meeting were the same week. So after being with my family for a few days, I left them on vacation, and flew to Panama for the meeting. Following the successful strategy session in Panama, I returned to Pensacola and drove back home with my wife.

The day before I flew to Panama, I was driving around on my last vacation day, spending time resting and also in prayer. I stopped at a Starbucks to get some coffee and sit and do some reading. I remember as I walked into the coffee shop, I was talking with the Lord and out of my heart I said something like, "Lord, show me what you are doing on the earth". When I got my coffee, I walked outside where there were some tables and sat down with my book. There was an elderly lady sitting by herself a couple tables from me. When I sat down, she spoke to me and made some kind of statement like "God bless you". I started talking with her and found her to be a sweet Christian lady. She asked me to pray for a need in her family and she came over to my table where we spent some time in prayer together. In the process she shared some things with me that were very encouraging to me personally. When she left, I gave thanks to the Lord for sending that lady to minister to me in such a good way. It seemed as though that through her, God was answering my question as to what he was doing on the earth. Let me paraphrase it this way:

"In our world, there are thousands of faithful, spirit filled believers like this woman. They are totally devoted to Christ, and they are full of faith and they love to pray and see God move. The problem is that the majority of these people do not have the information about the status of the Great Commission, the lists of Unreached and Unengaged People Groups, or the names of missionaries and projects that need prayer. They know how to pray, but they don't know specifically how to pray for the Missions Enterprise of the Last Days. They can pray in the Spirit,

but they do not have the understanding of the Real needs of the End Times Missions Work. They need to know How to Pray For Missions in the Last Days!"

With this book, I hope to address this need. If you have been called as an Intercessor, or even if you are not sure about that, but you just want to learn how to pray for Missions more effectively, you are who I have in mind with this book.

Chapter 1:

Prayer is the Key

Before I drill down into the How of Praying for Missions, let me take just one short chapter to deal with the Why. Why should we pray for missions? Why should you care? Why should you read a book on the subject in order to pray more and more effectively for missions? Does it really matter? The answer to these questions is Yes it really matters! And Why does it matter?

Because Prayer is the Key!

I was a pastor of a great church in Western Kentucky for several years before I began to work in full time missions. One of the most blessed things I did, was lead in the dedication prayer for a new baby that a church family had been granted by the Lord. We really emphasized kids and youth at our church.....from a full children's ministry, to a dynamic youth ministry, to a fully accredited Christian School for grades K-12. Our church saw that bringing up children in the Lord's way was a primary responsibility for a local church, as it helped individual families fulfill this calling. But the entry level of that was the Baby Dedication. Really it was a Parent dedication, to raise the child in the Word of God. Each time I participated in this, I would read the following scripture:

Psalm 127. Here is what it says:

1. *"Except the LORD build the house, those who build labor in vain; except the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain."*
2. *"It is vain for you to rise up early, to stay up late, and to eat the bread of hard toil, for He gives sleep to His beloved."*
3. *"Look, children are a gift of the LORD, and the fruit of the womb is a reward."*
4. *"As arrows in the hand of a mighty warrior, so are the children of one's youth."*

5. *"Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; he shall not be ashamed when he speaks with the enemies at the gate."*

(Modern English Version)

Of course in the baby dedication service we emphasized verses 3-5. But the other day this psalm was brought to my mind as I thought about prayer for Missions! It is verse 1 that stands out: *"Except the LORD build the house, those who build labor in vain."* That phrase is even more significant when you realize that this song was written, not by David, but by his son Solomon. Now what was Solomon famous for? Yes I know, a bunch of wives.....but more importantly it was He who had the assignment to build the Temple of God in Jerusalem.

The House it is talking about is the House of God....the Temple of God. Solomon recognized that although his father David had laid up a lot of resources for the building, and Solomon organized the building, and thousands of workers labored to build the building.....in fact it would never be done unless God Himself, the LORD, Yahweh did the work. The LORD worked in, through, with, and even in spite of the workers to bring the project to fruition. It is God's work.

Now in the New Testament, the physical Temple is seen as a metaphor for the real Temple of God. God's people are the Temple. The Church is the Temple of God. Our bodies are the Temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 Peter 2 tells us that we are individual stones in this Spiritual House. In fact what is Missions other than the process of winning souls and making disciples that become a part of this great Temple that God is building. Completion of the Great Commission, which we call Closure, means the finishing of this Great Spiritual Temple, the Body of Christ! Every new disciple is another building block added to the structure. One day Matthew 24:14 will be fulfilled. *"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."* That is the ultimate purpose of Missions, and that is the completion of the Temple!

And the point of this book is this: The Spiritual Temple must be built with great effort. Resources must be gathered. Missionaries and disciple makers must be trained and sent. Human effort must be given. Blood, Sweat, and Tears will be shed! But it will never be fulfilled Unless the LORD actually does the work. That is where Prayer comes in. Prayer is the Key to Linking our Work with the Work that counts, the Work that God does through His Holy Spirit.

Let me be so bold as to say this: Since Prayer is the Key to the LORD building His House, Finishing His Great Commission, then the Prayer Warrior or Intercessor is as much a Missionary as one who goes to another nation and does the work of winning souls and making disciples. Again let me be abundantly clear: INTERCESSORS ARE MISSIONARIES!

Oswald Chambers told us: It is not prayer for the work. Prayer is the Work. You can enter the Mission Force right now, right where you are, without leaving your house IF you become an Intercessor for Missions. You can perform a vital function in bringing the Mission to Closure, IF you will faithfully and accurately Pray! That is the Why. The next chapter will begin the journey of explaining the How. Will you Join the Mission Prayer Force?

Chapter 2:

The Jesus Model

So as we look at How to Pray for Missions, let's start by looking at the model prayer that Jesus gave to us. Otherwise known as the Lord's prayer, we find it in 2 places in the New Testament: Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4. This is not just a prayer to be repeated, it is a model, an outline for prayer given to us by Jesus Himself. He gave it on 2 occasions, once in a sermon (the one on the Mount), and once in answer to the request from his disciples who asked Him to teach them to pray. So clearly, Jesus is telling us that this is key in the issue of How to pray.

I see 5 Requests or Petitions in this prayer, and in my own prayer life, I use these as 5 headings in prayer.

1. Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. This is a place to start. It is both a praise and a petition. In it we are giving God glory for He is God and He alone is worthy. But it is also a request. We are praying that the Name of the True God be Hallowed or Sanctified or Set Apart....in short we are asking that Yahweh God, the Only God, the Triune God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be recognized as the true God by everyone on the earth!!! At this place in my prayer, I repeat the words of the angels in Heaven: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Lord God Almighty, the whole earth is full of Your Glory! (Isaiah 6: 3) Then I proclaim the words of the prophet: Let the earth be filled with the Knowledge of the Glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea! (Habakkuk 2:14)

I pray that all on the earth will know who the True God is and Hallow His Holy Name! I pray that every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Yahweh to the Glory of God the Father!

2. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on the earth as it is in Heaven! This is the primary topic for Missions Praying....it is in this category that I do most of my Missions praying. I pray, Even So Come Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:20) I pray, Let this Gospel of the Kingdom be preached in the all the world as a witness to all peoples! (Matthew 24:14). I pray, Deploy us to Go and make disciples of all peoples, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of

the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all that you have commanded us! (Matthew 28:18-20)
Then under this category, I pray for my missions prayer assignments. I will be talking about Missions prayer assignments in later chapters.

3. Give us our Daily Bread

Here is prayer for our personal and family needs. It can also be a time for prayer for the Resources needed for the Mission.

4. Forgive us as we Forgive others.

Here is a time for repentance and confession. Also for prayer for the spiritual relationships of the missions force.

5. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Here is the spiritual warfare time in prayer. Under this category I pray the topics I learned from Ying Kai.

- a. I put on the Armor of God (Ephesians 6),
- b. I ask God to give me the spiritual gifts that I need for my life and work,
- c. I give God thanks for all things,
- d. I Plead the Blood of Jesus in my life.

In a later chapter, I will deal with what pleading the blood is, and how to do it. But for now, this is my master outline for prayer. It is not a legalistic regimen, that is to say, it is not a ritual that binds me.....I can change the order, add things etc. But the point is that this is a Jesus prayer outline....we know these things are God's will because they are God's word.

So let me encourage you to start now.....use these 5 prayer topics to guide your prayer time in general. Find out where in these areas, the things you are led to pray for would naturally fit. In our next look at How to Pray for Missions, we will look at 7 specific things that Intercessors need to be praying for in these last days, 7 areas that need breakthrough in order to see the finishing of the Great Commission in our lifetime.

Chapter 3:

Hitting the Targets!

What is needed in order to see the finishing of the Great Commission in our lifetimes? I believe that question should literally obsess every believer. The fact that it does not, explains why in nearly 2000 years of church history, it has never been fulfilled in anyones lifetime, in any generation! We must make the main thing the main thing!

Yet we are living in a time unlike any other. I was recently privileged to be in a meeting of missions leaders from several Key Organizations. We were given an amazing briefing on the state of World Evangelization. I am overwhelmed with 2 facts: First, how much God is doing on the earth in our lifetime.....truly miraculous advance of the Gospel. Second, how much is left to be done.....truly monumental amounts of ground to be taken.

2 things are clear to me:

- 1) This can be the Generation that sees Matthew 24:14 fulfilled.
- 2) If it is to be, it will be a miraculous move of God, in response to Prayer!

So What is the Target? What are the things that need prayer in order to see this task finished? Here are 7 areas that I am asking you to begin to pray for on a daily basis. I would like to see every Christian pray for these things as a regular part of their prayer life. As I walk through my prayer list, I pray for these things under the category, *"Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven"*. I mention each area every day, and focus on 1 of them for each day. There are 7 areas, one for each day of the week.

THE 7 AREAS OF MISSIONS ADVANCE

1. Prayer: I pray for Prayer! We need the whole body of Christ to be mobilized to pray for Missions. We need the current intercessors to keep praying, to pray more accurately, and to mobilize others to also pray accurately. Pray for the Prayer Force (The Air Force of the Kingdom) to be swelled into the billions of people crying out to God every day! Until the Prayer Force is Flying, the Ground Force will not be able to complete the mission without needless casualties!
2. Research/Revelation: Pray for the completion of needed Research. We need to know where the Kingdom is already advancing and where it is not. We need to know the Unreached People Groups, and Unreached Places, and Unreached communities and groupings of people. We need to know the Gaps of where the Gospel has not reached. Much is done on this, but still our knowledge is very incomplete. Pray that this be revealed by both Research and Revelation from the Holy Spirit directing and opening eyes and doors to the least reached peoples and places.

3. Mobilization: Pray for the Mobilization of the Whole Body of Christ to this task. Pray for God to call Millions of Missionaries. We need Cross Cultural Missionaries. We need Same Cultural Missionaries. We need Missions Strategists. We need Missions Financiers. We need Missions Disciple Making Movement/Church Planting Movement Catalysts and Practitioners.

4. Training: Pray for the Training of the Body of Christ in all these areas. Training in Prayer. Training in Missions and CPM/DMM. Training in Cross Cultural life. Training in Training! Pray for Training Bases, Training Churches, and Training Relationships through the multiplication of Mentoring Networks!

5. Deployment/Resourcing: Pray for the churches, groups, missions agencies etc. that work to coordinate portions of this work and to deploy the missionaries and workers into the fields and that care for them as the frontline troops carry out the mission. Pray for Billions of Dollars to be made available to this Final Push to Closure.

6. Facilitation of Movements: Pray for New Movements to Result from the first 5 things on this list. Pray that Current Movements spawn New Movements. Pray that the Earth be Filled with Church Planting Movements and Disciple Making Movements that reach every place. Pray that it reaches:

- ❖ To the Last Tribe (TTLT) and To the Last Place (TTLP). I divide the earth into 7 units for prayer personally (North America, Central America/Caribbean/ South America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Southeast Asia/Pacific).

7. Unity and Unified Purpose: Pray for the Whole Body of Christ to work together for the Kingdom, not for just their own little segment of it. Pray for Networks, Churches, Denominations, etc. to work together for the Kingdom and pray especially for networks that are focused on bringing the Church together for Mission.

Finally, let me add that we need intercessors to pray specifically for the Missionary force. We need prayer cover for ourselves and the individual missionaries. So, in the next chapter, I will address the question: How do I pray for a Missionary? The answer has to do with the Blood of Jesus!

Chapter 4: How to Pray for the Missions Force

Exodus 12:22-23 *New International Version (NIV)* **22** "Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning." **23** "*When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the*

doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down."

In the passage of scripture just quoted, we see God's instructions to Moses at the time of the first Passover. They were to slay a lamb for each family and put it on the doorposts of their house. The Angel of Judgement would Pass Over each house with the blood of the lamb on the door. Thus there was salvation and protection by this blood. There was also freedom by this blood. After the judgement, Pharaoh let Israel go. They left Egypt and moved forward to their destiny and mission, ultimately (40 years later) entering the land of Canaan and executing on their mission (Joshua 1:8).

Years ago I read that Ying Kai, the leader of a massive church planting movement in China, made applying the blood of Jesus in prayer a part of his daily prayer for his team. Although many people are confused by the terminology, I grew up in a tradition that made much of "Pleading the Blood of Jesus" in prayer. While understanding that this is not some kind of magic mantra in word form, the concept of Pleading the Blood is a valid thing to do in prayer. In fact, I believe that applying the blood of Jesus in prayer is a powerful way to pray for missionaries and indigenous workers in the missions enterprise.

The concept of this kind of prayer is simply this: everything that we are asking God to do for the missionary is rooted in the person and sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord on the Cross of Calvary. Whether something directly provided in the Atonement, or something that scripture links to the Cross merely by example, all blessings for which we pray are rooted in the work of Jesus in his Ultimate sacrifice on the Cross. So in Applying or Pleading the Blood of Jesus, I am asking that God will do something for the missionary or worker that finds its root or finds an analogy in the Cross of Christ.

Thus, I suggest praying these 7 things for Missionaries. You can pray all 7 each day for the person you are focusing on, or select 1 thing per day each week to focus your prayer on. The purpose is not to tell you how to design your prayer pattern, but rather to point out 7 key needs that missionaries have and that should be a part of our prayers for them.

Here are the 7 Requests. I will list scripture references beside each thing. I suggest that you look up those scriptures and see the linkage between that request and the Cross or shed Blood of Jesus.

Pray for each Missionary and worker to experience:

1. Salvation/Forgiveness-Unbroken Fellowship with God - Romans 5:9; 1 John 1:7,9
2. Provision of needs - 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:8

3. The full work of the Holy Spirit - Galatians 3: 2, 5, 13-14
4. Angelic Ministry - Hebrews 1:14; Psalm 91
5. Healing (Spirit, Soul, Body) - Isaiah 53; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24; Psalm 103:3
6. Marriage and Family - Ephesians 5:22-33
7. Advance of the Gospel - Luke 10:2; Ephesians 2:10

Basing our prayers in the Cross of Christ and the Promises of the Word of God will allow us to pray accurately for missionaries and Kingdom workers!

Chapter 5:

How to Pray for Unreached Peoples and Places

WME is part of the 2414 Coalition, a network that is focused on seeing the Gospel reach all Unreached People Groups and Unreached Places with Disciple Making Movement and Church Planting Movement strategy by December 31, 2025. One thing of which we are convinced is that it will take the miraculous power of God to see this take place. But with the power of God and with the obedience of God's people, we believe this is a very realistic goal.

But because it is God's work, our first priority is prayer. So the question we ask in this chapter is "How do we pray for Unreached People Groups and Unreached Places". In the next chapter, I will focus on how to select and focus on a particular group or region. But for now, let's assume that you have a people group or region of the world on which you are focused. Here is a way to pray for your Unreached People Group or Place.

Look in your Bible at Luke 10. This chapter is a key chapter for those who are using DMM/CPM strategy. Although it is not ONLY centered with this passage, Luke 10 is one of the critical places in scripture from which we draw the principles of our disciple making plans. But you can also use it as a prayer focus on a place or group.

Luke 10:1-12 New International Version (NIV)

1 "After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go." **2** "He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." **3** "Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves." **4** "Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road." **5** "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to

this house.” 6 “If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you.” 7 “Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.” 8 “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you.” 9 “Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’” 10 “But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say,” 11 “Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.” 12 “I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.”

From this passage (and other CPM principles) pray for these 7 things in the People Group or Region of your focus:

- 1) Pray for the Holy Spirit to Prepare the Ground, the Hearts of People in the Target Group/Region
- 2) Pray for Workers/ Missionaries/ Disciple Makers to be sent to them
- 3) Pray for Persons of Peace to be found among the group. Persons of Peace are people open to spiritual things and hungry for spiritual reality who will open their homes and networks for relationships and Bible study
- 4) Pray for Miracles of Healing and Deliverance.
- 5) Pray for Discovery Bible Study Groups to begin and to multiply.
- 6) Pray for People to be Born Again, Baptized and Gathered in New Churches.
- 7) Pray for New Leaders to Emerge from the New groups and churches, and movements to Christ to multiply in the People Group and Region, and beyond to new People Groups and Regions. Pray consistently for your Unreached People Group or Region for these 7 things to happen.

Chapter 6:

The Power of Focus

The difference between the lightbulb that sheds diffused light so that you can see your surroundings, and a laser beam that will cut through metal is Focus. There is certainly a use for both. In fact, the light bulb will be more necessary on a daily basis for most people. But when you have to cut through resistant things, Focus becomes necessary. The same is true in prayer. We are all called to pray. In the Lord's Prayer Pattern that we covered early in this book, Jesus taught us a basic method of prayer that will work in our daily lives and the lives of our families. But as we focus specifically on praying for missions, we become aware that there are places and people groups that are hidden from the gospel behind steel walls of demonic resistance. There is a reason that 59 percent of all human beings TODAY live in Unreached People Groups! That's right...59 percent, well over half of all living people TODAY as I write this, live as part of Unreached People Groups. An Unreached People Group is a tribe or ethnolinguistic grouping of humanity that is less than 2 percent responsive to the Gospel. In many cases, UPGs have no access to the Gospel whatsoever. Focused, Laser beam Prayer is needed. There is no excuse for the body of Christ to ignore these facts and blithely go about our lives as though all is well.

But the problem that many people have is that they don't know how to focus....because they don't know any details about who these peoples are or how to pray for them. So let me give you some advice on how to become a part of a Focused Prayer Team aimed at the UPGs in our world.

1. Become a part of the Research Team. Connect with us at WME and find out how you can begin to research Unreached People Groups that WME is focusing on in the western Hemisphere. Currently we are trying to get basic information about 364 of the world's UPGs to open the door to Disciple Making and Church Planting outreach through our INSTAR project. To learn more about who these unreached people groups are worldwide, check out the website: www.peoplegroups.org To become a part of the WME Volunteer Research Team, email me at : dparish9@cs.com, or visit our WME prayer website at: instarprayer.org. For full information about all WME is doing, visit our primary website at: worldmissionsevangelism.com
2. Focus on Specific Needs: Your research will lead you to a deeper understanding of the needs of your specific people group. Focus your prayers on those needs.
3. Practice Luke 10 Prayer for them. The Previous chapter was about how to do this.
4. Persist. Be faithful to pray for your people group every day!
5. If possible, take a short term trip to the region to engage in onsite prayer.

6. Connect with, financially support and pray for the workers, missionaries, and projects deployed to the specific group for which you are focused. WME has a goal that everyone of the 364 Western Hemisphere UPGs would have a focused prayer team aimed at them with the 6 commitments listed above.

Chapter 7:

Praise God For Everything

In this book on Prayer for missions we have covered a lot of Ground.

1. We have seen that Prayer is a Critical Element in Missions. Indeed, Prayer is the Mission Work and not just For the Mission Work.
2. We have looked at the Lord's Prayer or the Model Prayer as a Template for our prayer lives and we have seen how this relates to missions.
3. We have looked at 7 areas in which we must advance in order to complete the Great Commission.
4. We have looked at how to pray for Missionaries and Great Commission Workers and we have seen the 7 areas where we must cover them in prayer.
5. We have learned how to pray for Unreached People Groups, by focusing on Luke 10 and the 7 things we ask God to do in these groups.
6. We have learned how to Focus on a specific Unreached People Group and Region in prayer.

But as we finish this book, I want to close with a principle that is so important to include in our prayer for Missions. The Principle of Thanksgiving and Praise. Whole Books are written on this subject, but I want to limit myself to 2 scriptures:

Ephesians 5:20 - *"Always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;"*

Paul tells us to give God thanks always for everything. If He means that literally, it means to praise God for both good and bad things. That is hard for all of us, but it is based on a powerful truth in another scripture.

Romans 8:28 - *"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." NASB*

The truth revealed here is that God is sovereign over all. There is nothing that happens that He cannot overrule or use for His own purposes. Clearly all things are not good. Some are Evil. God is not the author of Evil. But He is all powerful, and thus able to exert His power to work all things for the good of those who Love Him and are Called According to His Purpose! Missions, that is the true discipling of all nations, is absolutely God's Purpose on earth. His Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) is the Mission of the Church. If we are Praying for Missions, we are Praying Into His Purpose for this world. Thus we qualify for this promise.

One day one of our church planters in Honduras was on his way to a discovery bible study. But at a certain location, his motorcycle broke down. While he was waiting for it to be fixed, there was a place that he would wait. As he waited there he began a conversation with a person who was interested in what he was doing. The church planter shared with this person that he was a Jesus follower and was helping people to start bible studies with the Megavoice machine. By the time the motorcycle was fixed, the individual had done a bible study with him and took the Megavoice home.

This opened the door to that village. A few months later I found myself in a home for discovery bible study in this village. Our whole missionary team ate with them and then separated to do bible study in 2 locations that night.

While there I was introduced to 2 teenagers in the family that were riding horses or mules for hours to conduct bible studies in other villages. ALL BECAUSE OF A CONTACT THAT WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT A BROKEN-DOWN MOTORCYCLE! So today I can thank God for a broken motorcycle! But if I was obeying this scripture, I could have thanked Him on the day of the break-down! I can see the results now... God worked it out for the good of the church planter, the village, other villages, and our missions team! But I can thank Him in advance if I simply believe this promise!

As we Pray for Missions and Missionaries, Let's not forget THANKS and PRAISE to GOD For EVERYTHING!

A MASTER OUTLINE ON PRAYING FOR MISSIONS:

I. Our Father In Heaven, Hallowed Be your Name:

A. Worship the Triune God

B. Pray that His Name be exalted in all the earth

II. Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven:

A. Pray the scriptures: Revelation 22:20, Matthew 24:14, Matthew 28:18-20

B. Pray for 7 Areas of Advance:

1. Prayer increase
2. Research/Revelation
3. Mobilization
4. Training
5. Deployment / Resourcing
6. Facilitation of Movements
7. Unity and Unified Purpose

C. Praying for Specific Missionaries: Apply the Blood of Jesus

1. Salvation/Forgiveness Rom. 5:9/1 John 1:7,9
2. Provision 2 Cor. 8:9; 9:8
3. Holy Spirit fullness Gal. 3:2, 5, 13-14
4. Angelic Ministry/Protection Psalm 91, Heb. 1:14
5. Healing (Spirit, Soul, Body) Isa. 53, Matt. 8:17, 1 Pet. 2:24, Ps. 103:3
6. Marriage and family Ephesians 5:22-33, 6:1-4
7. Send new laborers Luke 10:2, Ephesians 2:10

D. Praying for Unreached Peoples and Places: Luke 10 Prayer

1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to Prepare the Ground
2. Pray for Workers to be sent
3. Pray for Persons of Peace to be found
4. Pray for miracles of healing and deliverance
5. Pray for Bible studies to multiply
6. Pray for new Churches to form

7. Pray for new leaders and movements

E. Spend time in Praise and Thanksgiving for all things

III. Give us our Daily Bread

A. Pray for your personal needs

B. Pray for the Financial and material needs of missions work

IV. Forgive as we Forgive

A. Pray forgiveness and blessing on all who have offended you

B. Confess personal sins and receive God's forgiveness

C. Pray for the mission workers to stay in fellowship with God and others

V. Lead Us Not into Temptation, but Deliver us from the evil one.

A. Put on the Armor of God (Ephesians 6: 10-18)

B. Ask God for spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:8-10)

C. Give God thanks for all things (Romans 8:28)

D. Plead the blood of Jesus and claim the blessings