

Scripture Prayer Guide
Using the Word of God
To Pray for Missionaries

...Using the *New International Version* of the Bible...

For Their Personal Lives

To be flexible in ministering to others

¹⁹ *Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.* ²⁰ *To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews... To those under the law I became like one under the law....* ²¹ *To those not having the law I became like one not having the law ..., so as to win those not having the law.* ²² *To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.* ²³ *I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.*

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

For compassion toward those they minister to

³⁶ *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.* ³⁷ *Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.* ³⁸ *Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

Matthew 9:36-38

For expanded missionary vision

¹⁹ *... So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.* ²⁰ *It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.*

Romans 15:19-20

For them to learn to be content in the Lord's provision

¹² *I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.* ¹³ *I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*

Philippians 4:12-13

For spiritual growth

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

For obedience to the new command

³⁴ *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.* ³⁵ *By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

John 13:34-35

For them to be devoted to prayer

² *Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

³ *And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.* ⁴ *Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.*

Colossians 4:2-4

For unity with other believers

²⁰ *"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me [Jesus] through their message,* ²¹ *that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."*

John 17:20-21

For the Holy Spirit to bear fruit in their lives

²² *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,* ²³ *gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

Galatians 5:22-23

¹⁸ *Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.*

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Instead, be filled with the Spirit.¹⁹ Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:18–21

For God's peace to guard their hearts and minds

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6–7

For encouragement and strength

¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

For physical protection

³¹ Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my service in Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints there,³² so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed.

Romans 15:31–32

For spiritual protection

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:10–11, 13–18

For Their Family Relationships

With their husbands

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:22

With their wives

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Ephesians 5:25–28

With their children

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4

For Their Ministries

To be committed to discipleship

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18–20

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 Timothy 2:2

To preach the word effectively

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction.

2 Timothy 4:2

To be bold in witness

¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Ephesians 6:19–20