

# How to Pray for Your Missionaries Daily Through the Month

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*Philippians 1:3-6 Pray for:*

1. A growing understanding of the character of God with an ever-deepening love for Him.
2. A growing understanding and exercise of the gifts God's Spirit has given them.
3. A growing faith, enabling the belief that God will provide greater things – even in times of discouragement and apparent defeat.
4. The attitude of servanthood and humility in working with and under national Christian leaders.
5. Faithful stewardship and management of time and money entrusted to them by God.
6. Favor by leaders of the government under which they live and work, and wisdom to relate well to civil officials.
7. The ability to experience daily the power and fullness of the Holy Spirit for their life and ministry.
8. Regular accountability with spouse and/or other individuals as an aid to assessment of spiritual growth and faithfulness.
9. Willingness to relinquish personal "rights" and preferences for the sake of daily demonstration of Christian unity, manifest as love toward fellow workers despite differences in background, viewpoints, and giftedness.
10. Devoted to lifelong growth in fluency in the language(s) of the people to whom they minister.
11. The discipline to spend quality time in daily prayer, Bible reading, and personal worship.
12. Good stewardship of their physical body, and for good health, including discipline in diet, exercise, and rest. For safety of self, family, co-workers, and national Christians.
13. Freedom from unresolved conflicts, bitterness, and other unconfessed sin by keeping short accounts with family, co-workers, and the Lord.
14. For married couples, growing communication and mutual love and submission, resulting in healthy and growing Christ centered marriages.
15. Diligence in a growing understanding and adaptation to the culture in which they work.
16. God's faithful provision of financial needs through His people.
17. A mutually supportive and open relationship with leaders of their field team, of their mission agency, and their sending churches. This requires mutual honesty and submissiveness.
18. Clear communication of their ministry to their supporters in order to involve them more actively in the ministry, including it's joys as well as it's struggles and discouragements.
19. That all of their thoughts, words, and actions would manifest the fruit of the Spirit.
20. For singles in ministry, for wholesome companionship and good integration with co-workers, both singles and couples.
21. Excellence in discipleship of new believers, utilizing formal study as well as informal mentoring.
22. For parents, the skills and time to be Christ-like parents with the ability to model and communicate truth and love to each child.
23. That missionary children will experience physical and moral protection, the ability to make right choices from a Biblical perspective, spiritual renewal, and enthusiastic support of their parents' calling and ministry.
24. Living only for that which has eternal value, with a constant "weaning" from this world's value system.
25. Wisdom and sensitivity in addressing the needs of aging parents.
26. Constantly looking for the most effective way to reach more people for

Christ. A spirit of cooperation with other church groups and missionaries, and the development of innovative approaches to utilize all available resources.

27. Eagerness to improve one's ministry by objectively assessing and reassessing priorities with a flexible and willing attitude and acceptance of change.
28. Wisdom to know when to entrust local believers with spiritual leadership and responsibility and the grace to allow them to learn by their mistakes.
29. The discovery of, or the conversion of, key believers who will then become

leaders and catalysts for the building of effective ministry.

30. For uncompromising and unwavering moral purity, despite extended time alone, submersion in immoral and amoral societies, and Satan's ongoing effort to compromise Christian integrity.
31. For a holy boldness and effectiveness in sharing the Gospel in a wide variety of contexts, including the opportunities to do so, even if one's primary responsibility is in a support role rather than evangelism.

**Source:** David Mays, *Stuff you need to know about Doing Missions in Your Church* a CD of missions resources for local churches, produced by ACMC March 2004. Link: [www.davidmays.org](http://www.davidmays.org)